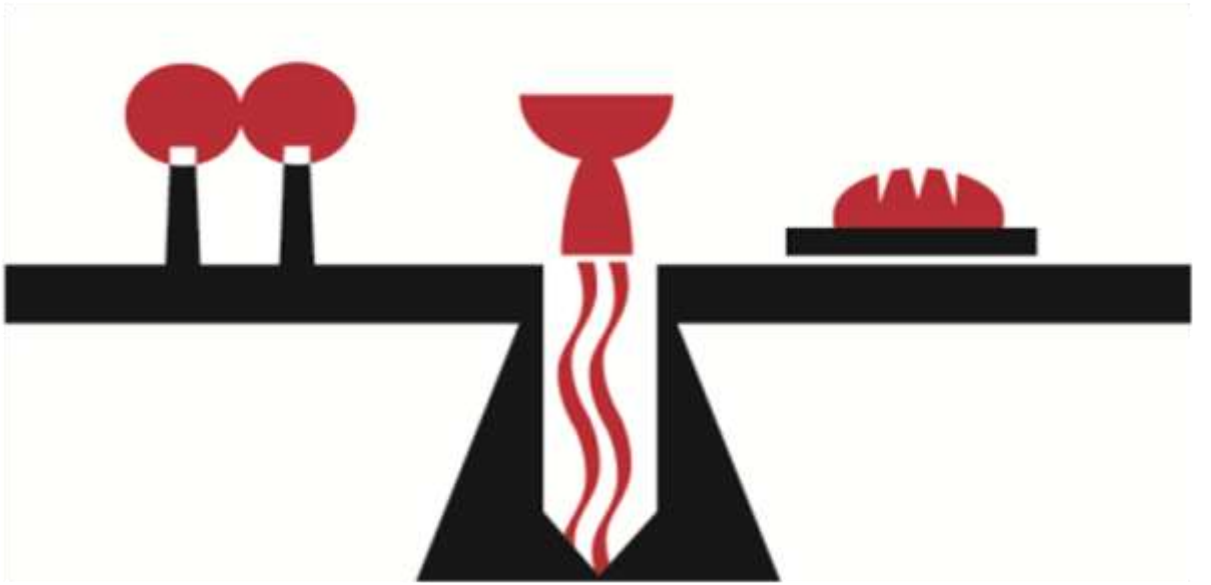
Maundy Thursday

2 April 2026



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HOLY COMMUNION-A Lutheran Mass

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: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.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P:Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we have made ourselves 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.

P: 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.
C: Amen.

Hymn # 358: ***Great God, Your Love Has Called Us***

* Greeting

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

C:And also with you.

*** Kyrie:** ***Lord Have Mercy***

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

1st Reading: *Exodus 12:1-14*

L: A reading from Exodus …
The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

[1]I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice,
and my pleas for mercy,
[2]**because he inclined his ear to me**
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
[12]What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?
[13]**I will lift the cup of salvation**
and call on the name of the LORD.
[14]I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
[15]**Precious in the sight of theLORD,**
is the death of his saints.
[16]O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
[17]**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving**
and call on the name of the LORD.
[18]I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
[19]**in the courts of the house of the LORD,**
in your midst, O Jerusalem. ***[ESV]***

2nd Reading: *I Corinthians 11:23-26*

L: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians…
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

C: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

* Gospel: *John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

P: The holy Gospel according to John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: … The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation

* Hymn # 359: *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

* Nicene Creed

P: With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through whom all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

L: In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves,
our neighbors, and our world.

A brief silence.

L: … Hear us, O God,
C: Your mercy is great

P: We pray to you, O God, in the name of the one who endured the cross, forgives our sin, and feeds us at his table, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

The people share the peace with one another.

Responses

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times … We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

P:Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord…
All glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

Agnus Dei: *Lamb of God*

Distribution

P: The body of Christ, given for you.
A:The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The people eat and drink.

P: 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.

C:Amen.

Hymn # 347:*Go to Dark Gethsemane* - verses 1-3

Stripping of the Altar

The chancel is cleared as Psalm 22 is read.

All depart in silence.

Good Friday service is at 7:00 PM, 3 April at Good Shepherd

Easter Sunrise Service is at 7:00 AM, 5 April at Good Shepherd

Easter Communion Service is at 9:30 AM, 5April at Good Shepherd

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