



**Trinity Lutheran Church
Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2025**

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

AS WE GATHER

Maundy Thursday is remembered as the day Jesus washed the disciples' feet. More than that, there are several prominent themes. The name itself reminds us of the new mandate or command Jesus gave to love one another as He has loved us (John 13:34). The washing of the feet normally reserved for the lowest servant, is Jesus' way of demonstrating that kind of love. They then ate the Passover, but Jesus gave new meaning to old rituals. He called the bread His own body given for them for the forgiveness of their sins; He called the wine His own blood, shed for them for the forgiveness of sins. This is no mere symbolism. Jesus says the bread and wine are no longer merely bread and wine but are, by His Word, His own body and blood. Lutherans have tried to resist attempts to explain how, preferring to take Jesus at His Word and believe that it is.

ORGAN PRELUDE

(Quiet Meditation in the Sanctuary)

WELCOME

TRINITY RINGES "WERE YOU THERE"

OPENING HYMN PAGE 433

"GLORY BE TO JESUS"

- 1 Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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+PREPARATION+

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P During Lent we have focused anew on sin that required a Savior sent from God. We have acknowledged how sin has kept us from knowing and loving God above all things and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Tonight, we come with humble hearts to confess the Savior who fulfilled all things for us and demonstrates His love for us by becoming our servant, giving us the gift of His own body and blood in the Eucharist, and by accepting the burden of suffering on the cross in our place.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us humble ourselves, confessing our sins to Him, and imploring His forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(A time for silent reflection)

P We confess together.

A **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P In the name of Christ, and through faith in Him, all your sins are forgiven!

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE *PAGE 430*

"MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN"

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,
And for His death They thirst and cry.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you
C **and also with you.**

P Let us pray
Oh Lord, since You have left us a memorial of Your passion in a wonderful sacrament, grant, we pray, that we may so use this Sacrament of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redeeming work may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING - EXODUS 24:3-11 (ESV) (*Moses sprinkles the blood of the covenant on the altar and then on the people.*)

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God**

EPISTLE – 1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17 (ESV) *(In the body and blood of Christ we Christians are made one.)*

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL – MATTHEW 26:26-29 (ESV) *(The Lord's supper)*

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

HYMN OF THE DAY PAGE 628

"YOUR TABLE I APPROACH"

- 1 Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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SERMON

OFFERING (DROPPED IN PLATE AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY)

“ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED”

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died For His own creatures' sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. That we may acknowledge the blood of the covenant shed for us on the cross and that we may trust that saving blood for our salvation; let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P That we may be faithful to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us and that through our actions we may wash the feet of many in His name; let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P That we may be one in faith and one at this table as we feast upon His gifts and grace in the Lord's Supper; let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P That God may bless His Church and this congregation, all pastors, missionaries, and church workers, and all people in Christ; let up pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father; everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the saints, we join our voices in one, evermore praising You and singing.

C **(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORD OF INSTITUTION

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

C **(sung) Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. (Please be seated)**

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HYMN..... PAGE 563

“JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS”

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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HYMN *PAGE 570*

“JUST AS I AM”

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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THE DISMISSAL (Page 173 front of the hymnal)

P The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P O God of grace and glory, we are humbled by Your love and generosity toward us but we pray for Your continued blessing and peace as we celebrate with great thanksgiving the gifts Your Son won for us on the cross. By his death are we made whole and by His

rising again do we hope to have eternal life. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Help us to recall and confess what He has accomplished for us that others may know the joy of Your name, become Your children by Baptism and faith, serve You as extensions of Your love and care through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor (+) and give you peace.

C *(sung)* Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

✠**PSALM 22** *(The Psalm is read while the altar is being stripped)*

P My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

C **²O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.**

P ³Yet You are holy,

C **enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

P ⁴In You our fathers trusted;

C **they trusted, and You delivered them.**

P: ⁵To You they cried and were rescued;

C **in You they trusted and were not put to shame.**

P ⁶But I am a worm and not a man,

C **scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

P: ⁷All who see Me mock Me;

C **they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;**

P ⁸"He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him;

C **let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"**

P ⁹Yet You are He Who took me from the womb;

C **You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.**

P ¹⁰On You was I cast from My birth,

C **and from My mother's womb You have been My God.**

P: ¹¹Be not far from Me,

C for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

P ¹²Many bulls encompass Me;

C strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;

P ¹³they open wide their mouths at Me,

C like a ravening and roaring lion.

P ¹⁴I am poured out like water,

C and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it is melted within My breast;

P ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd,

C and My tongue sticks to My jaws; You lay Me in the dust of death.

P ¹⁶For dogs encompass Me;

C a company of evildoers encircles Me; they have pierced My hands and feet—

P ¹⁷I can count all My bones—

C they stare and gloat over Me;

P ¹⁸they divide My garments among them,

C and for My clothing they cast lots.

P ¹⁹But You, O LORD, do not be far off!

C O You My help, come quickly to My aid!

P ²⁰Deliver My soul from the sword,

C My precious life from the power of the dog!

P ²¹Save Me from the mouth of the lion!

C You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!

P ²²I will tell of Your name to My brothers;

C in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:

P ²³You who fear the LORD, praise Him!

C All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

P ²⁴For He has not despised or abhorred

C the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His face from Him, but has heard, when He cried to Him.

P ²⁵From You comes My praise in the great congregation;

C my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

P ²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

C those who seek Him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

P ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
C **and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.**

P ²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
C **and He rules over the nations.**

P; ²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
C **before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

P; ³⁰Posterity shall serve Him;
C **it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

P ³¹they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,
C **that He has done it.**

CLOSING HYMN *PAGE 420*

“CHRIST THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING”

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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SILENT PRAYER

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE

- April 3, 2026, Good Friday Tenebrae** **7:00 P.M.**
The Body of Christ Crucified – John 19:17-30
GUEST PASTOR: JOHN FLAMME
- April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday** **10:15 A.M.**
The Risen Body of Christ – Luke 24:1-12
VACANCY PASTOR: WARREN GRAFF
- **Easter Breakfast (8:30 a.m – 9:30 a.m.)**