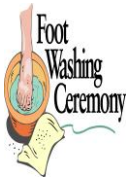


my head as well!” Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.



Washing of Feet-When Jesus washes the feet of the disciples, he gave us an example of what it means to be a servant. We are to serve and love others as ourselves. Today, we are offering a blessing at the Altar.

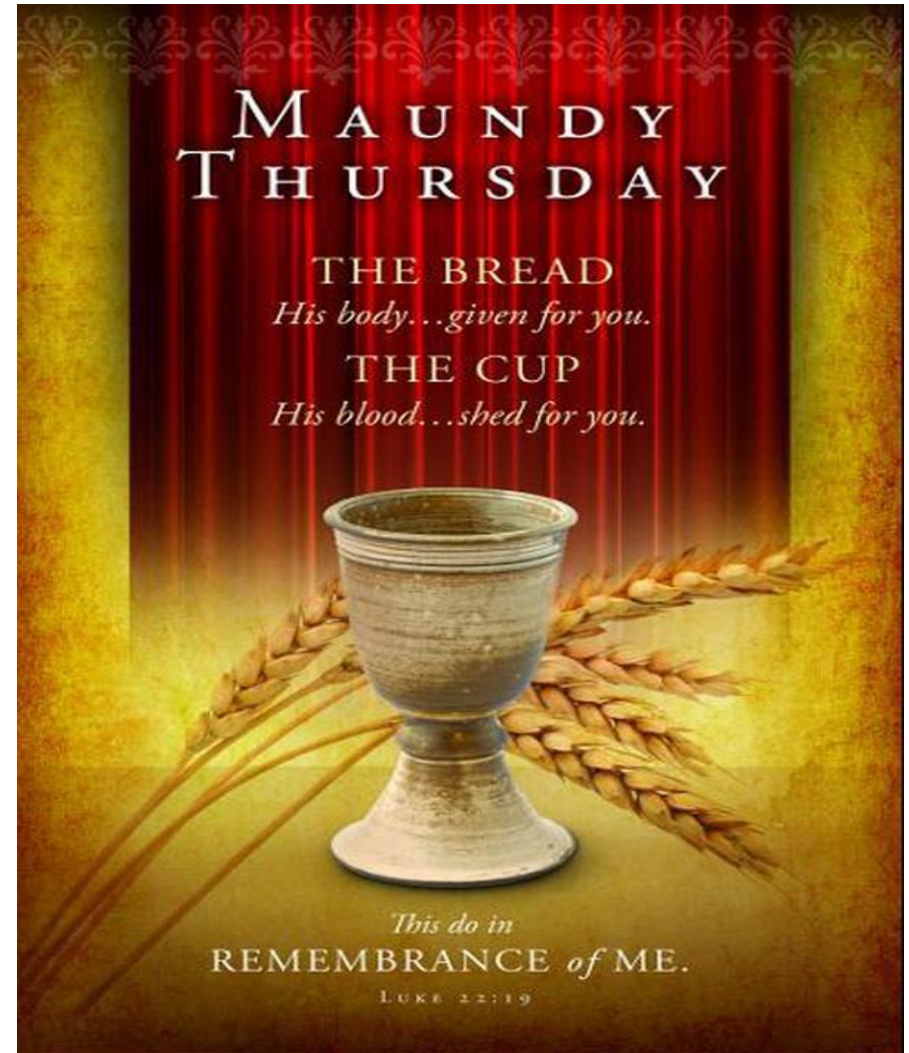
Hymn "Amazing Grace" Number 779

Communion

Benediction

Stripping the Altar (*Please remain seated in silence*)

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*St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church*  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**  
*April 6, 2023 at 12:30 PM*

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Hymn** "Be thou My Vision" Number 793

**Sermon** "Set The Sacred Example" **Pastor John**

### *Confession and Forgiveness*

**Pastor** - In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to take up the cross and live virtuous lives. We continue to struggle against sin, death, and the devil - all that keeps us from loving God and each other.

**Congregation** - This is a struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives and continue with us because of God's love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

**Pastor** Within the community of God's Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. Let us make our confession to God.

**Congregation** - Almighty and merciful God, help me to do better in the realization of your forgiveness. I come before you as one who has fallen short of your glory, through careless or unspoken words, inappropriate thoughts and actions. Forgive and strengthen me for the sake of your Son, Jesus the Christ.

**Pastor** - Almighty God has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake forgives us all our sins. Through God's Holy Spirit, we are cleansed and given power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who calls us out of the darkness into the splendor of God's light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

### Lesson – Galatians 5:16-26

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law

### Gospel - John 13:1-15

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and