

*Mauvndy*

## THURSDAY

April 2, 2026



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*Do this in remembrance of Me.*



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## Lutheran Church

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### PRELUDE

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

*J. S. Bach*

### AS WE GATHER

Maundy Thursday is remembered as the day Jesus washed the disciples' feet. More than that, there are several prominent themes. The name itself reminds us of the new mandate or command Jesus gave to love one another as He has loved us (John 13:34). The washing of the feet, normally reserved for the lowest servant, is Jesus' way of demonstrating that kind of love. After singing a hymn, Jesus and His disciples left the Upper Room and journeyed to the place where Jesus would demonstrate the greatest act of love.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LSB 621 v. 1-3



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.

### INVOCATION

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

**People:** ♪ Amen.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 34

*(Jesus washes the disciples' feet and gives them a new command.)*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

**People:**



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

<sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People:**



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## HYMN

### "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LSB 436 v. 1-3



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

## HOMILY

### "You Are Invited"

Matthew 26:26-28

*Rev. Ronald Guettler, Cathedral Pastor  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** O Man of Sorrows, how painful those closing moments must have been for you. How your heart must have ached. Praise and glory belong to You for sprinkling your blood on the beams of Calvary so that our sins would be passed over. Unworthy we stand of such great love. But may that love change us. May it loosen our grip on things temporal. May that love help us move others to see the glory of the love of Jesus, who is King and Victor over death and the grave.

**People:** ♪ Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** Today we turn our hearts. Today we fix our eyes. Today we come humbly before the Lamb of God. We receive the Lord's most precious gift of

forgiveness for His people. Our Father in heaven desires to restore a right relationship with His children. To this end, He has established a new covenant with each of us in His Son, Jesus Christ. It is our Father who declares: "I will be their God, and they will be My people."

Pastor: Therefore, gathered in His holy name, we His people confess our sins before Him and before one another.

**ALL: We have failed to live each day as You have called us to live.**

Pastor: We lay before You our grievous faults and sin.

**People: Sin and every evil have persuaded our words, actions, and thoughts. We have failed to genuinely love others, choosing instead to selfishly love ourselves. When others need mercy and kindness, we often fail to acknowledge or fulfill their earnest needs.**

Pastor: Our sin is ever before us.

**People: Standing guilty before God, we deserve His wrath and eternal condemnation.**

Pastor: We flee to Jesus for mercy and forgiveness.

**People: Only Christ thoroughly blots out our sin and grants us eternal salvation. By the aid of the Holy Spirit, we turn to Jesus, clinging to His mercy and grace.**

Pastor: It is He who died, shedding His blood for you. It is He alone who grants forgiveness and eternal life. Trusting in His blood, which stained Calvary's cross and is given to us in His holy Sacrament, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce to you the grace of God and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: ♪ Amen.**

## **PSALM**

Psalm 116:12-19

*(God's servants respond to His gracious benefits.)*

Pastor: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

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

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

**People: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.**

Pastor: O Lord, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**People: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people  
People: **in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**  
ALL: **Praise the Lord!**

## PRAYERS

### 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.**

### HYMN

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”

Tune: LSB 717

♪ **Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind - your call to hear, your love to find.**

**Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own,  
not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.**

**Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.**

**Great God, in Christ you set us free - your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,  
and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.**

### GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

*We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (the back of the church and  
at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.*



### VOLUNTARY

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

*Seth Bingham*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*(The Old Covenant is established)*

Exodus 12:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup> "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **ANTHEM**

"Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor"

*G. F. Handel  
The Cathedral Choir*

### **EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*(The New Covenant is given)*

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is right and good, our duty and our delight, to give You praise and thanksgiving, almighty God, our Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, who set His Table in the presence of our enemies and delivered to us in a wonderful sacrament the heavenly food of His flesh and blood for us and for the life of the whole world.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: We give You thanks, Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, whom You did send to us to fulfill Your saving will and purpose and restore us to You. Christ is Your Word in flesh in whom You have made known Your righteousness and through whom You have redeemed us, Your lost and condemned people. On this night when He kept Passover with His disciples and set apart this Meal anew to be the Sacrament of His body and blood, we come in His name to receive the gifts He has promised.

People: **Amen.**

### **WORDS OF OUR LORD** (*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*)

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine and gluten free wafers in the center of each tray.*

#### ***TWO STATION COMMUNION:***

*If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.*

*If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.*

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have again refreshed us with the body and blood of Your only-begotten Son. As we spend the coming hours and days contemplating His Passion, death, and resurrection, strengthen us in faith and love. Then keep us in Your loving care and protection through all our days until temporal time becomes eternal and

faith turns to sight; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**VERSE**

LSB 437 v. 3

3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.

## † The Stripping of the Altar †

*A solemn and sacred unmaking of this holy ground, where linens are removed, vessels are carried away, and the chancel is laid bare—mirroring Christ's abandonment, humiliation, and the quiet desolation of the cross, as the Church enters the shadow of His Passion in silence and grief.*

**READING**

Psalms 22

*(Why have you forsaken Me?)*

*To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. <sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup> In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. <sup>5</sup> To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. <sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; <sup>8</sup> "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

<sup>9</sup> Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. <sup>10</sup> On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. <sup>12</sup> Many bulls

encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; <sup>13</sup> they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; <sup>15</sup> my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. <sup>16</sup> For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—<sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; <sup>18</sup> they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! <sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! <sup>21</sup> Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! <sup>22</sup> I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: <sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! <sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. <sup>26</sup> The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. <sup>28</sup> For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup> All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. <sup>30</sup> Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; <sup>31</sup> they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

*O Crucified Lord, in the stillness of this night, let me not turn away from Your suffering.  
When all is taken from You, hold fast to me.  
When I am empty, fill me with Your steadfast love. Amen.*

*The omission of the benediction today indicates that our worship is not complete. The story is not yet over.  
Join us as we continue our sacred journey to Calvary.*

*Good Friday Tre-Ore: 12:00. 12:45. 1:30pm.  
Good Friday Tenebrae: 7pm.  
Festival of the Resurrection: 7:30am. 9am. 11am.*