

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

Central Avenue at 171st Place
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452
Rev. David T. Mensing, Pastor

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

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Hymn 163: "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

Opening Liturgy – Order of Service, Hymnal, p. 15ff.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26:17-30

The Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 22)

Hymn 164: "Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night"

The Sermon: Epistle Text: 1 Corinthians 11:26-28

Theme: Remembering the Lord's Death in His Holy Supper

- I. Remembering to **DECLARE** His death as the heart of the Gospel;*
- II. Remembering to **VALUE** His death as the price of our redemption;*
- III. Remembering to **PARTAKE** of His death by faith in His promise.*

The Offering... "to prove the sincerity of your love." (II Cor. 8:8)

Maundy Thursday Prayer

Hymn 311: "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

Communion Exhortation and Prayer for the Communicants

Communion Liturgy – Hymnal, p. 24ff. (We observe the Scriptural practice of Close Communion. Please see the back cover regarding this.)

Hymn 306: "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared"

(To be sung during the distribution of the Sacrament)

The Benediction of the Lord Congregation: "Amen, Amen, Amen!"

Announcements

For spiritual care during the week, particularly in case of urgency, please take a moment to call Pastor Mensing, either at his **study** here at church or at **home** in the parsonage, (708) 532-4288, or on his **cell**, (708) 601-3943.

VISITORS are always welcome to attend our services. Please register in our Guest Book, and leave also your address and telephone number if you would like our Pastor to contact you further. And please come again!

FRIDAY, April 3rd 7:00 p.m., **Good Friday Service**



concluding our special midweek Lenten series on why **our being there** throughout His passion is our testimony to His *vicarious atonement*. This evening, in the last of our series, we ask in the words of the negro spiritual: "Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?"

SATURDAY, April 4th

Pastoral Preparation Time for Sunday, and for necessary meetings or consultations. If possible, check with the Pastor in advance if anyone needs to speak with him in person.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th **Feast of the Resurrection**



- 9:30 a.m., **Sunday School** and **Adult Bible Class** for all
- 11:00 a.m., **The Divine Worship Service** also for all, with the Easter sermon on **I Corinthians 15:14-20** and **HOLY COMMUNION** for our members.
- Immediately following the service, the annual **Easter Egg hunt** will be held (outside weather-permitting) for the children of the Sunday School, the egg being a fitting though imperfect symbol of Christ's resurrection.

Some reminders...

- **Confirmation Classes** resume the week after Easter. (There were no classes during **Holy Week**, nor the week before for Julia's "Spring Break.")
- Looking ahead to the *Sunday after Easter*, we anticipate our regular **Potluck Luncheon** after the service, and, at **2:00 p.m.**, the regular April **VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** meeting.

A blessed Easter to all of you!