

2023 Collaborative Worship for Holy Week and Easter

Gloria Dei, King of Kings, St. Peter's Lutheran Churches



Holy Week

Palm Sunday 4/2

10 am

Sunday School meets at Gloria Dei

10:30 am

Combined Liturgy at Gloria Dei

Procession of Palms, reading of the Passion

Combined Choirs of all churches

Maundy Thursday 4/6

6:30 pm

The AGAPE Meal at St. Peter's

Agape (Ab-GAH-pay) is one of three Greek words that are used to speak of love. Philia is brotherly or friendly love, (Philadelphia, city of brotherly love) Eros, is erotic or sexual love and Agape, is love of God for us, a self-giving love given freely. Agape is the most common word for love in the New Testament.

Our Holy Communion, or Lord's Supper, is a celebration of God's agape love for us. The love (agape) feast is a meal of Christian fellowship that mirrors the meals Jesus shared with his disciples and others throughout his ministry. The believers would gather on the Lord's Day. Fellowship and community were celebrated around the theme of a meal. They would take some bread and wine and set it aside to fulfill Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me".

Each time we gather on the Lord's Day, we remember that meal that Jesus shared with his disciples "on the night he was betrayed".

Join us for a light supper of soup and sandwiches as we discover the origins of our eucharist meal through scripture.

Good Friday 4/7

12 noon

Stations of the Cross Walk from Gloria Dei to St. Peter's

Luncheon to follow at St. Peter's

7:30 pm

Evening Tenebrae Service at King of Kings

The word Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." It can also be translated as "night" or "death." The Tenebrae service is an ancient tradition in Christian history that took place on one of the last three days of Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday. The purpose of this service was to remember the somber events that occurred in Jesus' life from the exuberant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the night of Jesus' burial on Good Friday.

Easter Vigil 4/8

7:30 pm

St. Peter's

Gather outside the Chapel in East parking lot.

The liturgy intended as the first celebration of Easter, also known as the Great Vigil. The service begins in darkness, sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter and consists of four parts: The Service of Light (kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle); The Service of Lessons (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures with psalms, canticles, and prayers); the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist.

Easter Sunday 4/9

Sunrise

6:30 am

St. Peter's – Held outside main sanctuary entrance.

Festival Services

9 am

King of Kings

10 am

St. Peter's (no Sunday School)

10:30 am

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