

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
of Stillwater, Minnesota**

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025



Many of our worship materials are taken from the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). **Page numbers** are located in the front half of the book, and **hymn numbers** are located in the back half of the book.

The assembly speaks the **bold responses**.

Gathering

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

God, who is rich in mercy . . .
. . . that Christ may live in your hearts through faith
Amen.

Gathering Song *"Great God Your Love Has Called Us Here"* ELW Hymn 358

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

Holy God, source of all love . . .
. . . one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Word

First Reading Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Pew Bible: Old Testament Page 58

The passover of the Lord.

At the conclusion:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

"A New Commandment"

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as
I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.
By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if
you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know
you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

Text: John 13:34-35

Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

Gospel Reading John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Pew Bible: New Testament Pages 107-108

The service of Christ: foot washing and meal.

The gospel is introduced:

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Baker-Trinity

Silence for reflection follows the sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Now We Join in Celebration"

ELW Hymn 462

Meal

Your offering and "Welcome to Worship" card may be placed in the basket as you come forward for communion. The offering is a collection of money for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, as a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

We give you thanks, Father . . .

He is your Word . . .

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted . . .

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks . . .

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection . . .

Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church . . .

After each prayer:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church . . .

. . . with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

**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.**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond:

Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament . . .

. . . one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sending

Sending Song

"Go Dark Gethsemane"

ELW Hymn 347

Stripping of the Altar

As we depart into the quiet of this night, we first pause to strip the chancel of light and symbol. You are invited to rest in a time of prayer and silence, remembering all that God has done in love. We will depart in silence after the chancel is stripped.