

# Maundy Thursday

MAUNDY THURSDAY | FIRST HOLY COMMUNION | THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026, 6:30 P.M.

## Prelude

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” (arr. Cherwien & Krapf)

(See hymn #609 for text)

“Ah, Holy Jesus” (arr. Young)

## Welcome

Inspired by the abundant hospitality of Jesus Christ, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer welcomes all of God’s children into the life of the church as ‘we make God known through word and deed’.

*On this day the Christian community gathers to share in the Holy Supper Christ gave the church to reveal his unfailing love for the human family. In the actions of this liturgy, Christ demonstrates this love by speaking his faithful word, washing our feet, and giving us his body and blood. From this gathering we are sent to continue these actions in daily life: to serve those in need, to offer mercy, to feed those who are hungry. The first liturgy of the Three Days has no ending; it continues with worship of Good Friday and concludes with Easter. Together the Three Days proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

## Call to Worship

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters. **Come to the feast of the Lord.**

He who has no money, come, buy and eat without price. **Come to the feast of the Lord.**

Listen diligently to me, says the Lord; eat what is good and delight yourselves in rich food. **Come to the feast of the Lord.**

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live. **Come to the feast of the Lord.**

I will make with you an everlasting covenant. **Come to the feast of the Lord.**

This is my body which is for you. ... This cup is the new covenant in my blood. **Come to the feast of the Lord.**

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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## Greeting

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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **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 the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Special Music

“Break the Bread” N. Sleeth

Praise & Rejoice Choir  
Directed by Kristy Tostenson

## Communion

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.**

## 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.

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 by Intinction *(following the First Table at the Altar for First Communion Students)*

## First Communion Recognition

Christine Anderson, Jaidyn Bartscher, Ellis Beutler, Dalton Brennan, Kollins Brown, Kye Clausen, Ayda Dahlgren, Gabby Degen, Charlee Deutsch, Mya Eng, Mason Feldmeyer, Mila Givens, Cynthia Graeb, Edyn Griffith, Charly Grimes, Lincoln Grimsrud, Brooks Hegg, Olivia Hinman, Isabelle Hochstatter, Samuel Hoftiezer, Kade Johnson, Lucas Johnson, Rowen Kinnander, Jack Larson, Presley Neale, Mesa Newman, Elliott Pearson, Lennix Russell, Blakely Schmig, Ava Schulte, Bella Schultz, Maddie Stager, Ava Struckman, Ryder Thrift, Kingsley Weber

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, <sup>2</sup> for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me? <sup>13</sup> I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people. <sup>15</sup> Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants. <sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD. <sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people, <sup>19</sup> in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

*Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.*

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup> 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, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In 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." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.*

## Gospel Reading

John 13:1-17

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper <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 to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <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 tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I 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, "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." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

*The gospel of the Lord.*

## Sermon

"Communion... My Friends"

Pastor Dan Overbo

## Hymn of the Day

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Offering

*Text to Give: 888-303-5012 or Scan the QR code located in the pew*

*Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:*

***Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin)***

***Lenten Offering: LCOOR Mobile Soup Kitchen & Watertown Sandwich Ministry***



## Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## Blessing

Jesus invited his disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane with him, saying “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me”. Let us watch for Jesus as we journey on toward the cross and toward the empty tomb. The Lord bless you and keep you as his dear friend.

**What a friend we have in Jesus! Amen.**

## Hymn

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

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## Stripping of the Altar-

Psalm 22

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping 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 find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

<sup>8</sup>“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

<sup>9</sup>Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup>On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encircle 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 mouth 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 are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled;

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; 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; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup>For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup>The poor 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 him.

<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

<sup>31</sup>and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

## Dismissal (Leave in Silence)

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## Serving

**Preaching:** Pastor Dan Overbo; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Greeters:** Pam & Al Raeder; **Ushers:** Allen Stager, Allen Birkeland; **Lector:** Robbyn Gauger-Givens; **Communion Assistants:** Beverly Splinter, Annette Gugel, Jan Birkeland, Dana Stimson, Robbyn Gauger-Givens, Charlene Loterbauer;

### *Worship with Us*

*Good Friday: Friday, April 3, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.*

*Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 5, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.*