

**Join us for a unique learning experience!**  
**A “Passover Seder  
in the Light of Christ”**



A Maundy Thursday Worship Experience

You and your family and friends are invited to come and learn and worship Jesus, the Messiah. This year we have a teaching review of the Seder Meal. (Ahh yes, the start of some interesting words indeed...)

**The Passover** celebrated God’s delivering the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. (**Passover** is also known as **Pesach**.) The focal point of **Passover** is a joint meal, called the **Seder** (which means "order," because it is a fixed order of service). Sometimes the meals during the entire period of **Passover** and **Feast of Unleavened Bread** are referred to as **Seder meals**.

For centuries Passover is celebrated in homes with family and friends together. It is customary to invite guests to share the Seder meal, especially newcomers to the area. This is usually an elaborate feast, with food, games for children, fun sing-a-longs and plenty of time to tell the history of the Exodus from Egypt. It is not unusual for this Seder meal to last as long as our American Thanksgiving get-togethers.

This **Seder** involves everyone as we follow a **Haggadah** (Hebrew: "telling". The printed order of service, with readings, explanations and songs is called the **Haggadah**.

1. There is a Table Leader who oversees the **Haggadah**.
2. And the mother of the home lights the festival candles that signal the beginning of **Passover**.
3. The history of the Exodus is retold/read
4. The youngest child asks the **Four Questions**
5. Children help eliminate all **Chametz**, or leaven, from the house, and
6. search for the hidden **Afikomen** (a symbolic piece of **Matzah**, unleavened bread).
7. The children also open the door for Elijah at the close of the **Seder**



Yes, it is an elaborate teaching experience. It is helpful and fun especially for the children. The purpose is to glorify God by reminding believers that they are the People of living God. By using all of the senses, the **Passover Seder** tells the story of God's grace in history. The plan is to share in a meal after the **Haggadah**.

This Maundy Thursday, after the **Seder**, we will dismiss ourselves to gather in the church Sanctuary. We recall our Lord Jesus walked into history and gathered with His disciples on that Last Passover meal before His crucifixion. Jesus' suffering, death and glorious resurrection is what the Passover taught throughout history.

Ours Christian **Seder** will not just be a replay of a Passover meal. It is deliberately and purposefully a Christian worship opportunity. The Passover Lamb was a direct typological reference to the coming Messiah, Jesus our Lord.

Our Bread-n-Bible group will help with this special Maundy Thursday **Pesach Seder**. Some of our congregation's musicians are practicing to help us with the fun songs and the teaching songs. **You and your family and friends are invited to come and learn and worship.**

This **Maundy Thursday, March 29, it begins about 5:30 pm**. After the **Haggadah** of our **Pesach Seder**, we actually will eat supper. Then the church sanctuary doors will be opened. At that time our congregation dismiss ourselves from the eating area. **We will re-gather for a brief communion worship service beginning around 7pm. We will be making use of the Passover Bread and Wine of the Seder that we just celebrated.**

I pray that this will deeply root in our hearts the history of the Passover-Lord's Supper connection. I pray God will lead us to appreciate how carefully He planned and prepared His mercies in Jesus Christ the Lamb of God. The promise was kept from the Garden of Eden through the Garden of Gethsemane and the Garden of the Tomb. Jesus' life, death and resurrection is the Exclamation Point at the end of God's declaration of love for all people.

Because this will involve some detailed planning for a number of participants, we have a sign-up sheet in the church entryway. Please share with us the number who may be coming with you. In this way, our Bread n Bible helpers can better plan to serve us.



Alive in Jesus!

Pastor Tullberg