

THE THREE DAYS: Maundy Thursday ◊ Good Friday ◊ Easter Vigil

Since the church's earliest days, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil have been seen as a single worship service. Make plans to take part in this most central and important time of worship in our life together.

Maundy Thursday

April 18

7:30 pm Holy Communion,
Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

April 19

Noon Justice Stations of the Cross at
Woodland Park

Eight stations will include Scripture and reflection on a particular justice issue, as we remember how Christ continues to suffer in our world and contemplate how we're called to respond. Organized by Woodland Christian, Faith Lutheran, Good Shepherd Episcopal, and Maxwell Street Presbyterian.

7:30 pm Adoration of the Crucified

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to St. John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day — The Triumph of the Cross — reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life.

Holy Saturday

April 20

The church rests and waits...

Resources to be distributed for use at the home.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD:

EASTER VIGIL

April 20 (Saturday)

8:30pm

This is our passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life — the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, celebrate the newly baptized and affirm our baptisms, and share the food and drink of the promised land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.

Easter Day

April 21

8:30 and 11:00 am Festival Eucharist

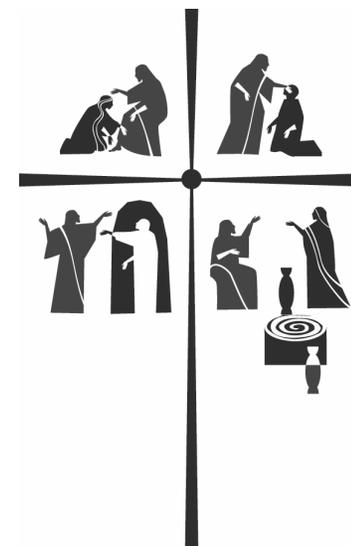


On the first day of the week, God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days

and begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

(No 6:00 pm service on Easter Day)

Lent to Easter 2019



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THE ENGLISH WORD "LENT" COMES FROM THE OLD English saying "to lengthen." This implies both the light and days in spring growing greater, but also that Christians grow greater in faith. These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.



2019 WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES

Lexington, KY ELCA Ministries :
ST. AUGUSTINES ♦ FAITH
GETHSEMANE ♦ WORD OF HOPE

The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

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| 6:00 pm | Soup Suppers |
| 7:00 pm | Worship (Holden Evening Prayer) |
| 7:30 pm | Mixed generation forum discussion of the practice introduced in worship. (The readings follow the Easter Vigil.) |

March 13 "Turn" —hosted by Faith (1000 Tates Creek Rd.)

March 20 "Pray" —hosted by Gethsemane (2185 Garden Springs Dr.)

March 27 "Learn" —hosted by Faith

April 3 "Bless" —hosted jointly by St. Augustine Campus Ministry at Word of Hope (1870 Armstrong Mill Rd.)

April 10 "Rest & Worship" —hosted by Gethsemane

April 6, 10:00 am —3:00 pm. A second offering is for those who want to spend a day in the Easter Vigil readings in a Lenten Quiet Day. It is a mini retreat day at Faith House.

HOLY WEEK Palm Sunday/ Sunday of the Passion



April 14

This year we use *Cry of the Whole Congregation* by Walter Wangerin. The service begins with a triumphant palm procession that abruptly shifts to a dramatic reading of Luke's Passion, in which we all have a part.



Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week

April 15, 16, 17

Noon Service of the Word

(lasting around 20 minutes)

During Holy Week, we gather each day in witness with Christians around the world to meditate on Jesus' final days before his death on the cross. Opportunities to meditate before and after worship.



ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6

Imposition of Ashes and
Holy Communion

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| Noon | Abbreviated service |
| 7:30 pm | Full liturgy with choir |

Consider making Ash Wednesday a day of fasting. Abstain from food and drink (except water) for all or part of the day. Donate the cost of what you would have eaten to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. (You can do this even if you choose not to fast.)