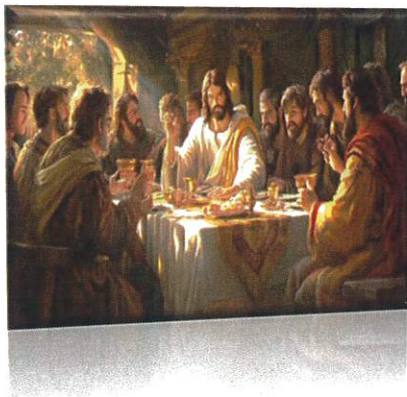


Maundy Thursday



Do this in remembrance
of me.....



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Thursday, April 2nd, 2026

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship:

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: ELW #323 – God Loved the World

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

C: 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. Amen.

READINGS:

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 - The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

R: I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

C: **How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?**

R: I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

C: **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.**

R: Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

C: **O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

R: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

C: **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,**

R: in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 - For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Children's Message

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35 - 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. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #359 – Where Charity and Love Prevail (vs 1, 3, 4 & 5)

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OFFERING/OFFERING HYMN: ELW #708 – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (vs 1 & 3)



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OFFERING PRAYER: Lord and Teacher, you kneel to serve and call us to follow. As we remember your commandment to love, we offer these gifts in response to your mercy. Strip away every hesitation and selfish concern, that we may give with courage and devotion. We offer ourselves—our prayers, presence, gifts, witness, and service—now and always. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen

Service of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving/Words of Institution

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.

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

We welcome the following to the Communion table for their First Communion:

† Carly Burkard

† Millie Danks

† Molly Dengler

† Boyer Heidebrink

† Otto Johnson

† Ellie Mastbergen

† Lane Wielenberg

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymns: Worship Team

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER: C: 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

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR – “Easter Hallelujah” sung by the FLC Worship Team

ELW #347 – Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs 1)

READING – Matthew 26:30-56

