



**LOOK UP TO GET A GLIMPSE OF
HEAVEN**

Holy Thursday

April 2, 2026

ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's *eternal love* for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting, will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

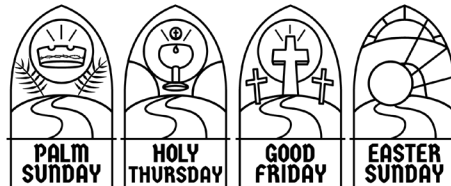
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ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERIES: *LOOK UP*

When you see the suffering of our Savior on your behalf this week, you may be tempted to look down, hanging your head in shame. You may be tempted to look around at everything disappointing in this world and shake your head. But God encourages you to look up. Your redemption is near!



HOLY WEEK
LOOK UP

TODAY'S SERVICE: LOOK UP TO GET A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN

Jesus wants to lift our eyes above all sin and guilt to his marvelous promise of forgiveness. Where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation. The Lord's Supper gives us an upward look toward the heavenly feast we will enjoy one day.

Those preparing their hearts to receive the Lord's Supper are invited to read through p. 295-296 in the blue hymnal.

OPENING HYMN

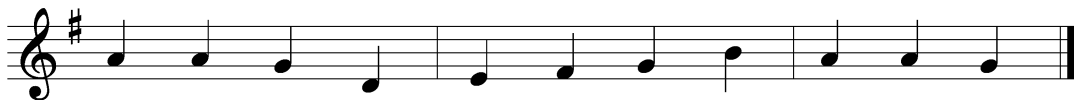
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1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the
5 When in the night I sleep - less lie, my soul with
6 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all



bless - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,
heav'n - ly thoughts sup - ply; let no ill dreams dis -
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.
turb my rest, no pow'rs of dark - ness me dis - tress.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

STAND

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Let us confess our sins to Jesus, receive his absolution, and be reconciled to God and each other in Christian love.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Tune: *ELLERS*



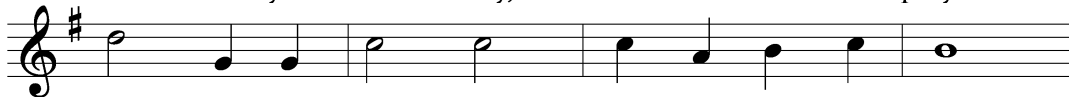
1 All glo - ry be to God in heav'n a - bove;

2 O Lamb of God, you take all sin a - way;



peace on the earth through his re - deem - ing love.

show us your mer - cy, hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y Fa - ther, thanks and praise we bring;

With God the Spir - it at the Fa - ther's throne,



your name we bless, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.

you, Christ, are ho - ly; you are Lord a - lone.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The elders of Israel were given a glimpse of heaven.

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, along with Nadab and Abihu and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship me from a distance. ²Only Moses is allowed to come near the LORD, but the others are not to come near, and the people are not to go up with him.”

³Moses came and reported to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances. Then all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do.” ⁴Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.

He got up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He set up twelve memorial stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵He sent young Israelite men, who offered whole burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings of cattle to the LORD. ⁶Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and he splashed half of the blood on the altar. ⁷He took the Book of the Covenant and read it out loud to the people and they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do. We will obey.”

⁸Moses took the blood and splashed it on the people. He said, “Look, here is the blood of the covenant, which the LORD made with you by means of all these words.”

⁹Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. ¹⁰They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky. ¹¹The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Up to you I lift my eyes,
 high enthroned above the skies:
 teach me, LORD, to follow you,
 see your hand in all I do.

2 As a servant watches still,
 set to know his master's will:
 so we fix our eyes on you,
 seek your hand in all we do.

4 When in arrogance despised,
 when rebuffed or victimized—
 we seek mercy, LORD, from you:
 be our guide in all we do.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23–28

Every time we celebrate the sacrament, our eyes are lifted to the death of Jesus on the cross.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. ²⁸Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 13:1



Refrain



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.

Tone



Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

GOSPEL

John 13:1–15,34

Jesus opens the eyes of his disciples to a life of service.

¹Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

²By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

³Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. ⁴He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

⁸Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹"Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³“You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. ¹⁴Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you.

³⁴“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

659 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior sts. 1–2, 5–7



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, turned a - way God's
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, he, this pre - cious
 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, and re - ceive my
 6 Then hold fast with faith un - shak - en that this food is
 7 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en un - to us such



wrath for - ev - er; by his bit - ter grief and woe
 food sup - ply - ing, gives his bod - y with the bread
 grace and fa - vor; those who feel no pain or ill
 to be tak - en by the souls who are dis - tressed,
 food has giv - en and, to mend what we have done,



he saved us from the e - vil foe.
 and with the wine the blood he shed.
 need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."
 by hearts that long for peace and rest.
 gave in - to death his on - ly Son.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God, pictured in the ancient Passover feast, and you have fulfilled all things by giving your own body and pouring out your own blood on the cross. Just as the Passover lambs assured the Israelites of God's promise to deliver them from death,

strengthen our belief that the bread is your real body and the wine is your real blood, given to us for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Prepare us to receive this sacrament remembering your death and repenting of our sins.

Unite us by our oneness of faith throughout this congregation and our synod, and love us to the end that we may love others as you have loved us.

We pray for those who may be absent from the sacrament because of their own neglect.

Call them in your mercy to return. Renew their faith.

Keep in your care those unable to receive the sacrament as often as we because they are homebound, hospitalized, imprisoned, serving in the military, or otherwise separated from the fellowship of believers. Encourage them so that they do not lose hope.

Be gracious to us all and nourish us with this feast, that we remain faithful unto death, and become partakers of the wedding feast of the Lamb. Amen.

OFFERING

The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. If being here today was a blessing to you and you would like to support our ministry, you can scan here and enter your phone number or email address to donate. (Members, please use a phone number or email address that is currently on file with the church).



During this time, we ask that everyone take part in completing the worship register. Please fill in the requested information and pass the booklet to the end of the row. Thank you!

THE SACRAMENT

STAND

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Tune: MERRIAL



1 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Christ, who takes a - way
2 Je - sus, in your mer - cy, make us pure with - in;
3 Let your end - less mer - cy ev - er - more in - crease;



all the world's trans - gres - sions, lis - ten as we pray:
cleans us by your per - fect sac - ri - fice for sin.
com - fort us with par - don, calm us with your peace.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

For our guests: Eternal Love Lutheran Church practices close communion. We welcome congregational members and those in fellowship with our national church body to receive the sacrament with us today. If you are interested in learning more about what we believe or about holy communion, please speak with our pastor.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

*See Him dying on the tree
'Tis the Christ by man rejected
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He
'Tis the long-expected prophet
David's Son, yet David's Lord
By His Son, God now has spoken
'Tis the true and faithful Word*

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted

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*Tell me, ye who hear him groaning
Was there ever grief like his?
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning
Foes insulting his distress
Many hands were raised to wound him
None would interpose to save
Yet the deepest stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that Justice gave*

*Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly
Here its guilt may estimate
Mark the sacrifice appointed
See who bears the awful load
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed
Son of Man and Son of God*

*Here we have a firm foundation
Here the refuge of the lost
Christ's the Rock of our salvation
His the name of which we boast
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded
Sacrifice to cancel guilt
None shall ever be confounded
Who on him their hope have built*

STAND

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

PRAYER

658 With All My Heart I Praise You, Lord st. 3

3 Lord, I re - joice to be your guest, at your rich
ta - ble feed - ing, there, by your mer - cy, find - ing rest
and all my soul is need - ing. Let your good Spir -
it work with - in to show that all my wretch - ed sin
has tru - ly been for - giv - en. Thus, well pre - pared,
Lord, I be - lieve that in your sup - per I re - ceive
life, par - don, peace, and heav - en.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

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