

**TAKE
EAT,** IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF ME.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

St. John Lutheran Church

March 28, 2024

WELCOME

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Deb Monnin, Support Pastor
Becky Erb Strang, Support Pastor
Rev. Dr. Doug Meyer, Pastor Emeritus

Maundy Thursday *beginning the Great Three Days*

Our liturgy this Maundy Thursday ushers us into The Great Three Days (“Triduum”) at the center and heart of the Christian year and the Christian faith. During these days we do more than remember, we reenact and participate in the death and resurrection of Jesus our Lord. And we do such not individually, but together as the community of people who are washed in the blood of the Lamb and already raised to new life in Christ.

Our service this night is comprised of three distinct liturgies. In the **Service of Reconciliation**, we complete the Lenten journey begun on Ash Wednesday when ashes were pressed upon us with the words “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” The confession of that Ash Wednesday, leading us into forty days of reflection and change, is completed in the individual absolutions spoken in this liturgy.

The second liturgy of this night is **The Supper of Our Lord**, in which we participate with Jesus’ disciples in that Last Passover he shared with them and discover anew our Eucharistic roots on that night in which he was betrayed.

The third and final liturgy of our service, the **Stripping of the Altar**, ushers us into Good Friday, as the altar and chancel are stripped of all ornaments during Psalm Twenty-Two, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”



SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet.

On this day, Christ broke bread for his disciples, telling them to eat.

On this day, Christ poured out wine, telling them to drink of the cup of new life.

**On this day, Christ gave his whole self,
that we too might follow and find abundant life.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart;


we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.



Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

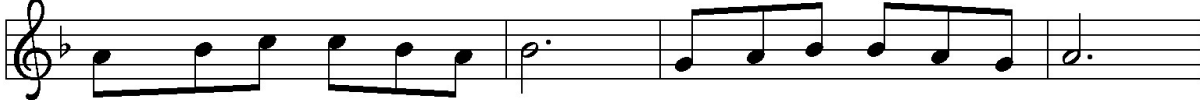
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Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

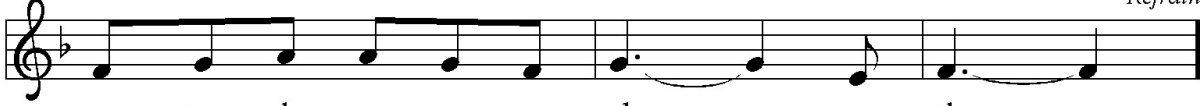


us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

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THE SUPPER OF OUR LORD

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated

READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

The only story from the life of Jesus that Paul recounts in detail is this report of the last supper. His words to the Christians at Corinth are reflected today in the liturgies of churches throughout the world.


For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.




GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and

Optional Repeat



mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 13th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere. Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for each other.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now

what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."



¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

^{31b} "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
 Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
 It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

Last time to coda ⊕



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
 where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
 in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

D.C. (stanza 4) al coda



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

O Lord, we love you, for you have heard our cries. *Ps. 116:1-2*
Therefore we will call on you as long as we live.

As you delivered our ancestors from slavery *Exod. 12:1-14*
and led them to a land of promise and plenty,
liberate all who are captive or oppressed
and bring them to a place of abundant life.

As you saved your people from death *Exod. 12:1-14*
by the blood of the Passover lamb,
redeem us from sin and death
through Jesus Christ, our Passover.

As Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord *John 13:1-17, 31b-35*
stooped down to wash his disciples' feet,
teach us to love and serve one another
with Christ-like compassion and humility.

As Christ the Lord has handed on to us *1 Cor. 11:23-26*
this feast of grace, his body and blood,
help us to share with all who hunger
the gifts we have received from you.

O Lord, we love you, for you have heard our cries. *Ps. 116:1-2*
Therefore we will call on you as long as we live;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC Rudi Gross acc. by Cindy Wendel
Come to the Water-John Foley S.J.

THE OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, in the presence of your people we offer our heartfelt thanksgiving, our sacrifice of gratitude and praise. As we give our lives to you, show us how to love and serve you and how to love and serve one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and live into your love

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE*

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim
the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died! Christ is Risen! Christ will come again!



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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Please be seated. We welcome to the table our First Communion youth and their families as they receive for the first time the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Following the First Communion youth and their families, the congregation may also partake in communion. Please approach from the center aisle. We offer wafers with or without gluten, please let the server know your preference. We also offer glasses with white grape juice or red wine. Please deposit the glass in the basket and return by way of the side aisle.

Those Celebrating First Communion:

<i>Ryker Cooper</i>	<i>Beckett Gross</i>
<i>Ryleigh Fear</i>	<i>Eleanor Kittle</i>
<i>Emma Gudorf</i>	<i>Owen Stephenson</i>
<i>Maggie Gudorf</i>	<i>Avery Stephenson</i>
<i>Marshel Gross</i>	<i>Briggs Stover</i>



Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Just As I Am, Without One Plea
One Bread, One Body

ELW592
ELW 496

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, in a wonderful sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen



Stripping of the Altar

PSALM 22

As the psalm is read, the altar is stripped.

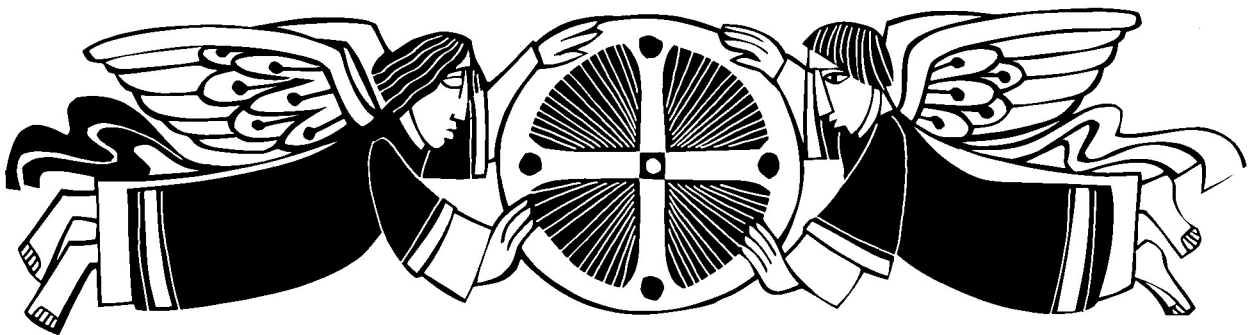
SILENT PRAYER

The congregation prays in silence:

Eternal and ever-blessed God: In your love and compassion for us and for all people, you did not spare your own Son, but delivered him up for us all. Give us reverence, humility and faith as we now enter these holy days of meditation on those mighty acts whereby you have redeemed us and given us life eternal, that we may enter the fellowship of his sufferings, rejoice in his victory over death, and give you thanks for your unspeakable goodness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

After the prayer, the minister extinguishes the Christ Candle.

All may leave in silence as they are ready.





Holy Week Schedule

St. John, Celina

Good Friday Worship, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship

7:45 am in the Sanctuary

9:00 am in the Family Life Center

10:30 am in the Sanctuary

St. Paul, North Star

Good Friday Worship, 12:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship, 7:00 am



~ **Serving Today** ~

Pianist

Jake Wilder

Reader

Diane Menchhofer

Ushers

Dan & Cheryl Heindel, Tim & Yolanda Hone

Communion Assistants

John Maury, Sue Buxton

HOLY COMMUNION

The ministry of Word and Sacrament at St. John Lutheran Church is conducted in accordance with Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Holy Communion is celebrated here in the confidence that we are receiving from our Lord all that he promises when he gives his body and blood to eat and to drink. In the Sacrament we are most fully one with Christ and with one another, and in this Meal we are nourished to live in faithfulness to Christ and his Word and in forgiveness and in love toward one another. The Lutheran church teaches that all Baptized Christians who are communing members of any church are welcome at this table because Christ is our Host, and Christ invites all the baptized to be nourished at his table.

