

A few questions and ideas to consider throughout the following days...

As you hear and contemplate this scripture, try to imagine yourself in the story — where would you be, what would you be doing, how would you be feeling? What in this story is speaking to you this year? What might God be saying to you?

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Please pray for our Spirit of Hope family and friends. To submit a prayer request, e-mail [prayer@spiritofhopelincn.org](mailto:prayer@spiritofhopelincn.org). These requests are kept confidential.

In the Military: *Stephen Austria; Peyton Lange* (grandson of Chuck & Marcia Carlson); *and Ross Witters* (son of Nancy Witters)

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Council Member Available Today:

*Brian Wienhold*

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We hope that all feel welcome in our worship service. We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the horse track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you!

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*Maundy Thursday*  
*April 17, 2025*

## Today's Worship

### *Maundy Thursday*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Song: *Ah, Holy Jesus, ELW#349 (v.1-2)*

Prayer of the Day

Scripture: Luke 23:32-47

Children's Message

Message: Who Is Greater      Pr Day Hefner

Song: *Go to Dark Gethsemane, ELW #347 (v.1-4)*

Offering

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Confession

Communion with First Communion

Song: *Let us Break Bread Together, ELW#471 (v.1-3)*

Blessing

Stripping of the Altar: *Psalms 88*

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Welcome to Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church! We are a member of over 250 churches in the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

### Communion

We hope that all feel welcome in our worship service. When we come to the celebration of Holy Communion, all are welcome. We believe that Christ is truly present in the earthly elements of bread and wine, and that in this meal, Christ has invited all people to share in his love and gift of salvation.

We celebrate those who would like to receive communion for the first time.

### Good Friday

What's so good about the Friday that Christ is crucified? Good Friday underscores the depth and breadth of Christ's sacrifice and points us to new hope in his Easter resurrection. We will be doing a Tenebrae service of the events surrounding Christ's trial and crucifixion, with readings and hymns interspersed throughout the events of that fateful day. Worship service at 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Vigil

On Saturday, April 19th, several area pastors and congregations are gathering together right here at Spirit of Hope at 6:30pm to celebrate the great Vigil of Easter. This is a beautiful service of scripture and symbol and song — if you're into smells and bells, you won't want to miss it!

### Easter Sunday

Join in the Good News on Sunday, April 20 at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. that Christ is risen indeed! Council members will be serving donut holes, coffee, and juice between services.

### Padlet

The easiest way to get to our Padlet Prayer Request is the link in our Spirit of Hope app for your smart device! Once you launch the Spirit of Hope app you will find the link near the middle labeled: "Padlet Prayer Request".



### Connect with

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