

# Maundy Thursday

## “The Feast of Love”

April 6, 2023  
7:00 PM

### As We Gather

*“This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”*

Today we celebrate and commemorate the covenant meal which Jesus has given to us, His Church: *“Do this in memory of Me.”* This meal celebrates, illustrates, and incarnates our covenant oneness with Christ. It confirms us in our identity and empowers us for the kingdom work to which Christ sends us. May the reality that we celebrate tonight shape our lives each day!

The service concludes with the “stripping of the altar,” the removal of all items and ornamentation from the chancel, representing the humbling and persecution of Christ after His arrest.

The following young people will be making their first Communion. We rejoice with them and their families at this occasion:

Kaia Blackwood  
Carson Dahl  
Riann Engelbracht

Sophia Frey  
Liam Johnson  
Evan Lewis

Dugan Perotti-Kline  
Elora Stepp  
Kimberly Uffmann

### + Gathering +

#### Opening Hymn

#### “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” LSB 435

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.

2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.

4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

#### Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Prayer

- P: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.
- C: **Amen.**

## Confession

- P: Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we examine ourselves, as St. Paul instructs us to do, for this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

## Psalm 51:1-12

- P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
- C: **Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**
- P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
- C: **Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge.**
- P: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
- C: **Yet You desired faithfulness even in the womb; You taught me wisdom in that secret place.**
- P: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- C: **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice.**
- P: Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
- C: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
- P: Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.
- C: **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

## Absolution

- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

**Hymn****“O Lord, We Praise Thee”****LSB 617**

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and  
adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst  
nourish

Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!

2. Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind  
us;

May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy.

3. May God bestow on us His grace and  
favor

That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**Old Testament Reading Exodus 12:1-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup>If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup>The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup>Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup>Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup>That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. <sup>10</sup>Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

<sup>12</sup>“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-32**

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night 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, after supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

<sup>27</sup> So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. <sup>29</sup> For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. <sup>30</sup> That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup> But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. <sup>32</sup> Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

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

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for Him to leave 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 evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped 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 replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

<sup>8</sup> “No,” said Peter, “You shall never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me.”

<sup>9</sup> “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” <sup>11</sup> For He knew who was going to betray Him, and that was why He said not every one was clean.

<sup>12</sup>When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” He asked them. <sup>13</sup>“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

When He was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in Him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in Him, God will glorify the Son in Himself, and will glorify Him at once.

<sup>33</sup>“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for Me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup>“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to You O Christ!**

### **Nicene Creed**

**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. 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.**

### **Hymn “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” (LSB 445)**

1 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.

2 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 creature,  
One last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher,  
Washing Your disciples’ feet.

3 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."

4 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.

5 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.

### **Sermon**

### ***"The Feast of Love"***

### **Prayer of the Church**

*After each prayer*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,  
People: **Hear our prayer.**

### **Offering**

### **Musical Offering**

*"Bread & Wine, Wine & Bread"*  
*By John Carter and Mary Kay Beall*

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Cello: Erika Boudreaux*

Bread and wine, wine and bread...  
Simple things, as Jesus said.  
Wine and bread, bread and wine...  
Simple things, and yet, divine.

Break this bread.  
When you do,  
Think of one who first loved you.  
Break this bread.  
Hear Him say,  
"For your sins I died today."

Drink this wine.  
When you do,  
Think of one who first loved you.  
Drink this wine,  
Taste His pain.  
Heaven's loss, a sinner's gain.

Bread and wine, wine and bread...  
Simple things, as Jesus said.  
Wine and bread, bread and wine...  
Simple things, such simple things...  
Simple things, and yet, divine.

**+ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**Preface**

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.**

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

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink his body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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

**People: 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.**

**The Words of Institution**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

**People: Amen.**

## Communion

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

People: **Amen.** *(Take and eat)*

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

People: **Amen.**  
*(Take and drink)*

## Communion Hymn

### “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” LSB 636

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight’s splendor,  
There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev’rence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
That I never more will leave You.

3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ’s true body for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.

4 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ’s own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding.  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living.  
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love’s treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav’n receive me.



### **Communion Blessing**

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

**People:** Amen.

### **Prayer**

### **The Stripping of the Altar**

The vessels, candles, linens, and paraments are removed from the altar, which is symbolic of the humiliation Christ experienced by the stripping of His garments prior to His crucifixion.

### **Psalm 22 Printed in the handout but not on the screen**

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,  
so far from my cries of anguish?

<sup>2</sup> My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,  
by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;  
you are the one Israel praises.

<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors put their trust;  
they trusted and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried out and were saved;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me;  
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

<sup>8</sup> "He trusts in the LORD," they say,  
"let the LORD rescue him.

Let him deliver him,  
since he delights in him."

<sup>9</sup> Yet you brought me out of the womb;  
you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup> From birth I was cast on you;  
from my mother's womb you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup> Many bulls surround me;  
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

<sup>13</sup> Roaring lions that tear their prey  
open their mouths wide against me.

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint.  
My heart has turned to wax;  
it has melted within me.

<sup>15</sup> My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup> Dogs surround me,  
a pack of villains encircles me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.

<sup>17</sup> All my bones are on display;  
people stare and gloat over me.

<sup>18</sup> They divide my clothes among them  
and cast lots for my garment.

<sup>19</sup> But you, LORD, do not be far from me.  
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

<sup>20</sup> Deliver me from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dogs.

<sup>21</sup> Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;  
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

<sup>22</sup> I will declare your name to my people;  
in the assembly I will praise you.

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!  
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or scorned  
the suffering of the afflicted one;  
he has not hidden his face from him  
but has listened to his cry for help.

<sup>25</sup> From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;  
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

<sup>26</sup> The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the LORD will praise him—  
may your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth  
will remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
will bow down before him,

<sup>28</sup> for dominion belongs to the LORD  
and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup> All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;  
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—

those who cannot keep themselves alive.

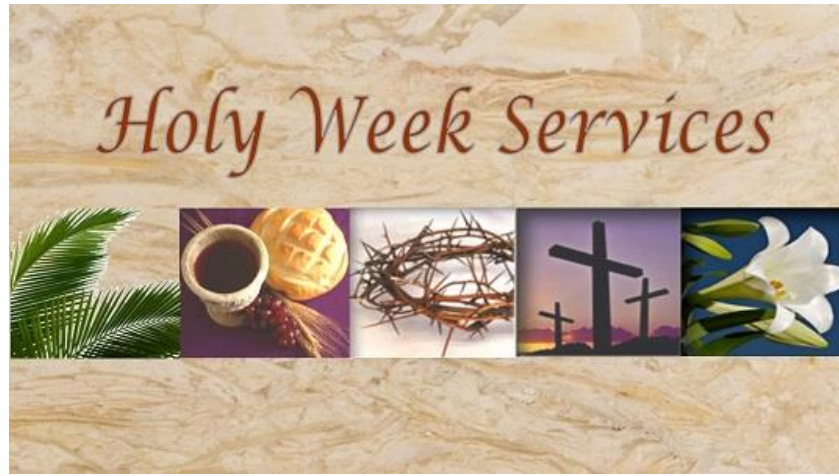
<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord.

<sup>31</sup> They will proclaim his righteousness,  
declaring to a people yet unborn:  
He has done it!

*At the conclusion of the stripping of the altar, please leave the church in silence.*

### Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Michael A. Schmid
Lay Reader	Anne Heine
Communion Assistants	Anne Heine, Bob & Kari Perna, Rebecca Vitkus
Organist	Erin Blackwood
Cello	Erika Boudreaux
Sound Technician	Tyler Koen
Streaming Technician	Joshua Wright
Worship Preparation Team	Betsy Gewirz, Bob & Doris Klein
Ushers	Clint & Bev Holdsworth
Projection Technician	Dawn Wahlers



April 7	Good Friday	7:00 PM
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