

## SERMON & PRAYER NOTES

Sermon note/Prayer requests.

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We don't care where you've been....  
We only care about where you're going...

*Holy Spirit Community Church*  
'Seeking God's will, Sharing God's love'

Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2025



*Pastor Charlie Hansen*  
JOHN 17

Originally, only [Good Friday](#) and [Holy Saturday](#) were observed as holy days. Later, Wednesday was added, in commemoration of the day on which [Judas](#) plotted to betray Jesus. By the beginning of the 3rd century the other days of the week had been added as holy days. The pre-Nicene church—i.e., before the [First Council of Nicaea](#) in 325—concentrated its attention on the celebration of one great [feast](#) on the night between Saturday and Easter Sunday morning. This feast was celebrated as the Christian [Passover](#), the [Jewish holiday commemorating](#) the Hebrews' liberation from [slavery](#) in [Egypt](#). By the later 4th century the practice had begun of separating the various events of the final week of Jesus' life and commemorating them on the days on which they occurred:

Holy Monday, commemorating Jesus' cleansing of the [temple](#)

Holy Tuesday, commemorating Jesus' teaching in parables

Holy Wednesday (also called Good Wednesday or Spy Wednesday), commemorating [Judas](#)'s betrayal

[Maundy Thursday](#) (also called Holy Thursday), commemorating the institution of the [Eucharist](#)

[Good Friday](#), commemorating the [Passion](#) and death of Christ

[Holy Saturday](#), commemorating Christ's burial

[Easter Sunday](#), celebrating Christ's [Resurrection](#)

The custom of associating a [rabbit](#) or bunny with Easter arose in Protestant areas in Europe in the 17th century but did not become common until the 19th century. The [Easter rabbit](#), or Easter bunny, is said to lay Easter eggs as well as decorate and hide them. In the [United States](#) the Easter bunny also leaves children baskets with toys and candies on Easter morning, a tradition enjoyed by non-religious families and Christians alike. The practice has been seen as a [manifestation](#) of the Protestant rejection of Catholic Easter customs. In some European countries, however, other animals—in Switzerland the [cuckoo](#), in Westphalia the [fox](#)—brought the Easter eggs.

## ORDER OF SERVICE HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Welcome

Opening prayer

WORSHIPPING

Offering

KOINONIA

*Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.*

REFLECTION

A time that we can spend in quiet prayer with our Lord and Savior .

Sermon

***How Fast things can change***

JOHN 17

WORSHIPPING

With music and song as we again sing to the Lord

Closing prayer and blessing

Scriptures referenced today:

John 17