



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday



A New Testament



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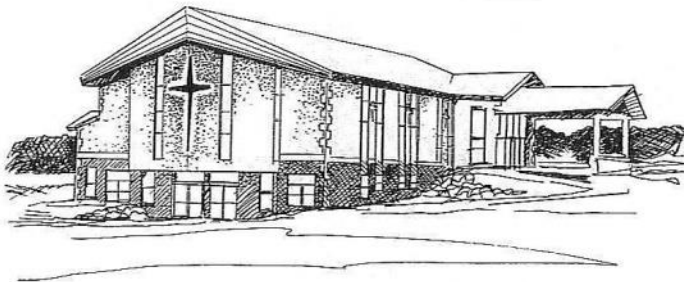
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



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April 14, 2022

MAUNDY THURSDAY

OPENING HYMN (CW 100)

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
(Printed on back of bulletin)

REMAIN SEATED

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

M: In the Lenten season we hear again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led Him to the cross for our salvation. We also hear 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 the 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness.

STAND

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father,
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
I am truly sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

Silence for meditation

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C: Cleanse me from my sins.
Release me from my guilt.
Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent His Son to die for all. For His sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to His marvelous light.

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.

C: Amen.

EXHORTATION

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

M and C: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

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 the 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.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CHORAL ANTHEM

Go To Dark Gethsemane

THE WORD OF GOD FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹*Yes, 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.*

³²*It 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.*

³³*But 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.*

³⁴*No 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 LESSON

Hebrews 10:15–25

¹⁵*The Holy Spirit also testifies in Scripture to us, for first he said:*

¹⁶*This 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.*

¹⁷*Then he adds:*

And I will not remember their sins and their lawlessness any longer.

¹⁸*Now where these sins are forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.*

¹⁹*Brothers, 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.*

²¹*We 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.*

²⁴*Let 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.*

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with his own blood The judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this
 5 A pre - cious food is this in - deed— It nev - er



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; He full a - tone - ment
 sol - emn guar - an - tee; In this his ho - ly
 sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,
 fails us in our need— A heav'n - ly man - na



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 for us made, And all our debt he ful - ly paid.
 sup - per here We taste his love, so sweet, so near.
 as he said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.
 for our soul Un - til we safe - ly reach our goal.

- 6 Oh, blest is each believing guest
 Who in this promise finds his rest,
 For Jesus will in love abide
 With those who do in him confide.
- 7 The guest that comes with true intent
 To turn to God and to repent,
 To live for Christ, to die to sin,
 Will thus a holy life begin.
- 8 They who his Word do not believe
 This food unworthily receive,
 Salvation here will never find—
 May we this warning keep in mind!
- 9 Help us sincerely to believe
 That we may worthily receive
 Your supper and in you find rest.
 Amen! They who believe are blest.

Text: Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714, abr.; tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.

Tune: GÖTTLOB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE (LM) Wagner, *Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien*, 1742, alt.

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.”

Jesus’ Testament for You

OFFERING BROUGHT FORWARD & OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

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

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

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

C: **We give you humble and hearty thanks.**

M: 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,

C: **We also give you thanks.**

M: 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.

C: **We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,

C: **But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.**

M: 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.

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

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

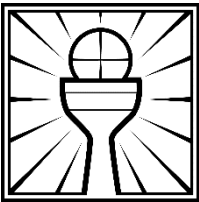
M: As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*The recorded Service of the Word for members at home concludes here.
We continue with the Service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.*



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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.”

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



THIS IS MY
BODY
THIS IS MY
BLOOD



HYMN (CW 268)

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Agnus Dei

Stanzas 1, 2, 3

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross did
suf - fer, Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly,
Your - self to scorn did of - fer. All sins you car - ried
for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
1 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!
2 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!
3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus!

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546; tr. composite.

Tune: O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG (77 77 778) Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va -
 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and
 cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the
 you are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be -
 tion you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup -
 my grace and fa - vor; Those who feel no pain or



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 bread And with the wine the blood he shed.
 lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.
 pose You need not him who died and rose.
 ill Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
 That this food is to be taken Unto us such food has given
 By the souls who are distressed, And, to mend what we have done,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest. 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.

Text: John Hus, 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, DER VON UNS (88 78) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*,
 Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

STAND

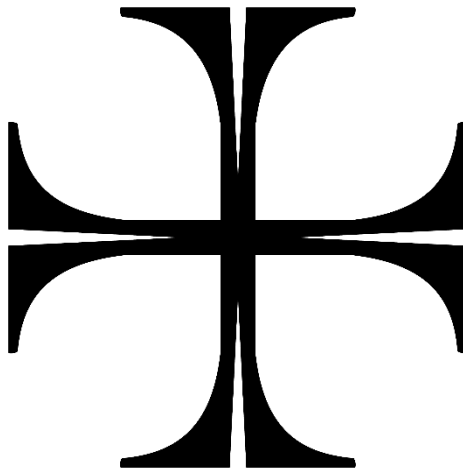
M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** (spoken)

BE SEATED

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The stripping of the altar symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by His disciples and prepares the sanctuary for the austerity of Good Friday. During the Stripping of the Altar, the congregation sings What Wondrous Love Is This (CW 120). After the stripping of the altar, there is the reading of Psalm 88 – a psalm of Jesus' abandonment.



LENT

120

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won-drous love is this That caused the Lord of
When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: *A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs*, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE (12 9 66 12 9) *Southern Harmony*, New Haven, 1835.

PSALM 88

¹ O LORD, the God who saves me, by day I cry out.
At night I cry before you.

² May my prayer come before you.
Turn your ear to my cry.

³ Indeed, my soul has had its fill of troubles,
and my life has arrived at the grave.

⁴ I am treated like those who go down to the pit.
I am like someone without strength.

⁵ I am turned loose with the dead.
I am like the slain who lie in the grave,
like the ones you do not remember anymore,
like those who are cut off from your hand.

⁶ You have put me in the lowest pit,
in dark places, in the depths.

⁷ Your wrath presses against me.
You have battered me with all your breakers.

⁸ You have distanced my acquaintances from me.
You have made me repulsive to them.
I am shut in and I cannot get out.

⁹ My eyesight grows dim from affliction.
I call to you, O LORD, every day.
I spread out my hands to you.

¹⁰ Is it for the dead that you do a miracle?
Do the spirits of the dead rise up and praise you?

¹¹ Is your mercy declared in the tomb,
your faithfulness in decay?

¹² Is your wonderful work known in the darkness?
Is your righteousness known in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³ But I cry to you, O LORD,
and in the morning my prayer comes before you.

¹⁴ Why, O LORD, do you reject my soul?
Why do you hide your face from me?

¹⁵ I have been afflicted
and I have been close to death since my youth.
I have endured your terrors.
I am in despair.

*16 Your rage has swept over me.
Your terrors have destroyed me.
17 All day long they surround me like water.
They have battered me completely.
18 You have distanced my loved one and friend from me.
My only friend is darkness.*

No benediction is spoken to end the service.

The minister exits the chancel.
Each worshipper may remain for prayer and meditation
before dispersing quietly.

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Serving us this evening:

- Pastor Michael Willitz
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Choir Director: Elaine Wilson
- Assisting with communion: Pastor Joel Jenswold and Mike Wilson
- Ushers: The Olson Family
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biver and Mandi Miller
- A/V and Recording: Joe Hornbeck



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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Good Friday Worship

1:00 and 6:30 pm

Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 16 at 10:00 am

Easter Worship

8:00 & 10:30 am

Easter breakfast 9:15 am



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what
 4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,
 God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send
 you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;
 Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you



None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,
 To gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"
 I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,
 Shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,
 the Fa - ther said, "And free my chil - dren from their dread
 what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,
 shall ev - er be A cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,



That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes
 Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes
 De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong
 Your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I'll trea - sure in



and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,
 are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave
 my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."
 The fruit of your sal - va - tion."
 Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 Your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.