

Together in Christ, Empowered to be and Make Disciples.



*Broken and Beloved:
Stories of God's Steadfast
Love*

*The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and
saves the crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18*

**He got up from the
table, took off his
outer robe, and tied a
towel around himself.
John 13:4**

Mundy Thursday

April 17, 2025 6:15pm

Welcome (VOCARE: “to call”)

Contemplation

*To be human is to carry the weight of our own mortality.
We love the joy and triumph of Easter morning,
but first, Maundy Thursday. Jesus, who we look to for hope
and healing, suffers and dies. His pain is real, just like ours.
We can't rush past it. We can't skip to the good part,
because it's through the deepest hurt that we begin to
understand what it means to be fully human, fully broken.*

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Welcome

Gathering Song “God Loved the World” ELW 323 vs. 1,2

Call to Worship

Christ is with you.

And also with you.

We come together at the eve of the day, trusting that God is near to the broken-hearted and brings shalom to those whose spirits are crushed. We carry with us all the seasons of our lives – lives marked by joy and sorrow, peace and conflict, ease and distress, brokenness and beloved-ness.

Meet us here, Oh Christ. Strengthen us, renew us, nourish us in your call for our lives, and bring us shalom.

We come to reflect on our values and consider how they inform our actions and decisions.

May we be mindful of what we truly value in life and how our values are reflected in our choices.

We come to be open to the ways in which God is calling us, and how we can respond with faith and courage.

May we be open to the movements of the Spirit and ready to follow where God leads.

We come to be aware of the many and varied voices that call to us each day, listening especially for those voices that are life giving and life-sustaining.

May we be discerning in the voices that form and shape us, heeding those that build up and turning away from those that tear down.

We come to practice attentiveness, focusing our minds on God's presence in our lives, and seeking divine guidance and wisdom.

May we be attentive to the holy and receptive to the wisdom and guidance of God.

We come to name any regrets we may have, seeking forgiveness and renewal as we move forward.

May we find healing and renewed purpose as we seek and receive God's forgiveness.

We come to be mindful of experiences of God's presence in new and profound ways.

May we be receptive to the ways in which the divine is revealed to us, and may we be transformed by these encounters.

We come to worship together, opening ourselves fully to the love and presence of God. **Amen.**

Values (Scripture)

As we prepare to hear the Word of God, we reflect on our values. Our values are what we hold dear and what we prioritize in life. They inform our actions and decisions, and shape who we are and who we are becoming.
(silence for reflection)

We now turn our hearts and minds to the reading of the Word, asking God to speak to us through the Holy Scriptures.

Openness (Centering)

As the seasons rise and fall in our lives and in the life of the whole world, we open our hearts to God's leading, and ask God to help us be receptive and responsive to God's calling in our lives. We sing together:

Centering Song Song of the Seasons

The musical score is written on ten staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are as follows:

In your hands ___ you hold the sun and moon and stars ___
They rise and fall Be - cause of who you are. ___
Sea - sons will change. And they al - ways will.
Sea - sons will change. But your faith - ful - ness ne-ver will;
Spring or sum - mer win - ter or fall
you are there with us through it all.
Ev' - ry sea - son Ev' - ry day You are with us
all - the way! Sea - sons will change.

Call (Reflection Monologue)

Through the sharing of the Word, you have called us, O God.
Lead us by your Spirit to live out this call.

Attentiveness (Prayer)

Ever watchful Lord,
Your steadfast love never ceases, and your mercies are new every morning. As we gather this evening under your watchful presence, we pray for the grace to be more attentive to your presence in our lives. For the church universal, that our leaders and members may be attuned to the whispers of your Spirit, we pray:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the world and its leaders, that they may be attentive to the needs of the marginalized and act with justice and compassion, we pray:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our community, that we may notice those in need and respond with kindness and empathy, we pray:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, that we may be fully present in each moment, aware of your persistent love and guidance, we pray:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are suffering, that they may feel your comforting presence and know they are not alone, we pray:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, grant us the grace to be attentive to your voice amidst the noise of the world. Help us to be present, to notice, and to respond to your call in our lives. **Amen.**

Regrets (Confession)

Gracious God, We gather before you, acknowledging our human frailty and our need for your grace. We bring our full selves to you – in all our brokenness and beloved-ness, seeking your shalom. In this moment of confession, we bring our regrets, the actions we wish we could undo, the words we wish we could unsay.

We confess that we have not always lived in accordance with your will. We have chosen our own way over yours, and we have caused harm to ourselves and others. **We carry the weight of these regrets, Lord.**

We confess the times we have closed our hearts to your love, the times we have turned away from our neighbor in need, the times we have neglected the care of your creation. **For these, and all our regrets, known and unknown, we seek your forgiveness.**

In your great mercy, Lord, forgive us. Heal the wounds of our past mistakes and free us from the burden of regret. Grant us the courage to seek reconciliation, and the wisdom to learn from our past. **Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of Almighty God, Father +Son, and Holy Spirit, Beloved Ones, your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Prayer Mosaic Processional "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" ELW 325

Holy Communion

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. In the cool of the evening, you walked with Adam and Eve in the garden, and in the fullness of time, you revealed yourself in the person of Jesus.

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

With thanksgiving, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

As we partake of this holy meal, may we experience anew your presence among us. Strengthen us, O God, for service in your world, and make us one in Christ, through the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

(First Communion Students will commune first)

Communion Songs	"Jesus Loves Me"	ELW 595
	"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"	ELW 338
	"Stay with Me"	ELW 348
	"Ah, Holy Jesus"	ELW 349

Post Communion Prayer

O God of love, as your Son washed the feet of his disciples, he revealed his undying love that would lead him to the cross. May this simple act be a sign of our love for one another, and our call to serve our neighbors and all those in need, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn "Jesus, Remember Me" ELW 616 (sing 3x's)

Stripping of the Altar

This is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldier's hands. It marks the transition from Holy Communion celebration to that of Jesus' crucifixion and death. Please remain seated and silent as the chancel symbols are removed and Psalm 22 is read.

The closing words will be "Go in Peace." Please leave in silence.

Offering may be placed in the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

Tonight as we celebrate First Communion,
we remember not only Christ's last meal with his disciples,
but also his commandment that we live out the promise embodied
in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to
give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into
a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed
by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world.

**As you take this important step in your faith journey,
may you always feel the warmth of God's love in your
heart. Congratulations on your First Communion,
from your Calvary Family**



**MAREK ASHBURN
HARPER CHOUANARD
SOREN LARSON
RAELYNN MOSER
BLAKE NURMI
BAILEY STEINBEISSER
BEN STUHR**

***"That all of them may be one, Father, just as you
are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so
that the world may believe that you have sent me."***

John 17:21

Holy Week 2025

Maundy Thursday, April 17th,
6:15pm
He took a Towel
John 13:3-15; 34,35

Good Friday, April 18th, 6:15pm
Torn in Two
Mark 15:21-41

Holy Saturday-
The Day of Resurrection
While it was still Dark
John 20: 1-18

Jesus is Risen! Happy Easter!
Sunday, April 20th
8:00am & 10:15am

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