



# MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 2, 2026 7:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
Faribault, MN

## WELCOME, CANDLES ARE LIT, ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "When You Woke That Thursday Morning" *LSB* 445, sts. 1-5

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen**

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

**People: to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In this Great and Holy Week, tonight we enter the Three Holy Days, of our Lord's Passion. We begin where the Lord and His first disciples began, celebrating the fulfillment of the Old Testament Passover with the institution of the Sacrament of the body and blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. It is well that we complete our Lenten discipline this night by examining ourselves, confessing our sins, and receiving forgiveness in Holy Absolution. Therefore, let us implore God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: 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.**

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

People: **Yes.**

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe.

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.

People: **Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray together:

**All: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament, we remember your suffering and death. You are the holy Son of God and we are poor sinful creatures. How can we even begin to thank You for this great gift of our forgiveness and salvation? Grant that as we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we may receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood in true faith. Thru this holy meal, we receive forgiveness, renewed faith and the promise of life eternal with You. Help us to share the gift of Your salvation with all around us. We pray this in Your name 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* (The Passover)**

L: The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the twelfth chapter, verses 1-14.

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

<sup>3</sup>Tell 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.

<sup>4</sup>And 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.

<sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from

the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and 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.

<sup>7</sup>"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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

*(continued...)*

<sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In 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. <sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>The 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.

<sup>14</sup>"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** (The Lord's Supper)

L: The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the eleventh chapter, verses 23-32.

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>25</sup>In 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."

<sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever, 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. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But 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.**

**HOLY GOSPEL *John 13:1-17, 34***

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now 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. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <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 back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <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 wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "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."

<sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>When 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?"

<sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

<sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior" *LSB* 619, sts. 1-3

**SERMON** "CLEANING UP" (St. John 13) **Author:** Kenneth Rogahl

*The Rev. Scott Strohkirch*

**CREED** *Nicene Creed* (See inside back cover of hymnal or screens)

**OFFERING** "Is It I, Lord?" *Trinity Choir*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, You are our Lord and we have become Your disciples in Baptism, Your brothers and sisters. As on that holy night when You entered into the final days of Your Passion, You suffered betrayal at the hand of one of Your own chosen disciples, and so do we number ourselves still struggling with sin and the temptation of going our own way. But we know that You forgave Your servant Simon Peter, and we have heard Your Word of forgiveness to us this night. Make us faithful to Your calling that we may continually worship You in spirit and in truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: On this night You took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it now to be Your body given for us and our salvation. Continue to give us this sacred bread that You may live in us as we live in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In the same way also You took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it now to be the new testament in Your blood, shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Make us drink deeply of Your great love that we may love You in return and serve as ambassadors of Your love for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: When You commanded Your disciples, saying, "Do this in remembrance of Me," You were promising not just good memories of the past but You promised Your very presence with every believer. Thank You for Your good and perfect gifts of mercy and grace through Your eternal Word and Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy upon us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As Your people of old were commanded to keep the Passover as a feast to the Lord throughout their generations, as a statute forever, so has Christ become our Passover who endured the wrath and death of sin for us and the whole world by the sacrifice of His own body and blood on the cross of Calvary, opening the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Grant us to keep the feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

### AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

☐ 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.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**“What Is This Bread”**      *LSB 629, sts. 1-5*

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

**POST COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

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

**People:**      **Amen**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:**      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.

**People:**      **Amen.**

**THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

**Pastor:**      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.

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

(Remove Communion vessels)

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

**People:**      **When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”**

**Pastor:**      This statement was fulfilled on the cross, which is now removed.

(Remove the processional cross)

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

**People:**      **As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard.**

Pastor: 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)

Pastor: 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*)

**People: The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world.**

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

(All candles are extinguished and removed)

Pastor: 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.

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

(Offerings are removed)

Pastor: 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.

**People: 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 pastor will leave the chancel.)

(Our service does not include a closing and benediction. The remembrance of our Lord's passion, death and His resurrection will not conclude until we meet to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection on Easter.)

(The congregation is asked to depart in silence.)

The service will continue on Good Friday.)

**\* \* \* TO GOD BE THE GLORY \* \* \***