

Lord's Evening Meal celebrates Christian salvation

Although the focus of the churches' Good Friday and Easter services is presumably Jesus' death and resurrection, children often find that Easter is the time for egg hunts and chocolate rabbits.

There is a tendency to obscure the true meaning of Christ's sacrifice in favor of fluffy and fun traditions.

The true significance of that sacrifice is reflected in the nature of the celebration Jesus instituted with his apostles the night before he died, the Lord's Evening Meal, and the annual event it replaced.

Jesus told his apostles at Luke 22:14, 15: "At length when the hour came, he reclined at the table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them: 'I have greatly desired to eat



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this Passover with you before I suffer."

Verses 19, 20 tell us how he instituted the Lord's Evening Meal: "Also, he took a loaf, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: 'This means my body which is to be given in your behalf. Keep doing this in remembrance of me.' Also, the cup in the same way after they had the evening meal, he saying:

Holy Week off to good start

The start of Holy Week got off to a good start.

While I didn't go to the service in the park Sunday, those who did go said it was a very nice start to the Palm Sunday services.

Most commented about the chilly wind that was blowing. They still enjoyed the service but were glad to get inside where it was warm. I always enjoyed these services in years back and was sorry to miss this one.

Maybe next year, God willing. This weather has been strange, cool and windy one day and warmer and windy the next. I've noticed how the grass is greening up, trees beginning to leaf out, and more flowers are shooting up even without any moisture. I also saw a lot of lawns being watered over the weekend.

The fire in Colorado hasn't anyway effected the canyon or my place. My sister said it was started by some man burning trash in a couple of places.

The one was giving him some problems due to the wind that got stronger. While working on it, the other burn got away from him. By the time he got to it, it was on its way to being a big burn.

Last time I heard, it had involved about 9,000 acres, including a home and a garage. The light rain and snow one night helped a lot but



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didn't put the fire out. But it should be out by now.

What a sickening feeling to hear of this fire so early in the season. It's going to get worse if we don't get some moisture before the hot season starts.

Birthday wishes to Ashley Engel. There are no others on my calendar this week or anniversaries. Best wishes to anyone celebrating a special day.

God's caring hand to those who are mourning the loss of a loved one, be it friend or family.

Get well wishes to those in the hospital or anyone recovering at home. It's difficult to know any of these folks, since there is no news from the hospital or even a board in the hospital showing these names since that new privacy rule went into effect.

I hope you all have a blessed Easter with family and friends. I'm not doing anything special, as I'll be getting ready to go back and see my doctors. I sure hope that will be the last one for a while.

With no further news, I will sign off until next week. Happy Easter to one and all.

'This cup means the new covenant by virtue of my blood, which is to be poured out in your behalf.'

Jesus explained that the bread and wine symbolized his body and blood, which were being sacrificed for man's sins. He began the meal by telling his apostles they were celebrating the Passover together, and after beginning the meal, he said to keep doing this in remembrance of him.

The Lord's Evening Meal replaced the Passover as an annual celebration. It was in memory of Christ's sacrifice for mankind. What was the Passover?

Exodus chapters 11 and 12 tell us that God brought a plague on Egypt, the 10th plague, actually, following nine others that did not convince the Pharaoh to let the Israelites go to worship God.

God warned about the 10th plague, the killing of all firstborns, and told the Israelites how to avoid having their firstborns killed.

In chapter 12, God told Moses and Aaron to tell the people to slaughter a sheep and eat it, the Pass-

over meal, and to splatter the animal's blood on the doorposts and the upper part of the doorway. Why?

Exodus 12:12, 13 says, "And I must pass through the land of Egypt on this night and strike every first-born in the land of Egypt, from man to beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I shall execute judgments. I am God. And the blood must serve as your sign upon the houses where you all; and I must see the blood and pass over you, and the plague will not come on you as a ruination when I strike at the land of Egypt."

Observing the Passover that night, literally meant salvation for the Israelites. The blood was a sign that prevented their firstborns from being killed. Following the plague, the Egyptians released the Israelites, but then thought twice and went after them.

As most people know, God miraculously brought them through the Red Sea and put Pharaoh's army to death. The Israelites celebrated the Passover each year as a commemoration of God's delivering them, their salvation out of Egypt.

The Lord's Evening Meal replaced the Passover and is an annual celebration to commemorate for

Christians their salvation by Christ's sacrifice. What are we saved from?

Romans 5:12 tells us: "That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned."

Adam's sin brought sin and death upon all of mankind. As his descendants, we have no way of saving ourselves from that sin.

1 Timothy 2:5, 6a compares Jesus' sacrifice to a ransom: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, a man, Christ Jesus, who gave himself a corresponding ransom for all."

A ransom is normally a price paid to rescue someone who was kidnapped. Adam, in a sense, kidnapped the entire human race when he sinned. He lost his right to everlasting life and passed that loss on to all of us.

Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages sin pays is death, but the gift God gives is everlasting life by Christ Jesus our Lord."

Adam passed on death to us, but Jesus "bought" us back from that "kidnapping," and God has given us the opportunity for everlasting life.

That is the salvation of Christians that we celebrate at the Lord's Evening Meal. That salvation is to us even more than the salvation the Israelites commemorated with the Passover because our salvation can be eternal.

Matthew chapter 28 tells us that after Mary Magdalene found the tomb empty, the resurrected Jesus appeared to his disciples. He told them in verses 19 and 20: "Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit, teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things."

Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection to prove he was resurrected and to give them these instructions. They were to help others to learn about him and his Father and how to gain salvation through his sacrifice.

Christians need to show they understand the true meaning of the Lord's Evening Meal by observing it each year in celebration of their salvation and by teaching others how they too can gain that salvation.

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Worship Service: 10:50 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman
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Saturday: Informal Worship: 5:30 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am

Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400
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Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:45 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
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