

MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 2, 2026
10:00 am and 6:30 pm

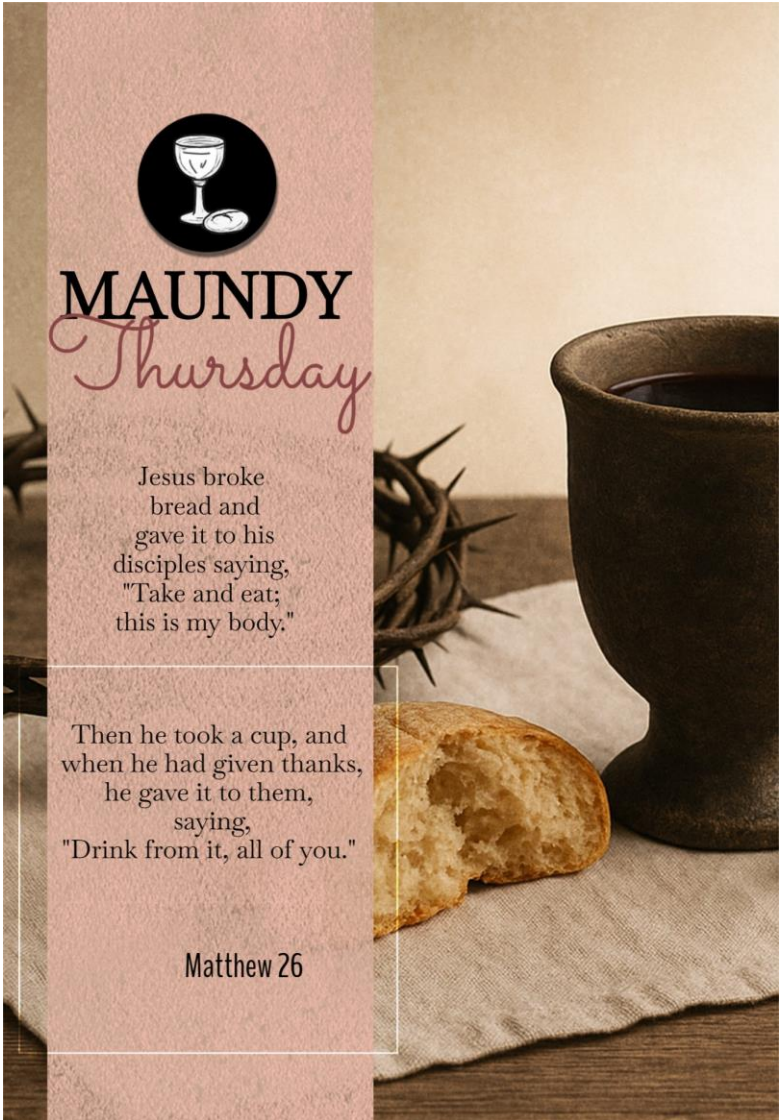


MAUNDY
Thursday

Jesus broke
bread and
gave it to his
disciples saying,
"Take and eat;
this is my body."

Then he took a cup, and
when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
saying,
"Drink from it, all of you."

Matthew 26



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS

Pastor: The Maundy Thursday service is one of endings and beginnings. What was begun on Ash Wednesday is brought to a close here today. And what begins today does not end until the resurrection on Easter. The theme is love, our Savior's love for us, in giving Himself in bread and wine, in dying upon the cross.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In remembrance, we gather;

People: to be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.

Pastor: In remembrance, we worship

People: lifting our voices to the One who calls us to love one another.

Pastor: In remembrance, we feast:

People: breaking the Bread which makes us whole, drinking the Cup which fills us with grace.

HYMN: LSB 606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious
Till not a spot remains.

- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases;
My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases;
He all my sorrows shares.

- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces;
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured.

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Friends in Christ, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this day let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor. Almighty God, merciful Father: Be merciful to me, O God, because of Your constant love.

People: Because of Your great mercy wipe away my sins!

Pastor: Wash away all my evil

People: and make me clean from my sin!

Pastor: Let us pray together:

People: We confess to You, Almighty God, before the whole company of heaven, and to each other, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by our own fault. Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to eternal life. Amen.

Pastor: On Ash Wednesday, you began this season of repentance with confession, and you came forward to receive the ashes of repentance. Receive your absolution once again, the forgiveness which comes from Christ our Lord alone. In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 116, 1-2, 12-15, 17-19

Pastor: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Pastor: What shall I return to the Lord for all His bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord; I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful ones.

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Pastor: I will offer to You a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pray my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in Your

midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Amen.

KYRIE: (Tune: “Amazing Grace” LSB 744)

Look down in mercy on us,
Lord, Receive our prayers and praise,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word, For Your amazing grace.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

People: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment: to love one another as He loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as He was servant of all; we pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

The First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed

in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: I Corinthians 11:23-32

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:17-30

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" So, the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?" Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The 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.” Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “You have said so.” While they were eating, Jesus 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.” Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (6:30 only)

SERMON HYMN: LSB 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain

5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

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THE SERMON

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I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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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OFFERING | TREASURE BOX (6:30 only)

CHOIR ANTHEM: “If We Truly Believe” (6:30 only)

RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION (6:30 only)

**Meredith Ebert ~ Ben Halbakken ~ Emma Heng
Cora McCain ~ Rayna McCain ~ Finn Pidde
Charlee Schager ~ Taia Thorpe**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

People: It is meet and right so to do.

SANCTUS: (Tune: “Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB 507)

“Holy, holy, holy!” all the saints in glory

Fill Your temple with their song around
Your golden throne;
“Holy, holy, holy!” with them we adore You;
God in three Persons, all in Christ as one.

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Tune: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” LSB 702)

Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God,
You bore the sinners’ load To buy our peace:
Now risen and enthroned, With life and glory crowned
To all the lost and found Please grant Your peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 620 Jesus Comes Today with
Healing (verses 1-3, 6)

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
 Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
 "Come and taste the blessed feast."

- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
 In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
 Of His sacred covenant.

- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
 Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
 Hung upon the cursed tree.

- 6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 452 O Perfect Life of Love

- 1 O perfect life of love!
 All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above
 To do for us below.

- 2 No work is left undone
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled.
- 3 No pain that we can share
But He has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care
Have pierced that tender heart.
- 4 And on His thorn-crowned head
And on His sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid
That He might make us whole.
- 5 In perfect love He dies;
For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
I cling by faith to Thee.
- 6 In ev'ry time of need,
Before the judgment throne,
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Thy merits, not mine own.
- 7 Yet work, O Lord, in me
As Thou for me hast wrought;
And let my love the answer be
To grace Thy love has brought.

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DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;

Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

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STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Matthew 26:36-56 is read ... *As the Scripture is spoken, the chancel is stripped.*

When the Scripture is completed, all depart in silence. There is no Benediction. The service continues with Good Friday Worship tomorrow at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm.

Remain and pray as long as you wish.