

Maundy Thursday



Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church

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Maundy Thursday, also known as "Holy Thursday" is the Thursday of Passion Week, one day before Good Friday. Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are Jesus' disciples,
following him even as he moves toward the cross.

**ALL: Even as he wraps a towel around his waist.
Even as he kneels to wash the filth from the feet of his friends.**

P: We are Jesus' disciples,
longing to be faithful even as the night grows dark.

**ALL: Even as betrayers loom.
Even as the powers that oppose the way of Christ press in around us.**

P: We are Jesus' disciples,
struggling to love others even as Jesus loved us.

**ALL: We are Jesus' disciples,
gathered here to worship God:
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

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Love consecrates the humblest act
and haloes mercy's deeds;
it sheds a benediction sweet
and hallows human needs.

When in the shadow of the cross
Christ knelt and washed the feet
of his disciples he gave us
a sign of love complete.

Love serves and willing stoops to serve;
what Christ in love so true
has freely done for one and all,
let us now gladly do!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

P: Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, and enter the paschal celebration reconciled with God and with one another. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE

(via Video)

John 13:1-35

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 put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. 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 the table, 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 returned to the table, 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, servants 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.

I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me." After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray

me.” The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.” Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival”; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “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.”

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O’Brien

ANTHEM

Taste and See

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of love, unite your church in its commitment to humble service. Make us your faithful disciples. Speak words of truth and grace through us. Encourage us in self-giving acts of kindness. Let us love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

P: God of love, tend to flocks, fields, and vineyards. Bring favorable weather for crops to grow. Guide the hands of those who cultivate, farm, and garden. Let the earth flourish so that all may eat and be satisfied. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

P: God of love, you give us a new commandment, to have love for one another. We give thanks for organizations that respond to disasters and for agencies that offer relief and humanitarian aid to populations in need (*particular organizations may be named*). Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

P: God of love, give ear to all who call upon you for any need of body or spirit. Provide for those who do not have enough to eat, those who are unemployed or underemployed, and those who rely on the generosity of others. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

P: God of love, you invite us to your table of mercy. Heal all divisions between members of the Christian family. In this time of distancing, help us to be the church and seek ways that your love and welcome be made known to all. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

The altar is stripped symbolizing the humiliation that Jesus endured at the hands of the Roman soldiers.

Psalm 22

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me,
from the words of my groaning?
²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.
³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
⁴In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
⁵To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
⁶But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.
⁷All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
⁸Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"
⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
¹¹Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
¹²Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my
tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.
¹⁶For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled; ¹⁷I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.
¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!
²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in
awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

- ²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
- ³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,
³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

DEPART IN SILENCE

***Our worship continues on Good Friday at 7pm
Via Facebook live or on our YouTube Channel.***