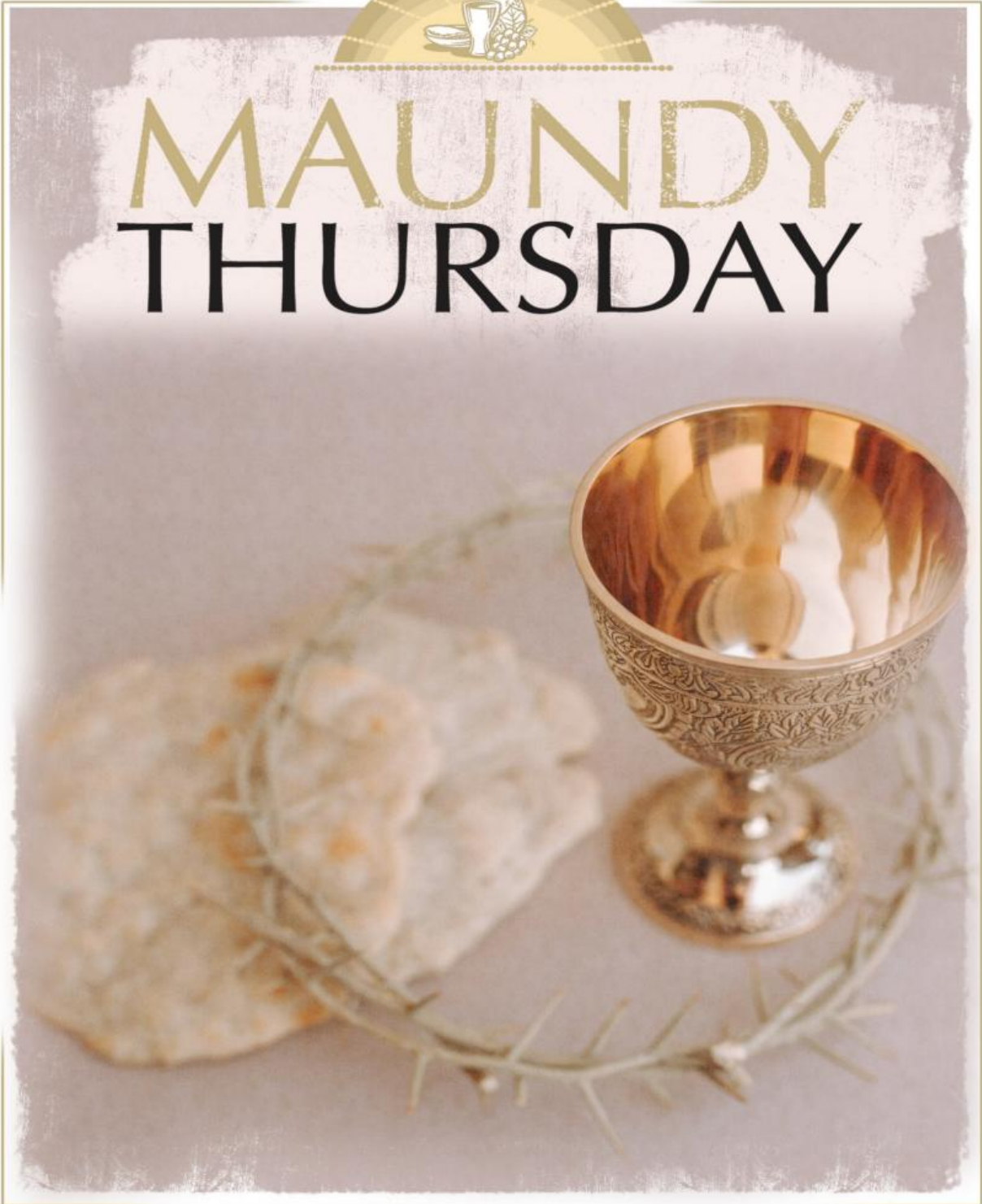




# MAUNDY THURSDAY





FAMILY OF GOD  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
"Children by grace,  
Extending Christ's embrace"

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MAUNDY THURSDAY  
April 2nd, 2026

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*Gather*

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Prelude "You Give the Gift o Finest Wheat" arr. Charles Callahan

Welcome

\*Confession and Forgiveness

P: 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.)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

\*Absolution

P: 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. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

(Verses 1 - 3)

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.  
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854  
 Music: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

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\*Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Eternal God,

**C: in the sharing of the meal, your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet, he showed us dignity of service. Grant that by the power of Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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## Word

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Reading

**Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

<sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 26th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*Gospel

**Matthew 26:17-46**

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.' " <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, <sup>21</sup>and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

<sup>32</sup> "But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup>Peter said to him, "Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." <sup>35</sup>Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup>He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." <sup>40</sup>Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup>Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup>Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Paul Burow

1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims  
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er  
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den

giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed  
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come  
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,

with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -  
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and  
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in

plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.  
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.  
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1061; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862-1946, sts. 1, 3;  
 tr. Philip Schaff, 1819-1893, st. 2  
 Music: Heinrich Isaac, 1450-1517; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

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\*Apostles' Creed

**C: 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**

\*Prayers of Intercession

P: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all of creation.

P: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your  
promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

\*Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Offering

"Cavalry's Love"

arr. Tom Fettke

Kristi Mueller and Linda Johnson

\*Offertory response

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

**ELW 188**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

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spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

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## *Holy Communion*

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\* Words of Institution

P: 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.

\* The Lord's Prayer

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Distribution

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

ELW 484

*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.




Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997  
Music: Robert E. Krestz, 1922-1996  
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BICENTENNIAL  
CM and refrain

\*Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

\*Post Communion Prayer

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

“Stay with Me”  
(Sing 3 times)

**ELW 348**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Stay with Me". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and" under the notes. The second system has the lyrics "pray. Watch and pray." under the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat.

Text: Taizé Community  
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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STAY WITH ME  
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Stripping of the Altar

Reading

**Psalm 22**

To the leader: according to The Deer 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 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 you our ancestors trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.  
5 To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to  
shame.  
6 But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the  
people.  
7 All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake  
their heads;  
8 'Commit your cause to the LORD; let him  
deliver—  
let him rescue the one in whom he de-  
lights!'  
9 Yet it was you who took me from the  
womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.  
10 On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have  
been my God.  
11 Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.  
12 Many bulls encircle me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
13 they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.  
14 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;  
15 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
16 For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shrivelled;  
17 I can count all my bones.  
They stare and gloat over me;  
18 they divide my clothes among them-  
selves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.  
19 But you, O Lord, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid!  
20 Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!  
21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
From the horns of the wild oxen you have  
rescued me.  
22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and  
sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will  
praise you:  
23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of  
Israel!  
24 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.  
25 From you comes my praise in the great  
congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear  
him.  
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live for ever!  
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.  
28 For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.  
29 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.  
30 Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the  
Lord,  
31 and proclaim his deliverance to a peo-  
ple yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

**Please leave the sanctuary in silence.**

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April 3rd Good Friday 7 pm service  
April 5th Easter Sunday services at 9 am and 10:30 am

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