



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 our worship, and may we always cherish the Lord's Supper and receive it often!

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 (read about that in John 13:1-17).

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

"Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness; mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood. Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God. Amen." (CW #660 v. 4)

Serving In Worship

- Minister ~ Pastor Jeffrey Mahnke
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Mark Krohn, Kurt Schubring



Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025 | 1:00 pm

Welcome

It Was a Dark and Dismal Night

CW 417



1 It was a dark and dis - mal night when pow'rs of
2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan, he took the
3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin; re - ceive and
4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end, in mem - 'ry
5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate; we show your



earth and hell a - rose a - gainst the Son, our
bread and blessed and broke. What love through all his
eat the liv - ing food." Then took the cup and
of your dy - ing friend; meet at my ta - ble
death; we sing your name till you re - turn and



God's de - light, and friends be - trayed him to his foes.
ac - tions ran! What won - drous words of grace he spoke!
blessed the wine: "This is my all - a - ton - ing blood."
and re - cord the love of your de - part - ed Lord."
we shall eat the mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

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Stand

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

Confession & Absolution

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. He will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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 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.

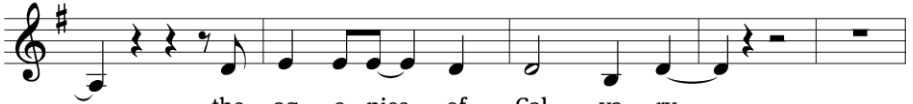
Amen.

Jesus, Thank You

CW 615



1 The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,
2 By your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.



the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.
Your en - e - my you've made your friend.



You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed your Son, who
Pour - ing out the rich - es of your glo - rious grace, your



drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.
mer - cy and your kind - ness know no end.



Your blood has washed a - way my sin; Je - sus, thank you.



The Fa - ther's wrath com - plete - ly sat - is - fied;



Je - sus, thank you. Once your en - e - my, now



seat - ed at your ta - ble; Je - sus, thank you.

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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.

Be seated

The Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The New Covenant of unconditional forgiveness

³¹Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴No longer will each one teach his neighbor, or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD, for I will forgive their guilt, and I will remember their sins no more.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:15-25

By the New Covenant we may approach the throne of grace

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also testifies in Scripture to us, for first he said: ¹⁶This is the covenant I will make with them after those days, says the Lord. I will put my laws on their hearts and I will write them on their mind. ¹⁷Then he adds: And I will not remember their sins and their lawlessness any longer. ¹⁸Now where these sins are forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

¹⁹Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus. ²⁰It is a new and living way he opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh. ²¹We also have a great priest over the house of God. ²²So let us approach with a sincere heart, in the full confidence of faith, because our hearts have been sprinkled to take away a bad conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

²⁴Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. ²⁵Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 11:26

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Stand

Gospel

Luke 22:7-20

Jesus institutes the meal of the New Covenant

⁷The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it.” ⁹They said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare it?” ¹⁰He told them, “Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. ¹¹Tell the owner of the house, “The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”” ¹²He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there.” ¹³They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. ¹⁵He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

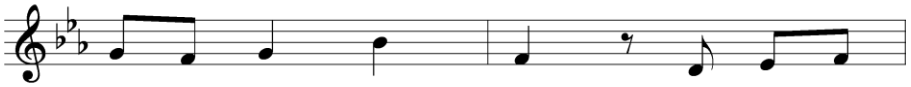
Be seated

The Blood of the Lamb

CW 418



1 The Fa - ther sees his chil - dren's chains. From Phar - aoh's
2 The lamb is slain as sun is set— a per - fect
3 As mid - night looms, the hour of death, God seeks the
4 Chil - dren of God, we too were slaves: our mas - ter—



land they cry in pain. To res - cue
lamb, with - out de - fect. They stain their
first - born, steals their breath, but pass - es
sin! Our end— the grave! But free - dom



them, he makes a way: the blood of the lamb.
doors with in - no - cence: the blood of the lamb.
o'er doors drenched in red: the blood of the lamb.
came in crim - son shades: the blood of the Lamb.

- 5 This perfect Lamb is Jesus Christ.
He gave himself as sacrifice.
His life poured out, the final price:
the blood of the Lamb.
- 6 The blood he spilled, the life he spent,
he gives us now in sacrament.
Eternal life on Christ depends:
the blood of the Lamb.

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**Out with the Old (Covenant),
in with the New (Covenant)!**

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

Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.

For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

We give you humble and hearty thanks.

As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,

We also give you thanks.

Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us. May we be refreshed in our hearts in the precious reality that our sins are truly forgiven.

We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.

As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen.

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 † 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 † 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

659 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

CW 659

- 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.
- 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.
- 3 Jesus here himself is sharing;
take heed how you are preparing,
for if you do not believe,
judgment instead you shall receive.

- 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.
- 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."
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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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.

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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The Service Ends in Silence

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Good Friday worship at 1:00 pm

Easter Festival worship at 11:00 am

*Please join us at 10:35, **before** our Easter worship, for coffee and donuts.*

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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