



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 17, 2025 7:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Faribault, MN

THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO SERVES AND FEEDS US

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” LSB 445, sts. 1-5

Please stand

INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 124:8*

P. I will go to the altar of God,
C. to God my exceeding joy.

P. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C. who made heaven and earth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Joel 2:13

P. During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving one another.

By God’s Word, during these forty days we have been reminded that the true repentance, faith, and love required of us is and can only be the product of God’s own action on our behalf. In Jesus we have seen the very hand of God working to save us by serving us. He is the Hand of the Lord who freely gives Himself in love for us, the Hand of the Lord who created us, and the Hand of the Lord who casts out demons, who heals the sick, who raises the dead, and who holds all things together as the mighty Savior, who reigns over all.

This night we gather at the Lord’s invitation to complete our Lenten discipline by examining ourselves, receiving Holy Absolution of all our sins, and by means of the Sacrament of the Altar, being made actual participants in the body and blood of Christ, the precious price of our salvation.

- P. Whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing the Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C. Amen.

- P. Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

- P. O almighty God, merciful Father,

C. 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.

- P. 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.

Please sit

+ WORD +

SALUTATION

- P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P. Let us pray. O Lord, in this Sacrament You graciously come to us as both host and meal.

C. Grant that Your precious body and blood will so strengthen us that in our thinking, speaking, and acting we may show forth the covenant of Your grace in which we live; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 12:1–14*

L. The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the twelfth chapter.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.

³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household.

⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.

⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then 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. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner

parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover.

¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 11:23–32*

L. The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the eleventh chapter.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is My body which is for you. Do

this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”
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²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks

judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL *John 13:1–17, 31b–35*

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C. Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. ⁵Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."

⁸Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with Me." ⁹Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For He knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" ¹³You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

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¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. . . .

^{31b} “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. ³²If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You

will seek Me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C. Praise to You, O Christ.

Please sit

HYMN “O Lord, We Praise Thee” LSB 617, sts. 1-3

SERMON “THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO SERVES AND FEEDS US”

The Rev. Peter Gueldner

Please stand

NICENE CREED

**C. I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

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**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P. Almighty God, as we conclude these holy forty days of Lent and enter the three days of our Lord's Passion, death, and rest in the tomb, we give You thanks that You have shown Him to be for us Your very hand of our creation and life; our victorious Lord over the adversary Satan and his hordes; our Great Physician, who heals our diseases; our Lord of Life, who raises us from death; and our all-powerful Lord in whom all things hold together whether on earth or in heaven. Tonight, as He demonstrated His love at His Last Supper, make us to be servants of love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P. Defend Your whole church throughout the world, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen all pastors to rightly preach and administer Your Sacraments. Sanctify Your faithful people, making them perfect in faith, love, and in all good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P. Bless the missions of Your church, the newly established congregations, and those that reach out across the world with the light of Your truth and witness to Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P. Preserve our nation in justice and honor, that we may lead a peaceable life in all honesty and integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear offices of the authority of government in our land and help them to serve all people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P. By Your Word and Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [*especially* . . .]. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Please sit

OFFERING "How Beautiful" Trinity Choir

Please stand

+ SERVICE OF THE 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.

COME TO THE TABLE

Leader: v. 1: On the night He was betrayed, He took the bread,
After giving thanks He broke it and said:
This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me,
This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember me.

P. Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Leader: v. 2: On the night He was betrayed, He took the cup,
After giving thanks He lifted it up:
This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.
This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.

P. Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Choir & Congregation:

**So we thank You for the wine and for the bread,
For we see the life You gave and the blood You shed,
And we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body You shed Your blood.
And we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body You shed Your blood.
Yes, we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body You shed Your blood,
Yes, we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body You shed Your blood,**

P. Welcome to the Lord's Table.

C. Amen

Please sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

"My Song Is Love Unknown" LSB 430, sts. 1-7

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread" LSB 625, sts. 1-4

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

C. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P. Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

P. After the institution of the Lord's Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution. Jesus' offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Mystery.

C. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

(Remove Communion vessels)

P. The cross is the place where Jesus took our punishment to give us the gift of heaven.

C. When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

P. This statement was fulfilled on the cross, which is now removed.

(Remove the processional cross)

P. The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God.

C. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard.

P. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, so we remove the missal stand and its book.

(Missal stand and altar book are removed)

P. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (*John 8:12*)

C. The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world.

P. As creation was dark when He suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

(All candles are extinguished and removed)

P. Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form.

C. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

(Offerings are removed)

P. The altar is the place where our Lord Jesus serves us as both Host and Meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and threads, materials appropriate for feasting with our King.

C. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

(The altar cloths and paraments are removed.)

The cloth is pulled from the cross.

After the altar has been stripped, the pastors will leave the chancel.

The congregation is asked to depart in silence.

HOLY WEEK CONTINUES...

✝ **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE—April 18, 7:00 p.m.:**
(live streamed and KDHL 920AM)

✝ **EASTER VIGIL Remembrance of Baptism—April 19**
5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion

✝ **EASTER SUNDAY—April 20**
8:00 a.m. - Festival Service with Holy Communion
(live streamed and KDHL 920AM)

✝ **EASTER SUNDAY—April 20**
10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
(live streamed)

EASTER BREKFAST:
9-11 a.m. in the Trinity gym.

EASTER EGG / SCAVENGER HUNT: 10:00 a.m.