



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

**April 17, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## PRELUDE

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

arr. Wilbur Held

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able.*

Pastor: 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 for reflection and self-examination.*

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: **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.**

Pastor: 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. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN: A NEW COMMANDMENT (WOV 664)



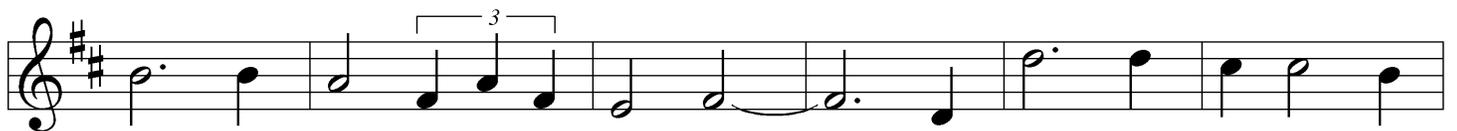
A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



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.

## GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Asst: Let us pray. Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your 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.

All: **Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1–4[5–10] 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 neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [<sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>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 lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] <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 judgments: 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 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?

**13 I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

**14 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people.**

**15 Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

**16 O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my  
bonds.**

**17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

**18 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people,**

**19 in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## **SECOND READING: 1Corinthians 11:23–26**

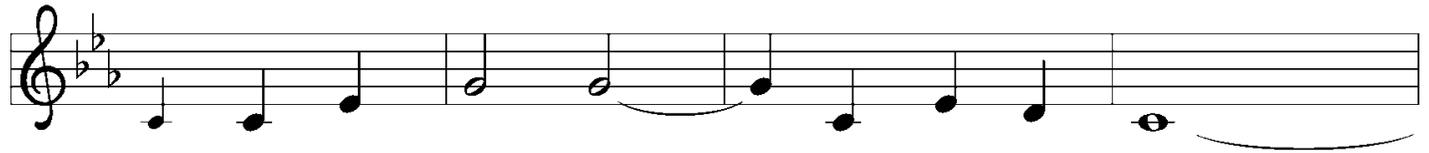
*In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

**23** 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, **24** 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." **25** 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." **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

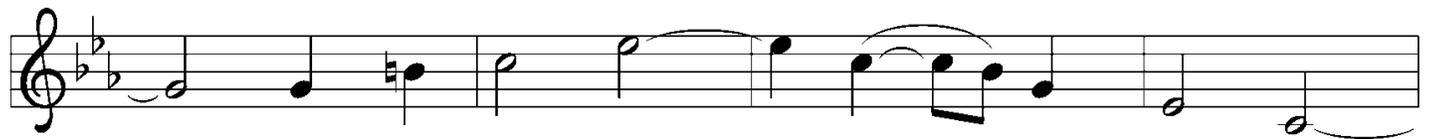
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: I want Jesus to Walk with Me (WOV 660 verse 1 only)**



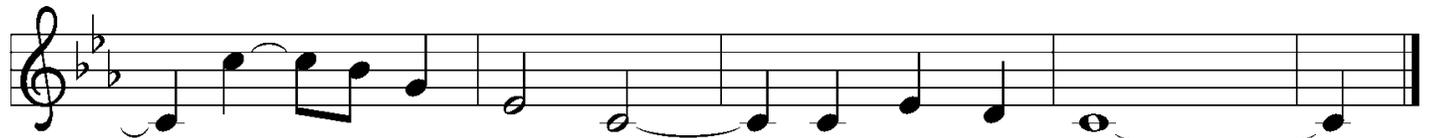
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL: John 13:1–17, 31b–35**

Reader: The holy gospel according to St. John.

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

<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 put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. 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 the table, 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 returned to the table, 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, servants 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."

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **REFLECTION ON MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*Please stand as you are able*

## HYMN OF THE DAY – Where Charity and Love Prevail (ELW 359)



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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*The assembly may be seated.*

## FOOTWASHING

Asst: On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

You are invited to come forward at this time, to allow us to show our love and service to you, by washing your feet.

Yes, it is a strange and awkward thing to do, but it is also a profoundly beautiful moment of connection. So please, come.

Participants are invited to come forward, sit, and be served in the washing of their feet.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (repeat after prayers)



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
*OR The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.  
*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

Asst: Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation,  
and all who are in need.

.... God of grace,

All: **receive our prayer.**

Pastor: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your  
love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

All: **receive our prayer.**

## PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

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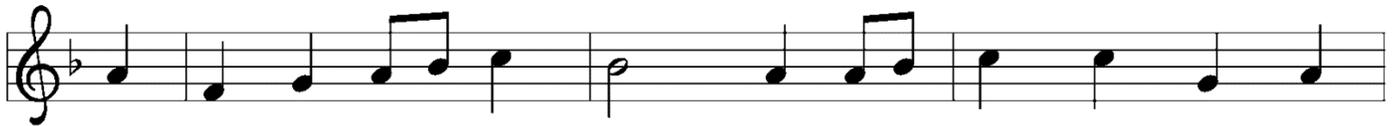
## OFFERING

“All the Room Was Hushed and Still”

Graham Kendrick

Ryan Thompson, soloist

## OFFERING RESPONSE “O Bread of life from Heaven” (ELW 480 - verse 2)



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.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Asst: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

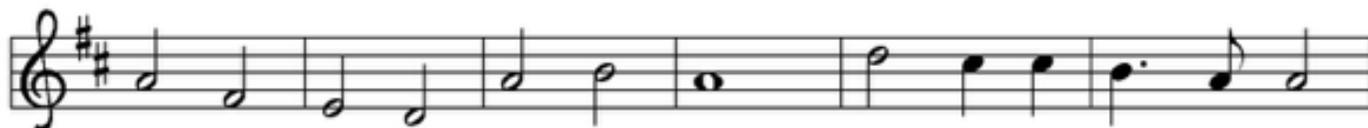
## PREFACE

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, Our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

# LAMB OF GOD: Your Only Son (ELW 336)



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION SONG: Make Me a Servant (W&P 96)

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be: Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day." The guitar chords are: F, Dm7, Gm7, C7, Gm7, Bb/C, C7, Bb/F, F, Fsus4, F, A, Dm, Dm/C, G2/B, Bbm6, F/A, Gm7, F/A, Gm7, F/C, C7sus, F2.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### COMMUNION

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pastor: Let us Pray.

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.

All: **Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The service concludes with the stripping of the altar, as Christ's body was stripped before his crucifixion. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space while we meditate on Psalm 88, and the church's sorrow over Christ's death.*

## PSALM 88 – Read by Deacon Kim O’Brien

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence,  
<sup>2</sup>let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry.  
<sup>3</sup>For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.  
<sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; I am like those who have no help,  
<sup>5</sup>like those forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave,  
like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.  
<sup>6</sup>You have put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep.  
<sup>7</sup>Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

<sup>8</sup>You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a thing of horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape;  
<sup>9</sup>my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call on you, O LORD; I spread out my hands to you.  
<sup>10</sup>Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise you?

<sup>11</sup>Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon?  
<sup>12</sup>Are your wonders known in the darkness, or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?  
<sup>13</sup>But I, O LORD, cry out to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you.  
<sup>14</sup>O LORD, why do you cast me off? Why do you hide your face from me?  
<sup>15</sup>Wretched and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.  
<sup>16</sup>Your wrath has swept over me; your dread assaults destroy me.  
<sup>17</sup>They surround me like a flood all day long; from all sides they close in on me.  
<sup>18</sup>You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me; my companions are in darkness.

*All depart in silence.*

*Our worship continues tomorrow evening, for Good Friday.*

## **FAITH VOLUNTEERS**

### **4/17 Maundy Thursday**

Usher(s): Mike Eschelbach/John Backman

Reader: Kara Floyd

Lay Assistant: Kim O'Brien

### **4/18 Good Friday**

Usher(s): Randy Royalty

Reader: Elaine Harrison

Lay Assistant: Mike Eschelbach

### **4/20 Easter**

Greeter(s): Ken & Ellen Milne

Usher(s): Mark & Gwynne Kadrofske

Reader: Ryan Thompson

Lay Assistant: Mike Eschelbach

Sunday School: No Class

Altar Care: Brenda Kopf

Counter(s): Kathy Mace/Linda Hirt

Acolyte: Abby Steinke



**Friday, April 18**

Good Friday Worship Service @7pm

**Sunday, April 20**

Easter Breakfast Potluck @8:45am

Easter Sunday Worship Service @10am