



This cup
is the new covenant

by my blood,
which is poured out
for you.

LUKE 22:20

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneel or sit as you are able.
 - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold print**.

If you are uncomfortable standing or kneeling, you may choose to sit.

Reminders in Preparation for Service:

- *Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.*
- *Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.*
- *While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.*
- *Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wiggle room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.*

Visitors and Guests: Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.

- *While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.*
- *Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.*

College Students: *Please let us know how we can assist you during your time away from home. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor or Deaconess before leaving and indicate your university and contact information in the red record of fellowship book.*

AS WE GATHER

As part of our Holy Week worship life, we observe an ancient custom of the Early Christian Church. Beginning with the evening worship on Maundy Thursday and continuing through Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil, these services were considered to be one service and called the Triduum (The Three Days).

Even though people go home to rest and carry out their necessary responsibilities, they are encouraged to remember that at least in spirit, they are still “worshiping” and remembering the events of Holy Week. No benediction concludes this service as an indication that the service continues for two more days.

As the time draws nigh for our Lord to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world, He does a remarkable thing. He offers His disciples a foretaste of the forgiveness He would soon offer the entire world. In, with, and under the bread and the wine is the true body and blood of Jesus, given and shed for the forgiveness of all of their sins—and ours. He offers that foretaste also to us today.

Prelude “Jesus, Greatest at the Table” (NEW MALDEN) - Michael Costello

Welcome and Announcements

Order of Service

Divine Service - 3, *Lutheran Service Book*, pp. 186-198, adapted)



HYMN: “Jesus, Greatest At the Table” - *LSB #446*

SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

I will go to the altar of God.

To God, my exceeding joy. *Psalm 43:4*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

(Then the following CONFSSIONAL ADDRESS is read.)

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 each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sins, humbly confess them, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve, and He gives us the fruit of His sacrifice—His true body and blood—in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this 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—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification.

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. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and the one bread is made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth. May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

Amen.

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.



O almighty God, merciful Father, 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.

**I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of all His | people,**

in the courts of the house | of the LORD,*
in Your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!

**I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanks-|giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

GLORIA PATRI (*LSB p. 186*)

♩ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.**

KYRIE

♩ **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*LSB p. 187*)

Glory be to God on high;
♩ **And on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
♫ **And with thy spirit.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus, since You have left us a memorial of Your passion in a wonderful Sacrament, grant, we pray, that we may so use this Sacrament of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redeeming work may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♫ **Amen.**

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

℣ **Old Testament:**

Exodus 24:3-11

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord.

And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Humbly I Adore Thee (*Adoro te devote*) - 13th-century plainsong,
arr. L. Pfautsch Avis Chmielewski, soloist

*Humbly I adore Thee, Verity unseen,
Who Thy glory hiddest 'neath these shadows mean;
Lo to Thee rendered, my whole heart is bowed,
Tranced as it beholds Thee, shrined within the cloud.*

*O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;
Living Bread, that givest all Thy creatures breath,
Grant my spirit ever by Thy life may live,
To my taste Thy sweetness never failing give.*

*Jesus Whom now veiled, I by faith descry,
What my soul doth thirst for, do not, Lord, deny.
That Thy face unveiled, I at last may see,
With the blissful vision blest, my God, of Thee*

Thomas Aquinas
(ca. 1225-1274)

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11-22

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-sixth chapter.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 26:17-30

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the [c] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED *(inside back cover of hymnal)*


HYMN: "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord" - *LSB #634*



THE MESSAGE: Pastor David Hintz

Gathering of the Offering

OFFERTORY (*LSB* p. 192)

 Create in me a clean heart, O, God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

PRAYERS

RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION

+ SACRAMENT +

(The communion liturgy is also found on p. 194 in *Lutheran Service Book*.)

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) recognizes and respects the differences in beliefs regarding the nature and confession of Holy Communion and therefore holds to the Biblical practice of closed communion. We believe Christ's body and blood is being distributed with the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's gift given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and for the public confession of what we believe and teach. Since it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper sinfully and to your detriment, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE


The Lord be with you.

 **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

 **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

 **It is meet and right so to do.**

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (LSB p. 195)

♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

♪ Amen.

AGNUS DEI (LSB p. 198)

♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.



COMMUNION HYMNS

“Eat This Bread” - LSB #638

Solo: **“The Walk to Calvary”** - Norma Sateren Anderson (based on Matt. 26:36-66)
Avis Chmielewski - soloist

*One night the Lord went out to pray alone in that dark garden, Gethsemane.
And as he knelt there, he asked for strength to bear his heavy burden, Gethsemane.
Oh, yes, my Savior, oh, how he suffered there in that dark garden, Gethsemane!
He knew the path that he must travel then as he walked on to Calvary.
By friends rejected, he was betrayed that night near that dark garden, Gethsemane.
The people mocked him. They shouted, “Crucify!” As he walked on to Calvary.
Oh, yes, my Savior, oh how he suffered there in that dark garden, Gethsemane!
He knew the path that he must travel then as he walked on to Calvary.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Lamb of God, you bring us peace.*

“O Perfect Life of Love” - LSB #452

“Go Dark Gethsemane” - LSB #436

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

(Psalm 88 is chanted)



After the altar and chancel are empty, the ministers and congregation depart in silence.

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