

*This is my body
that is
for you*

1 CORINTHIANS 11:24



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2, 2026

MISSION STATEMENT

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

-Galatians 3:28

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister—Pastor Anne Andert
Preaching Minister—Jean Lincoln
Organist/Choir Director—Cheryl Licary
AV Assistant—Grant Dusso

Assisting Minister—Rebecca Wallendal
Communion Assistants—Betty Dygart
Communion Prep—Jean Lincoln
Lector—Betty Dygart
Ushers—Steve Christensen and Karen Edwards

Mandatum is the Latin word from which “Maundy” in Maundy Thursday is derived. It means “command” and refers to the commands of Jesus: “Love one another...,” “Serve one another...,” and “Do this in remembrance of me,” as recorded in the biblical accounts of the Lord’s Supper.

GATHERING

For personal prayer, you may find it helpful to turn to pages 72-87 (in the front of the hymnal).

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, but you take no delight in burnt offerings.

C: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit. A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

P: We are inheritors of Eternal Life. God beckons us come, eat, drink, and remember. We remember the Angel of Death that came to Egypt, and how God spared the people of Israel through the blood of the lamb and freed them from their bondage to Pharaoh. We remember that Jesus has become the sacrificial lamb once and for all, and freed us from bondage to sin as his blood was poured out for all people.

C: As we come to Christ's table we come recognizing who we are: sinners, people who wear the chains of times – chains of selfish times, too busy times, preoccupied times, weak times.

P: In a moment of silence, think of the chains that you carry, the mistakes you have made, the hurts you have caused; the weaknesses you have that prevent you from being blameless before God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Lord, hear our prayer,

C: Wash me through and through from wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

P: We no longer need to fear the Angel of Death. We no longer need to carry guilt and shame. Jesus has taken the guilt upon himself and lifted it to His cross. Jesus is here among us now. Do not dwell on your hurts and the past, for Christ has risen to change us and bind us together. In the name of Christ, I declare to you, you are forgiven! Christ gives us a new beginning every day. † In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.


GATHERING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love—ELW 708

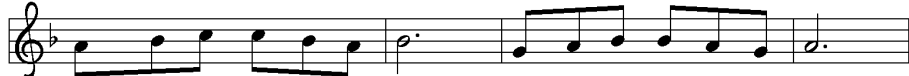
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

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 Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray, Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment: To love one another as he loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

L: A reading from Exodus.

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ¹¹ 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.

¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ 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.

¹⁴ "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."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

L: A reading from First Corinthians.

²³ 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, ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A New Commandment—WOV 664



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth - er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth - er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

Text: John 13:34-35

Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

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GOSPEL: John 13:1-7, 31b-35

P: The gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

^{31b} "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ 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.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Jesus Knows

Jean Lincoln

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us—ELW 358 (Melita)



1. Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for
2. We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3. Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4. Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5. Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear, though
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains, by
as your own not through some mer - it, right, or claim, but
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed, and
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty to



marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
so - cial fore - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, we bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

A brief silence.

A: Gracious host, you knelt to wash your disciples' feet. Cleanse us from pride and self-centeredness, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Creator God, the earth is yours and everything in it. Awaken us to care for all you have made and protect the rich diversity of your good creation. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: God of the nations, guide the world's leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Where they wield power unjustly, confront them. Where they are indifferent to suffering, awaken their conscience. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely or held captive in any way, comfort the grieving, and relieve those in pain. Draw near to all who suffer, those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [pause] Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Blessed redeemer, we give you thanks for this community of faith, and for all who gather around your table of grace, including the great cloud of witnesses. Unite us in love for you and for one another. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **and also with you.**

*Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.** After the sharing of the peace, you may be seated.*

Please be seated.

OFFERING

For online giving, simply scan QR code:

Offering is received as ushers pass the plate down each row. As we sing the Offertory, ushers bring offering forward.



OFFERING ANTHEM

As I Have Done for You

Schutte

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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.

C: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

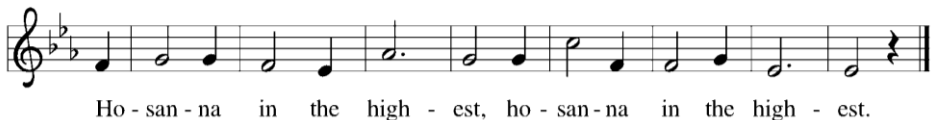
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table.

C: Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion. The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.

ANTHEM

How Beautiful

Paris/arr. Larson

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray...

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.

C: Amen.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22: "My God, My God, Why?"

The Psalm Project

The stripping of the altar of its linens, vessels, paraments, candles, and ornaments is a traditional part of the Maundy Thursday service. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers after his betrayal and arrest.

Silence

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded—ELW 351



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

*The Maundy Thursday service has no closure.
We leave the church unaccompanied by music or benediction.
Please leave the sanctuary in silence.*

*The church is left stark and bare.
You are welcome to stay as long as you like
for a time of prayer and reflection.*



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for Sunday by studying the scriptures.

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- Colossians 3:1-4
- Matthew 28:1-10

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6:30 pm

MAUNDAY THURSDAY
"JESUS KNEW"

APRIL 3
12:00 & 6:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY
"O GOD, WHY ARE YOU SILENT?"

APRIL 5
7:00 & 9:30 am

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
"NEW BEGINNINGS AGAINST THE ODDS"
A new story line.

Join us as we celebrate the passion and resurrection of Christ Jesus.
Easter Sunday breakfast will be served from 8:00 - 9:30 am.

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