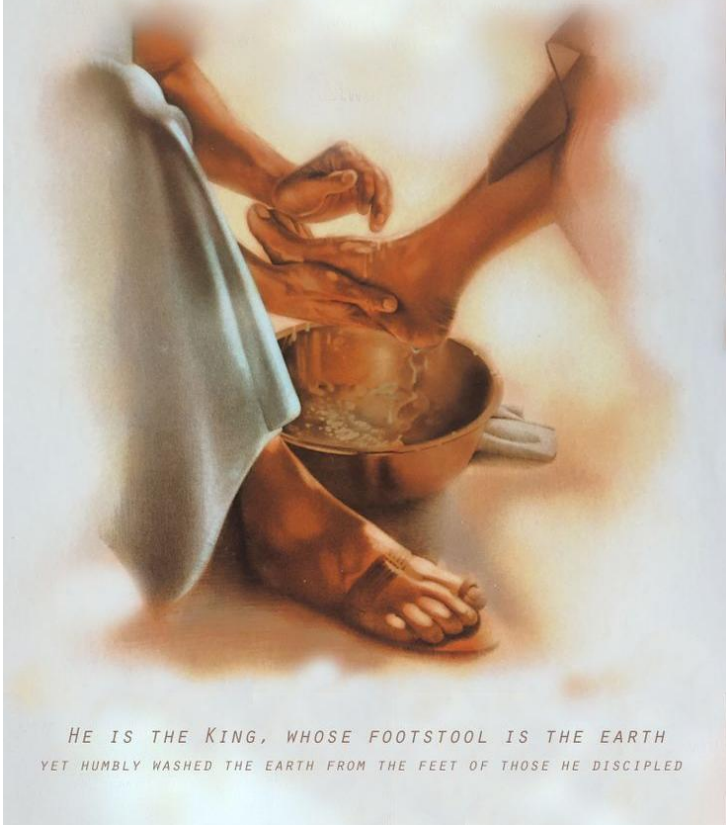


MAUNDY THURSDAY

"AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU, YOU SHOULD ALSO"

JOHN 13:15



*HE IS THE KING, WHOSE FOOTSTOOL IS THE EARTH
YET HUMBLY WASHED THE EARTH FROM THE FEET OF THOSE HE DISCIPLED*

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Savior, Servant, Friend

Servant

WELCOME. In this service for Maundy Thursday, we witness that Jesus is a servant to his friends when he washes their feet and serves them his body and blood in bread and wine. We pray our worship together will strengthen you for the coming week.

Please fill out the registration card found in your pew rack and hand it to an usher as you leave this evening.

In the celebration of Holy Communion we joyfully receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is also a sign of our common confession of faith. We welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are presently confirmed members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Speak to Pastor or an usher if you would like to commune at St. Paul's for the first time.

Join us for the Savior, Servant, Friend special service for Good Friday, when we remember most profoundly that Jesus is our Savior, who died on the cross to reunite us with God and one another. Worship begins at 6:30 p.m.

Prelude "Ah, Holy Jesus" Aaron David Miller

Welcome

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell

Order of Service

Theme Verse: *I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.* John 15:15

Invocation and Call to Worship (*please stand*)

P As the disciples gathered together with Jesus in an upper room, we now gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

C **Who stand by night in the house of the Lord.**
(Psalm 134:1)

P The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

C **None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.** (Psalm 34:22)

P For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,

C **And to give his life as a ransom for many.**
(Mark 10:45)

P Having loved his own who were in the world,

C **He loved them to the end.** (John 13:1)

P What a friend we have in Jesus

C **All our sins and griefs to bear!**

(be seated)

Opening Hymn

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB #623

Confession and Forgiveness (*please stand*)

P Lord God, heavenly Father, sin and shame accuse, yet you invite us to confess our sins and receive your forgiveness. Hear us now as we confess our sins.

C **Like the disciples, we gather here with hearts full of betrayal.**

P Our sinful thoughts, words and deeds have betrayed you, O Lord.

C **Like the disciples, we gather here with minds full of arguments.**

P Our relationships have been marred by fighting, pride and disputes.

C **Like the disciples, we gather here having denied you in many ways.**

P Our sinful lives and actions have denied that we know Jesus.

C **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy!
Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on how the servant-love of Jesus,
washes away our sin).*

P Friends: Though our sin betrays Jesus, he never betrays us. Though we argue about our own greatness, Jesus is greater than our pride. Though we deny him through our sin, Jesus forgives you of all of your sins. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, you are forgiven and cleansed, redeemed and a new creation. Take heart in the servant-love of your friend, Jesus!

C **What a friend we have in Jesus!**

Prayer of the Day

P Lord Jesus, we marvel at your servant heart. You came not to be served, but to serve. You came to wash the feet of your followers and feed us with your very body and blood. Having been served by you, enable us to now serve like you. Grant us humble hearts ready to wash feet as you have commanded us to do. We pray this in the name of our servant friend, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

(be seated)

Choir Anthem

“Born to Be the Bread”
by Ruth Elaine Schram
Flute: Cheryl Killham

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 145:15-17

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading *(please stand)*

John 13:3-16

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to

wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

P This is the Gospel the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(be seated)

Sermon Hymn

“When You Woke That Thursday Morning” LSB #445 vs 1-3

Sermon

Presentation of the Offering

Prayers

P O love, how deep, how broad, how high. And this love has come to us through our servant-friend, Jesus. Hear us now, Lord, as we pray. Cleanse us from our sin and wash away all our iniquity through your precious blood shed for us on the cross.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Feed us with your very body and blood so that we are strengthened and nourished for life and faith in you.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Teach us to love and serve others just as you have loved and served us.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Keep us vigilant and awake in our faith so that we remain watchful for your coming.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Prepare us for this Holy Week as we recall your Passion and crucifixion, your burial and glorious resurrection after three days.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Send us out to be witnesses of your love and service, your Good News and promise to make all things new.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Empower us to love like you love, serve like you serve, care like you care and be a friend like you are our friend.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Jesus, draw us ever closer to friendship with you.

C **What a servant you are. Amen.**

Hymn Setting for Holy Communion

Preface (*please stand*)

(Sung to the tune: “*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*” LSB #450)

L The Lord is with His people.
Now may He be with you.

C **The Lord is with His servants;
May He be with you, too.**

L Now lift your hearts to praise him..

C **To God we lift them high. ‘Tis right to praise and
thank Him who to His world draws nigh.**

L Always and everywhere it is right to give thanks to You,
O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who gave His life on the cross for us that, freed from the
power of sin and death, we might have eternal joy in
Your presence, renewed in faith and life. And so, with
the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise
Your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

(Sung to the tune: “*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*” LSB #592)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Heav’n and earth proclaim the story
Of Your majesty adored,
Of Your kingdom, pow’r, and glory.
With hosannas now we meet You;
With our palms and praises greet you:

Hail! Hosanna! Blest is He
Who in God’s own name draws near us!
Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we
Since we have God’s love to cheer us:
Blood outpoured and body broken,
Of eternal love the token

The Lord’s Prayer

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

All **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 Our Lord

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."

Pax Domini

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

Sung to the tune

("O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" LSB #439)

Jesus, the Lamb of God,

Have mercy on us!

Jesus, who bore our sins,

Have mercy on us!

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, have mercy!

Give us Your peace, Lord!

Distribution *(be seated)*

(All members of our St. Paul's family are invited to meet the Lord in this Sacrament. When at the table, please indicate your preference of common or individual cup.)

The CENTER RING of the individual communion cup tray contains white grape juice. The OUTER RINGS contain red wine. Gluten free wafers are available from a communion assistant.)

Distribution Hymns

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| <i>“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”</i> | LSB #434 |
| <i>“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”</i> | LSB #618 |
| <i>“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”</i> | LSB #435 |

Post-Communion Thanksgiving *(please stand)*

“Abide With Me” LSB #878 vs 1, 5-6

Benediction

P Jesus invited his disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane with him, saying “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me” (Matthew 26:38). Let us watch for Jesus as we journey on toward the cross and toward the empty tomb. The Lord bless you and keep you as his dear friend. Amen.

C **What a friend we have in Jesus!**

(be seated)

The Stripping of the Altar

The stripping of the Altar, that is, removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments, is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.

After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord.

Events moved rapidly:

Prayer in Gethsemane

Betrayal by Judas

Arrest, mock trial, painful beating

The trudge to Golgotha and execution

As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

The Stripping of the Altar has been completed.

(All may leave the church in silence.)

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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Good Friday

April 3

6:30 p.m. Worship

Easter Sunday!

April 5

7:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

Breakfast served between services.

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

