

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

Holy (Maundy) Thursday

April 2, 2026

11:30am and 7pm

The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is the preaching, teaching, baptizing and sharing the love of Christ in our church, our community and our world.

Jesus took bread,
gave thanks and broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying,

*Take
and eat;
this is my body,
given for you.*

Then he took the cup,
gave thanks and offered it
to them, saying,

*Drink from it,
all of you.
This is my blood,
shed for you.*



Welcome to Trinity!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship today. We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ who seek to love God with all of our heart, with all of our mind, and with all of our soul. We have a deep desire that all would come to the saving knowledge of the truth of Jesus as Lord! We cordially invite you to worship with us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and join us for Bible Class and Sunday School after church till 11:45 a.m.

For Many Means for You

AS WE GATHER

We have been reflecting a great deal on the phrase “for us.” Tonight, though, we will hear about the phrase “for many” as Jesus gives His own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26–28). Jesus and the disciples are celebrating the Passover, but Jesus does something new. We hear echoes of how Moses and the elders saw God (Exodus 24:3–11), recognizing that the sacrifices of old will not satisfy (Hebrews 9:11–22). When Jesus says the phrase “for many,” He is clearly pointing the disciples to the fact that His death was not only for them alone but for the sins of the world. Because you are a part of the many, “for us” still holds true.

+ Preparation +

HYMN

“When You Woke That Thursday Morning”

(LSB 445)

- 1 When You woke that Thursday morning,
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,
Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin’s wages:
You assumed their dreadful sum.
- 2 Never so alone and lonely,
Longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only
For a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,
One last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher,
Washing Your disciples’ feet.
- 3 What was there that You could give them
That would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them,
What last will and testament?
“Show Me and the world you love Me,
Know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me,
Eat this body, drink this blood.”

4 One in faith, in love united,
All one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited,
You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another
In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother,
One in ev'ry place and time.

5 One day all the Church will capture
That bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture
That Your heart desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union
Of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion
In Your never-ending feast.

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INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Hebrews 9:11–12, 15, adapt.*

L: Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, He entered once for all into the holy places,

C: by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

L: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,

C: so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Beloved in the Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ, said, “Take, eat, this is My body; take, drink, this is My blood, given for you.” Whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life. We are all one bread and one Body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word but in deed and in truth. Let us therefore implore the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, to grant us forgiveness.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

L: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in + peace.

C: Amen.

+ Word +

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray...Lord Jesus, in this Sacrament, You graciously come to us as both host and Meal.

C: Grant that we hear Your words “for many” as meaning “for you,” for each of us gathered at Your Table this day;

L: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

READING

L: The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said,

C: “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

L: And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said,

C: “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.”

L: And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

L: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,

C: thus securing an eternal redemption.

L: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,

C: so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

L: He sent redemption to His people;

C: He has commanded His covenant forever.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 9:11–22

L: The Epistle is from Hebrews, the ninth chapter.

¹¹When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. ¹⁵Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ¹⁶For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” ²¹And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²²Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *John 13:1b*

L: Having loved His own who were in the world,

C: He loved them to the end.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26:17–30

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. ²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.” ²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had

given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” ³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“What Is This Bread”

(LSB 629)

1 What is this bread?

Christ’s body risen from the dead:

 This bread we break,

 This life we take,

Was crushed to pay for our release.

O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

2 What is this wine?

The blood of Jesus shed for mine;

 The cup of grace

 Brings His embrace

Of life and love until I sing!

O taste and see—the Lord is King.

3 So who am I,

That I should live and He should die

 Under the rod?

 My God, my God,

Why have You not forsaken me?

O taste and see—the Lord is free.

4 Yet is God here?

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,

 In mouth and soul

 He makes us whole—

Christ, truly present in this meal.

O taste and see—the Lord is real.

5 Is this for me?

I am forgiven and set free!

 I do believe

 That I receive

His very body and His blood.

O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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SERMON

EXPLANATION OF THE THIRD ARTICLE

C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

SERIES HYMN

“O Love, How Deep”

(LSB 544:1–3)

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.

3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Sung*

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: As brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus, let us go to our heavenly Father in confident prayer. Almighty God, You have called Your church to witness that, in Christ, You have reconciled us to Yourself.

C: Grant that, by Your Holy Spirit, we be emboldened to proclaim the Good News of our Savior so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

L: O Lord God, in Holy Baptism You have granted us the remission of sins.

C: Make us ready to receive the holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins and grant us grateful hearts so that we may give thanks to You now and forever.

L: Lord, keep all nations under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land and around the world so that we may be at peace and a blessing to one another.

C: Grant that we choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation.

L: O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look with favor upon all who are ill, alone, imprisoned, or in personal distress, [especially . . .]. Hear their prayers.

C: For Jesus' sake, restore, surround, free, and give comfort to them.

L: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commit all for whom we pray for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SERIES HYMN

"O Love, How Deep"

(LSB 544:4–5)

4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

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+ Sacrament +

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Sung*

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *Sung*

C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Come, Let Us Eat”

(LSB 626)

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord’s body let us take together,
Our Lord’s body let us take together.

2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus’ blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus’ blood poured let us drink together.

3 In His presence now we meet and rest,
In His presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God’s mighty Word,
Rise, then, to spread abroad God’s mighty Word.
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

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“Jesus, Greatest at the Table”

(LSB 446)

1 Jesus, greatest at the table,
The almighty Son of Man,
Laid aside His outer clothing,
Poured some water in a pan;
As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence,
He the servant’s task began.

2 Marvel how their Lord and teacher
Gently taught them not to vie
As He humbly knelt before them,
Dusty feet to wash and dry,
By His tender touch expressing
True compassion from on high.

3 Jesus took the role of servant
When upon that gruesome span,
For all human sin He suffered
As a vile and loathsome man;
On the cross poured out like water
To fulfill the Father’s plan.

4 Can we fathom such deep mercy?
Do we see what God has done?
Who can grasp this great reversal:
Love that gives His only Son?
Christ, the sinless for the sinners,
For the many dies the One.

5 Jesus gave to His disciples
A commandment that was new:
“Show My love to one another,
Do as I have done for you;
All the world will know you love Me
As you love each other too.”

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“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

(LSB 617)

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:

O Lord, have mercy!

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray... O Savior, You gave Yourself into death so that we might have life; we give thanks that You have forgiven our sins and strengthened us through this Sacrament.

C: Give us hearts to give thanks with all that we think, say, and do today and always;

P: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ Stripping of the Altar +

7pm only

P: This is the night on which our Savior was betrayed. We remove the appointments of the chancel to symbolize the abuse He received. The candles shine no more as the light of the world is taken to His death, the books are closed as the Word is silenced for a time, the paraments on the altar are removed as our Lord's body is laid bare, and the altar is left alone for the sacrifice to be remembered tomorrow.

As assistants strip the altar, we read Psalm 22 in unison and then leave in silence, returning tomorrow to continue this service of worship.

PSALM

Psalm 22

C: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?

**O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.**

Yet You are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In You our fathers trusted;

they trusted, and You delivered them.

To You they cried and were rescued;

in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man,

scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

All who see Me mock Me;

they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;

“He trusts in the Lord; let Him deliver Him;

let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!”

Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;

You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.

On You was I cast from My birth,

and from My mother's womb You have been My God.

Be not far from Me,

for trouble is near,

and there is none to help.

Many bulls encompass Me;

strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;

they open wide their mouths at Me,

like a ravening and roaring lion.

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;
My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and My tongue sticks to My jaws;
You lay Me in the dust of death.
For dogs encompass Me;
a company of evildoers encircles Me;
they have pierced My hands and feet—
I can count all My bones—
they stare and gloat over Me;
they divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.
But You, O Lord, do not be far off!
O You My help, come quickly to My aid!
Deliver My soul from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dog!
Save Me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!
I will tell of Your name to My brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:
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!
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.
From You comes My praise in the great congregation;
My vows I will perform before those who fear Him.
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before You.
For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and He rules over the nations.
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.
Posterity shall serve Him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

**they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that He has done it.**

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Please observe silence while departing. Worship continues tomorrow with a service of Tenebrae.