



The good news is...even Judas gets his feet washed
April 2, 2026 - Maundy Thursday at Atonement



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Three Churches, One Big Community In Faith. All Are Welcome



**ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
New Brighton, MN



**CROSS OF GLORY
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Mounds View, MN



**IGLESIA LUTERANA
CRISTO REY**
Crossroads Parish

Atonement Lutheran Church

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New Brighton, MN 55112
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AtonementNB.org
Worship at 10:45am

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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Worship at 8:30am

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A Warm Welcome to Any Guests or Visitors

Thank You to Our Staff and Volunteers

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We acknowledge that we gather as Atonement and Cross of Glory Lutheran Churches on the traditional land of the Wahpekute, a band of the Dakota and one of the seven groups of Oceti Sakowin, translated as “the Seven Councils Fire”, also referred to as the Great Sioux Nation as well as Anishinaabe people and other indigenous nations who have called this land home. We further acknowledge that both the State of Minnesota and the United States Government carried out genocide, ethnic cleansing, forced removal and broken promises against indigenous people as a way to acquire land. This calls us to commit to learning how to be better stewards of the land and to support indigenous communities.

ORDER OF SERVICE

(ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship cranberry hymnal; ACS = All Creation Sings)

TRINITY CHIMES

The singing bowl rings out 3 times to remind us we are gathered in the name of the Triune God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we prepare our hearts for worship, keep silent and listen to the birds over the sound system.

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“As the Deer” by Martin Nystrom

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We come to worship feeling the burdens of life that only God knows. But we also come feeling weary, tired, sad, frustrated, angry, exhausted, spent, not knowing what to do, how to live our lives fully, or how to fix things. Our world is so confusing right now, and we are feeling lost. It is time to confess to God the things we carry and don't tell anybody, the things that we feel we can't speak, and the things we don't know how to speak. I will lead us in a responsive reading and then after the Assurance of Pardon we will have a time of silence.

God of love, we come to you feeling a thousand feelings. There is too much going on, and we don't know how to handle it all. We don't even know how to put words to all that we are going through.

All: Hear our prayers.

God of love, we come to you wanting total control over our lives, the stories we live, the people around us, and our own desires.

All: Hear our prayers.

God of love, we also come to you feeling numb.

All: Hear our prayers.

God of love, we come to you in silence.

All: Hear our prayers.

God of love, we come to you because you are the source of life.

All: Hear our prayers.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/TIME OF SILENCE

Hear this good news: the God of love listens to you attentively. “As an eagle stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, as it spreads its wings, takes them up, and bears them aloft on its pinions.”¹²We are all listened to. We are all forgiven.

Let us sit in silence. Perhaps in this time, you may contemplate the joy of being free.

Silence for reflection.

MOVEMENT ONE: THE BETRAYAL & ARREST OF JESUS

Today is Maundy Thursday, the beginning of what in Christianity we call the Triduum, a period of three days that tells the story of the final days of Jesus' life.

On Maundy Thursday, we honor Jesus' last meal with his disciples and prepare for the three days ahead. And so, today, we will share Communion and wash each other's hands. On Good Friday, we remember Jesus' death. On Holy Saturday, the Saturday of Alleluia, we wait in the silence between death and resurrection. On Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Let us now turn to scripture, revisiting the events leading up to Jesus' final hours.

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 22:47-53

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" ⁴⁹ When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰ Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as though I were a rebel? ⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness!"

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN & TIME OF SILENCE (*When the hymn concludes, please take a minute of silence.*)

"Lamb of God" vv. 1-3

ELW 336

MOVEMENT TWO: JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET

Once again, let us turn to scripture, hearing the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet.

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:1-5

¹³ Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE

Deacon Brad Mills

OFFERING

Offertory Music: "Come to the Upper Room" from Canticle of the Cross

Crossroads Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

A TIME FOR HAND WASHING

Reflective Music: Recording of "Spiegel im Spiegel" by Arvo Pärt.

"Spiegel im Spiegel" is a composition written in 1978, just before Arvo Pärt departed from Estonia.

The title translates to "mirror in the mirror". It is a long, beautiful, gentle song that we will listen to until its end. As we listen to it, let us relax, enjoy the song, and pray for God to heal our wounds.

MOVEMENT THREE: HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of love, you have listened to your people throughout history. You have given them light and shelter, warmth and nourishment. In Jesus, you have shown us how to love and care for each other, especially the most vulnerable. Today we want to listen to you as we listen to each other.

Your glory shines everywhere and we are grateful! We say, "Glory! Glory! Glory!" Your ears are on the ground for those who have nobody! We say, "Thank you, God! Thank you, God! Thank you, God!" Your presence is never away from us, but moves within our breathing! We say, "Ahhh! Ahhh! Ahhh!"²¹

The night before Jesus was arrested by the police of the empire, he washed the feet of his disciples and taught them to embody the symbol of the towel everywhere they went: offering care and love, being of service. As Jesus washed the disciples' feet, he listened to their words, sounds, and breathing.

God of silence and God of thunder, we listened to the birds, searching for your glory in the natural world. We listened to a song, searching for the beauty we humans can create. We listened to each other as we washed each other's feet, using the towel to restore and care for one another. We praise you for your steadfast love and your companionship. The world is so hard right now, but we have all we need! We have the towel, we have food, we have each other, we have your Spirit.

Because of your steadfast love, we have enough for everyone! And now we will feed each other with your food for us. In the name of the God of sustenance, there is enough bread for everyone here to eat.

Look friends, God has food for you and for me. As a sign of love, Jesus says “remember me,” so no one goes hungry! Now look at the bread and for a time of silence, contemplate all the ways we can work to make sure no one in this community will go hungry or unassisted.

Look friends, God has given us this cup to quench our thirst and find joy! As a sign of love, Jesus says, “remember me,” so no one goes without joy in their lives! Now look at the cup and for a time of silence, contemplate all the ways we will strive to live God’s joy by spreading joy and laughter in this congregation!

The cup remains raised as we begin to sing.

HYMN

“Jesus Remember Me” (3X through)

ELW 616

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Friends, the food is before us. We have listened to God and to each other. Now we will feed each other as if God is feeding us. The world is too difficult, but the good news is: we are here for each other to share the love of a God who will never stop loving us.

We pray that God uses the gifts of this food to nourish our bodies, hearts, and souls. Bless this bread, bless this wine, bless these towels, bless our people, bless our community, bless the world. Amen.

TAKING THE BREAD & CUP

During the preparatory season of Lent, we receive Communion wafers or Gluten-free wafers and wine or the lighter colored grape juice at the altar while kneeling or standing. You are welcome to dwell at the altar for a time of individual, silent prayer. Return to your seat when ready, being mindful of others moving to and from the altar.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” vv. 1-4

ACS 966

“Now Behold the Lamb” vv. 1-3

ELW 341

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

HYMN

“O Christ Surround Me” vv. 1-5

ACS 1084

PSALM 22/THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

SENDING PRAYER

At this time, you are invited to come forward to surround the altar and join in the sending prayer & benediction.

God of gatherings, life is much less frightening when we are together, when we care for each other, when we are able to listen to each other. Then we can find joy even in the most difficult days of our lives. We are grateful, for it is your love that brings us here, and we honor you and one another for this unending love. Take us back home, now prepared for the days ahead. For in you we can go through the darkest night of the soul and rise again in your love! **Amen.**

In one final time of silence, let us contemplate how we can better care for each other.

BENEDICTION

Today we have received a difficult commandment from Jesus Christ: to go out and wash another's feet, to care for the vulnerable, and to offer our presence to our community. This is not easy, and alone we fail. But together, we will continue to serve each other and find strength. Together! Yes, together! May the love of God, the service of Jesus Christ, and the healing power of the Holy Spirit be upon us all now and forever. **Amen.**

DEPART IN SILENCE

Please join us for our Good Friday service tomorrow night at Cross of Glory at 6:30pm.