



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday



Welcome! We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as “a joyful dialogue with God.” God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this “joyful dialogue” today!

Restrooms – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

Parent’s Room – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However, there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

Assistance Getting Around – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

Offering Message – The offerings gathered this morning supports the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give but certainly may if you wish.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or other congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

Explanation of the theme of the day: On Thursday of Holy Week, Jesus began to execute the terms of the New Covenant. This New Covenant replaced an old one and was fundamentally different from it every way. While the Old Covenant was more like a contract, the New Covenant is more like a will. The old offers rewards in return for work; the new makes unconditional and lasting promises. The old will always leave us starving in our relationship with God; the new satisfies the deepest hunger of our soul.

This is precisely why Jesus connected this new covenant with a special meal. To an uninformed outsider, the Lord’s Supper looks like a poor snack—a bite of bread and sip of wine. But the followers of Christ understand that this holy food provides all the blessings of the new covenant.

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 17, 2025

OPENING HYMN (CWS 717)

When You Woke that Thursday Morning

(Sung to the tune of CW 108: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary)

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.

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 creatures, one last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher, washing your disciples' feet.

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."

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.

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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REMAIN SEATED

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

M: In the Lenten season we hear again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We also hear our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. We should not doubt this absolution, but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

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.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in the new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father,

I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.

In what I have done and left undone,

I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.

I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.

For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C: Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent His Son to die for all. For His sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to His marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

EXHORTATION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

M and C: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 10:15-25

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies in Scripture to us, for first he said:

*¹⁶ This is the covenant I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord.
I will put my laws on their hearts
and I will write them on their mind.*

¹⁷ Then he adds:

And I will not remember their sins and their lawlessness any longer.

¹⁸ Now where these sins are forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

¹⁹ Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus. ²⁰ It is a new and living way he opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh. ²¹ We also have a great priest over the house of God. ²² So let us approach with a sincere heart, in the full confidence of faith, because our hearts have been sprinkled to take away a bad conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

²⁴ Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. ²⁵ Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day^[e] approaching.

CHOIR ANTHEM

If You Love Me

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 22:7-20

⁷ *The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it.”*

⁹ *They said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare it?”*

¹⁰ *He told them, “Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. ¹¹ Tell the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” ¹² He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there.” ¹³ They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.*

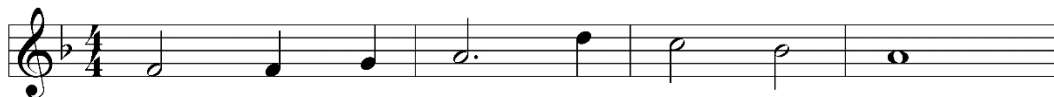
¹⁴ *When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. ¹⁵ He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”*

¹⁷ *He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸ for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”*

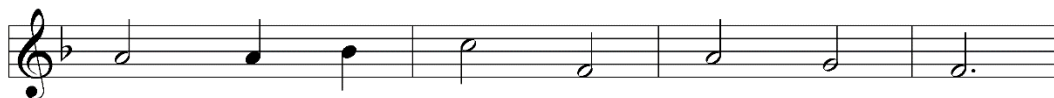
¹⁹ *He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰ In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.*

HYMN (CW 136)

'Twas on the Dark, that Doleful Night



1 'Twas on that dark, that dole - ful night
 2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan,
 3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin;
 4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end,
 5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate;



When pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose
 He took the bread and blessed and broke.
 Re - ceive and eat the liv - ing food."
 In mem - 'ry of your dy - ing friend;
 We show your death; we sing your name



A - gainst the Son, our God's de - light,
 What love through all his ac - tions ran!
 Then took the cup and blessed the wine:
 Meet at my ta - ble and re - cord
 Till you re - turn and we shall eat



And friends be - trayed him to his foes.
 What won - drous words of grace he spoke!
 "'Tis the new cov - 'nant in my blood."
 The love of your de - part - ed Lord."
 The mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. CROSS (LM) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

*31 Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah.*

*32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,
when I took them by the hand
and led them out of the land of Egypt.
They broke that covenant of mine,
although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.*

*33 But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel
after those days,
declares the LORD.*

*I will put my law in their minds,
and I will write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.*

*34 No longer will each one teach his neighbor,
or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD,"
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD,
for I will forgive their guilt,
and I will remember their sins no more.*

The New Covenant

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

*While the offering is being gathered,
please sign and pass the Friendship Register.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

C: We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.

M: For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

C: We give you humble and hearty thanks.

M: As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,

C: We also give you thanks.

M: Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.

C: We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,

C: But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.

M: O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

C: Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Lord, Is It I?

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



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



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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

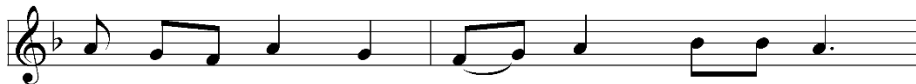
C: Amen. (spoken)

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

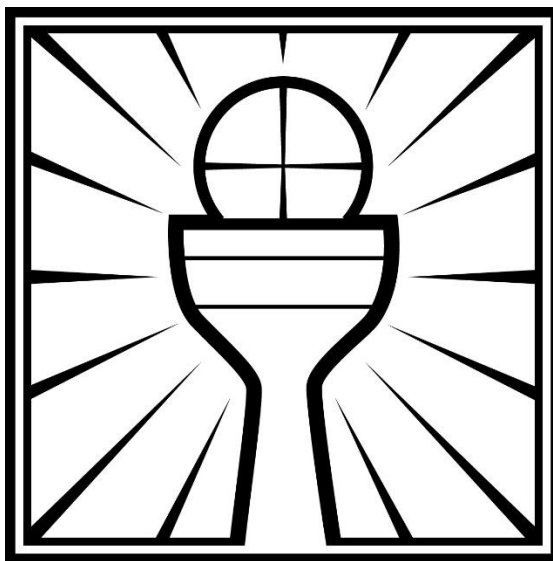


grant us your peace. A - - - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to our pastor. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.





1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with his own blood The judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this
 5 A pre - cious food is this in - deed— It nev - er



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; He full a - tone - ment
 sol - emn guar - an - tee; In this his ho - ly
 sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,
 fails us in our need— A heav'n - ly man - na



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 for us made, And all our debt he ful - ly paid.
 sup - per here We taste his love, so sweet, so near.
 as he said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.
 for our soul Un - til we safe - ly reach our goal.

6 Oh, blest is each believing guest
 Who in this promise finds his rest,
 For Jesus will in love abide
 With those who do in him confide.

7 The guest that comes with true intent
 To turn to God and to repent,
 To live for Christ, to die to sin,
 Will thus a holy life begin.

8 They who his Word do not believe
 This food unworthily receive,
 Salvation here will never find—
 May we this warning keep in mind!

9 Help us sincerely to believe
 That we may worthily receive
 Your supper and in you find rest.
 Amen! They who believe are blest.

Text: Haquin Spiegel, 1645–1714, abr.; tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.

Tune: GOTTLÖB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE (LM) Wagner, *Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien*, 1742, alt.

THANKSGIVING

STAND



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (spoken)

*Following the distribution prayer, the service continues
with the Stripping of the Altar.*

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The stripping of the altar symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by His disciples and prepares the sanctuary for the austerity of Good Friday. During the Stripping of the Altar, the congregation sings Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (CW 268). After the stripping of the altar, there is the reading of Psalm 88 – a psalm of Jesus' abandonment.

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Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Agnus Dei

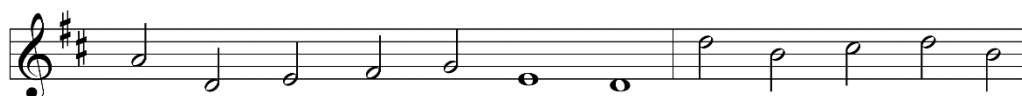


Stanzas 1, 2, 3

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross did



suf - fer, Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly,



Your - self to scorn did of - fer. All sins you car - ried



for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



1 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!
2 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!
3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus!

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546; tr. composite.

Tune: O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG (77 77 778) Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546.

PSALM 88

- ¹ *LORD, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you.*
² *May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.*
³ *I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death.*
⁴ *I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I am like one without strength.*
⁵ *I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care.*
⁶ *You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths.*
⁷ *Your wrath lies heavily on me;
you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.*
⁸ *You have taken from me my closest friends
and have made me repulsive to them.
I am confined and cannot escape;*
⁹ *my eyes are dim with grief. I call to you, LORD, every day;
I spread out my hands to you.*
¹⁰ *Do you show your wonders to the dead?
Do their spirits rise up and praise you?*
¹¹ *Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in Destruction?*
¹² *Are your wonders known in the place of darkness,
or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?*
¹³ *But I cry to you for help, LORD;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.*
¹⁴ *Why, LORD, do you reject me and hide your face from me?*
¹⁵ *From my youth I have suffered and been close to death;
I have borne your terrors and am in despair.*
¹⁶ *Your wrath has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me.*
¹⁷ *All day long they surround me like a flood;
they have completely engulfed me.*
¹⁸ *You have taken from me friend and neighbor—
darkness is my closest friend.*

No benediction is spoken to end the service.

The minister exits the chancel.
Each worshipper may remain for prayer and meditation
before dispersing quietly.



Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Maundy Thursday Worship

Serving us tonight:

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Choir Director: Elaine Wilson
- Councilman/Elder: TBD
- Ushers: Mike Wilson and Ken Krey
- Altar Guild: Kristin Huebner
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

Please join us after the service this evening to fill Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Good Friday – April 18

1:00 pm

6:30 pm

Easter Sunday – April 20

8:00 am

10:30 am

(Easter Breakfast served between services at 9:15 am)



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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



*Tonight's service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament.
Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.*