

For I received from the Lord Himself, that on...
the night when He was treacherously delivered up and
while His betrayal was in progress he **took bread,**
and when He had given thanks, **He broke it and said,**
"Take, eat. This is My body, which is broken for you.

Do this to call Me affectionately to
remembrance."... when supper was ended,

He took **the cup** also, saying,

**"This cup is the new covenant,
ratified and established,
in My blood.**

Do this, as
often as you
drink it, to
call Me
affectionately
to remembrance."

For every time you
eat this bread and drink this cup,
you are representing and signifying
and proclaiming the fact of **what the**
Lord's death accomplished until He comes again.



Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. We gather here as the living body of Jesus Christ to be nourished and empowered by the Holy Spirit in what we call the “Means of Grace” — God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament. Through these Means of Grace, we receive the promise of the Gospel: that in the Spirit of Christ God forgives us, remakes us, and reigns in us. May the Lord bless your worship today!

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 2, 2026

Maundy (from the Latin “mandatum,” meaning “mandate” or “command”) Thursday is an evening when we experience Jesus, in the hours before his death, giving shape to the Christian life. On this evening, we remember and celebrate:

- *Jesus’ new commandment to his disciples that they self-sacrificially love one another, demonstrated in the washing of feet*
- *Jesus’ celebration of God’s deliverance from death and slavery in Passover, re-imagined as a new covenant meal based on the rescue he is about to complete in the shedding of his blood*
- *Jesus’ walk toward betrayal and death, signified by the stripping of the altar to prepare for our stark experience of the emptiness of the crucifixion.*

Stand

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and enter these days of remembrance and celebration reconciled to God and one another.

C Amen.

P “Whoever would be great among you must be your servant,
C and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,
P even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
C and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:26-28)
P “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ
Jesus,

C who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality
with God a thing to be grasped,

P but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born
in the likeness of men.

C And being found in human form, he humbled himself by
becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”
(Philippians 2:5-8)

P Gracious God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world of
sin in order to free us from the power of sin and death. He came as a
servant and called us to respond to his love by loving and serving one
another as he loved and served us. Yet we know that we have not
loved you or others as we have been loved by you, and we have not
served you or others as we have been served by our Lord. Hear us as
we confess our lack of love and service.

*A time of silence is observed for personal self-examination and
confession.*

P Almighty God,

C We confess to you that we have not kept the commandment
that you have given us. We have put ourselves first. We have not
looked out for the welfare of our neighbor. We have become our
own gods and neglected to wash the feet of our brothers and
sisters for whom you have died. For the sake of our Lord Jesus
Christ who chose us and gave his life for us, forgive our sins and
renew us in your name.

P Our Lord Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled; Trust in
God, trust also in me." He was given all authority in heaven and on
earth because of his suffering and death for us. His promise is true. 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.

P Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your while spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let your heart be troubled no more. Trust that what God has promised is true for you.

C Amen.

Sit

Holy Gospel

John 13:1–17

¹It 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.

²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.

¹²When 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. ¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. A new

command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

A This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Foot Washing

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, on the night when our Lord Jesus was betrayed he set a powerful example of his servant love when he knelt and washed his disciples' feet. Jesus insisted that his disciples should not seek after glory and authority by force or power but by humble service. Remembering that no servant is greater than his master, we gather to have our feet washed so that we might go into the world to wash the feet of others. The water that washes our feet reminds us of the baptismal water that brought us into a new life of love and service. Our Lord Jesus said, “a new commandment I give unto you:

C Love one another as I have loved you.”

Jesus, Greatest at the Table

LSB 446

- 1 **Jesus, greatest at the table,
The almighty Son of Man,
Laid aside his outer clothing,
Poured some water in a pan;
As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence,
He the servant's task began.**
- 2 **Marvel how their Lord and teacher
Gently taught them not to vie
As He humbly knelt before them,
Dusty feet to wash and dry,
By his tender touch expressing
True compassion from on high.**
- 3 **Jesus took the role of servant
When upon that gruesome span,
For all human sin he suffered
As a vile and loathsome man;
On the cross poured out like water
To fulfill the Father's plan.**

**4 Can we fathom such deep mercy?
Do we see what God has done?
Who can grasp this great reversal:
Love that gives his only Son?
Christ, the sinless for the sinners,
For the many dies the One.**

**5 Jesus gave to his disciples
A commandment that was new:
“Show My love to one another,
Do as I have done for you;
All the world will know you love Me
As you love each other too.”**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

LSB 980

Refrain

*Jesu, Jesu,
Fill us with Your love,
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from You.*

**1 Kneels at the feet of His friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who pours out Himself for them.**

Refrain

**2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
Varied in color and race;
Neighbors are nearby and far away.**

Refrain

**3 These are the ones we will serve;
These are the ones we will love;
All these are neighbors to us and You.**

Refrain

**4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Silently washing their feet:
This is the way we will live with You.**

Refrain

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB 857

**1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.**

**2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood;
In lowliness You died.**

**3 No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You
And live by Your commands.**

**4 You bid us bend our human pride
Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task
That waits the gift of love.**

**5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.**

Prayer for Christ's Servants

¶ O Lord, we give you thanks that just as you cleansed your disciples through the washing of feet, so you have cleansed us by shedding your holy and precious blood on our behalf. Grant that as we receive your gifts of service and are nourished by them we might be empowered to be servants to one another. In the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 53:12

(Brenton's Septuagint Translation)

"Therefore, he shall inherit many, and he shall divide the spoils of the mighty; because his soul was delivered to death: and he was numbered among the transgressors; and he bore the sins of many, and was delivered because of their iniquities."

Reading

Mark 9:30-32

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

Reading

Romans 4:25

²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Reading

Romans 8:31-32

(NASB)

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 13:18-30

¹⁸ “I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: ‘He who shared my bread has turned against me.’

¹⁹ “I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am. ²⁰ Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me.”

²¹ After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, “Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me.”

²² His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. ²³ One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. ²⁴ Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, “Ask him which one he means.”

²⁵ Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do quickly.”²⁸ But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him.²⁹ Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor.³⁰ As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, **O** Christ.

Sit

Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

(NIRV)

²³ I passed on to you what I received from the Lord. On the night the Lord Jesus was handed over to his enemies, he took bread.²⁴ When he had given thanks, he broke it. He said, “This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, do it in memory of me.”²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup. He said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do it in memory of me.”²⁶ You eat the bread and drink the cup. When you do this, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.

When You Woke That Thursday Morning

LSB 445

(tune of 848)

- 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.**

- 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.**

Homily

Communion Liturgy

P “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,

C “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

P Not like the covenant that I made with their ancestors on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt –

C **My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” declares the LORD. (*Jeremiah 31:31-32*)**

P “I will make a covenant of peace with them;

C **It will be an everlasting covenant.” (*Ezekiel 37:26*)**

P Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year,

C **And never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. (*Hebrews 9:1,7*)**

P When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation.

C **He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves, but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.**

P The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.

C **How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!**

P For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised inheritance –

C -- now that he has died as a ransom, to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. (*Hebrews 9:11-15*)

P “As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
9:11)

P Having loved his own who were in the world,

C He now showed them the full extent of his love.” (*John 13:1*)

P For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:

C The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

P “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

C In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying,

P “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,

C We proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. (*I Cor. 11:23-26*)

P This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you,

C In accordance with all these words. (*Exodus 24:8*)

Distribution

We believe that as we partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, Jesus the Messiah is feeding us with his own true body and blood. In eating his body and drinking his blood we receive the promise that our sins are forgiven, and that we will therefore live eternally with God. We also believe that this eating and drinking is a confession of our faith. If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and if you share our understanding of Christ's Real Presence in this meal, you are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood for your benefit. If you do not confess the understanding of the Christian Faith as expressed by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, you may still come to the altar to receive a blessing. Please fold your hands to indicate that you will not be receiving the sacrament.

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

**1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.**

- 2 He who his saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love you bless us now.

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

- 1 What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna is given.
- 2 What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given.
- 3 What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
the Son of God is given.

What Wonderful Love Is This

LSB 543

- 1 **What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

- 2 **When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

- 3 **To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

- 4 **And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing his love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.**

When I Behold Jesus Christ

LSB 542

- 1 **When I behold Jesus Christ,
True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love
As He hung on the tree.**

Refrain

Refrain

What kind of love is this?

What kind of love is this?

***You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.***

*What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.*

2 For me You gave all Your love,
For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can
Your selflessness explain.

Refrain

3 You had no sin, holy Lord,
But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all
My sins You bled and died.

Refrain

4 What love is this? Greater love
No one has ever known.
My life with God— this I owe
To You, and You alone.

Refrain

Dismissal

Stripping of the Altar

Reading

*Matthew 26:20-25,30
(NIRV)*

²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was at the table with his twelve disciples. ²¹ While they were eating, he said, “What I’m about to tell you is true. One of you will hand me over to my enemies.”

²² The disciples became very sad. One after the other, they began to say to him, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord, do you?”

²³ Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will hand me over. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But how terrible it will be for the one who hands over the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²⁵ Judas was the one who was going to hand him over. He said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Teacher, do you?”

Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

³⁰ Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
- ² Let Israel say:
“His love endures forever.”
- ³ Let the house of Aaron say:
“His love endures forever.”
- ⁴ Let those who fear the Lord say:
“His love endures forever.”
- ⁵ When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord;
he brought me into a spacious place.
- ⁶ The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?
- ⁷ The Lord is with me; he is my helper.
I look in triumph on my enemies.
- ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in humans.
- ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.
- ¹⁰ All the nations surrounded me,
but in the name of the Lord I cut them down.
- ¹¹ They surrounded me on every side,
but in the name of the Lord I cut them down.
- ¹² They swarmed around me like bees,
but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns;
in the name of the Lord I cut them down.
- ¹³ I was pushed back and about to fall,
but the Lord helped me.
- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ Shouts of joy and victory
resound in the tents of the righteous:
“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!
- ¹⁶ The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;
the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”
- ¹⁷ I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
- ¹⁸ The Lord has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.
21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
22 The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
23 the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.
25 Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.
27 The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.
28 You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Matthew 26:31-35

31 Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on
account of me, for it is written:
“I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’
32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”
33 Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never
will.”
34 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the
rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”
35 But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never
disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.

We depart in silence.



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