



OUR SAVIOR'S
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Maundy Thursday

Welcome To Worship

We welcome you to God's house for worship on this Thursday of Holy Week. Today's hymns, prayers, and readings from God's Word emphasize the new covenant of forgiveness promised to us in Jesus Christ, and sealed to us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. May the Lord bless your worship!

A Note Regarding the term "Maundy Thursday"

The name for this day comes from the Latin word "mandatum," meaning "commandment." It refers to the two "new" commandments our Lord gave to his disciples on this day. The first is "Love one another," and the second is "Do this in remembrance of me." In the early church, Maundy Thursday was also the day on which those who had fallen away from the Church were restored to full fellowship with other believers after having observed the 40-day penitential season of Lent. Today we are reminded of the reconciliation we have because of Christ's body and blood given for the forgiveness of our sins, and the example of self-giving love shown by our Lord as he washed the feet of his disciples.

A Word Regarding Our Communion Practice

In accordance with the teaching of God's Word both on the nature of Communion (1 Cor. 11:27-29) and true doctrinal fellowship (Rom 16:17), we invite to receive the Lord's Supper those who are united with us in faith and God's Word as communicant members of Our Savior's or another church which believes and teaches the same as we do as part of our wider fellowship in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Prayer Before Worship

Lord God, because of your mercy, you did not spare your only Son, but gave him up to die on the cross for my sins. Through this good news send the Holy Spirit into my heart, that I may be comforted by the gift of your free forgiveness. Bless me with the personal assurance of your grace as I partake of your Son's true body and blood this evening! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Serving In Worship

- Minister ~ Pastor Jeffrey Mahnke
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Rick & Karen Leopold



Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024 | 1:00 pm

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 416

- 1 When you woke that Thursday morning,
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
thoughts of self and safety scorning,
knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
now at last the hour had come
when but One could pay sin's wages:
you assumed their dreadful sum.

- 2 Never so alone and lonely,
longing with tormented heart
to be with your dear ones only
for a quiet hour apart:
sinless Lamb and fallen creature,
one last paschal meal to eat,
one last lesson as their teacher,
washing your disciples' feet.

- 3 What was there that you could give them
that would never be outspent,
what great gift that would outlive them,
what last will and testament?
"Show me and the world you love me,
know me as the Lamb of God:
do this in remembrance of me,
eat this body, drink this blood."

- 4 One in faith, in love united, all one body, you the head,
when we meet, by you invited, you are with us, as you said.
One with you and one another in a unity sublime,
see in us your sister, brother, one in ev'ry place and time.
- 5 One day all the Church will capture that bright vision glorious,
and your saints will know the rapture
that your heart desired for us,
when the longed-for peace and union of the greatest and the least
meet in joyous, blest communion in your never-ending feast.

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In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. We should not doubt this absolution but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one

another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other. As we begin the solemn celebration of our Lord's passion, let us confess our sins to him, receive his absolution, and be reconciled to God and each other in Christian love.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, reconciled us to God, and promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Exodus 12:21–30

The LORD institutes for Israel the Passover meal

²¹Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²²Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴“Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

Psalm: I Will Lift Up the Cup of Salvation

Psalm 116A

Refrain

I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion and
call on the name of the LORD.

Tone

I love the LORD, for he / heard my voice;
he heard my cry for / mercy.
Because he turned his / ear to me,
I will call on him as long / as I live.
For you, LORD, have delivered / me from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from / stumbling,
that I may walk be- / fore the LORD
in the land of the / living. *Refrain*

What shall I return / to the LORD
for all his good- / ness to me?
I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation
and call on the name / of the LORD.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16–17

Christ's body and blood are in communion with bread and wine

¹⁶Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

Stand

Gospel

Mark 14:12–26

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper

¹²On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

¹⁹They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?"

²⁰"It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

²³Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. ²⁵"Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

CW 659

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

- All: 1 Jesus Christ, our blessèd Savior,
 turned away God's wrath forever;
 by his bitter grief and woe
 he saved us from the evil foe.
- Men: 2 As his pledge of love undying,
 he, this precious food supplying,
 gives his body with the bread
 and with the wine the blood he shed.
- Women: 3 Jesus here himself is sharing;
 take heed how you are preparing,
 for if you do not believe,
 judgment instead you shall receive.
- All: 4 Useless would be Jesus' passion
 if salvation you could fashion.
 Do not come if you suppose
 you need not him who died and rose.
- Men: 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,
 and receive my grace and favor;
 those who feel no pain or ill
 need no physician's help or skill."

Women: 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
 that this food is to be taken
 by the souls who are distressed,
 by hearts that long for peace and rest.

All: 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
 unto us such food has given
 and, to mend what we have done,
 gave into death his only Son.

All: 8 If your heart this truth professes
 and your mouth your sin confesses,
 surely you will be his guest
 and at his banquet ever blest.

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Sermon

“Whom Does the Lord Jesus Invite to His Feast?”

1. Those who are _____ of Jesus Christ.
2. Those who are _____ for their _____. (1st John 1:9)
3. Those who have been _____. (1st Corinthians 11:23)
4. Those who are able to _____ .
(1st Corinthians 11:28)
5. Those who are _____ in _____. (1st Corinthians 10:16)
6. Defining Close Communion: The _____ of allowing only
_____ to the Lord’s Supper.
7. Close Communion is both _____ and _____.
(1st Corinthians 10:29).

Proof Passages:

1st John 1:9 If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1st Corinthians 11:23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,

1st Corinthians 11:28 A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

1st Corinthians 10:17 Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

1st Corinthians 11:29 For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Stand

Confession of Faith

from Luther's Small Catechism

What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

That is shown us by these words: “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can eating and drinking do such great things?

It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

Be seated

Thank Offering & Friendship Register

Members of Our Savior's give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Lord, by your righteousness deliver our souls, which are precious in your sight. Embolden our hearts to pray, confident that Christ prays with us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as the institution of your new testament is celebrated this day among all peoples, make your saving power known throughout the earth. Grant that those who boast in the sacrificial gift of Christ share him with the world he came to bless. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have formed us after the pattern of Christ's humble service as he washed his disciples' feet in the upper room. Help us in our vocations to follow his example of humility and self-sacrifice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of Israel, we rally to your altar in the wilderness of this world. Hear our prayers for all those who are sick. Refresh them in their suffering, comfort them with your Word, and nourish them in body and soul. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Host, as you welcome us to your altar to eat and drink our Lord's Supper, do not treat us as our sins deserve, but count us worthy to receive forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather us, heavenly King, around your Son's altar and throne with angels and saints. Bless our fellowship on earth and our unity in Christ, that at the last we come to share this feast in life with you that will know no end. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we might live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy Holy

sung to the tune of CW 798

**O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven in countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming to set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation and with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage – Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Be seated

Distribution & Distribution Hymn

CW 670 *I Come, O Savior, to Your Table*

Stand

Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The communion vessels are removed and the altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday. With no closing blessing, the service is temporarily suspended until we return on Good Friday for the final, somber journey to Calvary's cross.

Closing Hymn

CW 407



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con-tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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Holy Week Worship Schedule

Good Friday worship at 1:00 pm

Easter Festival worship with Holy Communion at 9:00 am

Please join us for fellowship and food following our Easter worship.

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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