

MAUNDY THURSDAY

BODY AND BLOOD



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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 11:00am

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Maundy Thursday

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Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

For Your Convenience...

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located just outside of the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located in the hallway toward the front of the sanctuary. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Tonight begins what is called the Triduum services. Conceptually they are a single service that extend over “three holy days.” Because of this, tonight’s service and our Good Friday service close without the blessing. Instead, they close in silence as we journey through the climax of the Christian Church Year and the most important events in all of history: Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection.

Maundy Thursday - *The word “maundy” is derived from the Latin word which means command. The name relates to the “new command” Jesus gave to his disciples while they were assembled in the upper room the night before his crucifixion. “A new command I give you: Love one another (John 13:34). Love links us to God in Christ. Love is also the feature that identifies us with Jesus. The Lord’s Supper is his way of renewing the bond of forgiving love that binds him to us and us to one another.*



Prayer Before Worship: *Dearest Jesus, as I walk in your footsteps, I see the sacrifice you made to win my forgiveness. Help me to recall all your wondrous words and actions. Help me to appreciate all the sacrifices you made, even your death, because I know that you did it for me. And now, fill me with your Holy Spirit, that I may follow in your steps in my daily life. Amen*

OPENING HYMN: CW 136.....’Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night

SERMON

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

M: In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord’s call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were

committed at Baptism; God’s forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God’s love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ’s body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord’s Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord’s gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord’s Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

“Lord, To You I Make Confession”
Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77, abr.;
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: Tracy Fedke, b. 1975

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

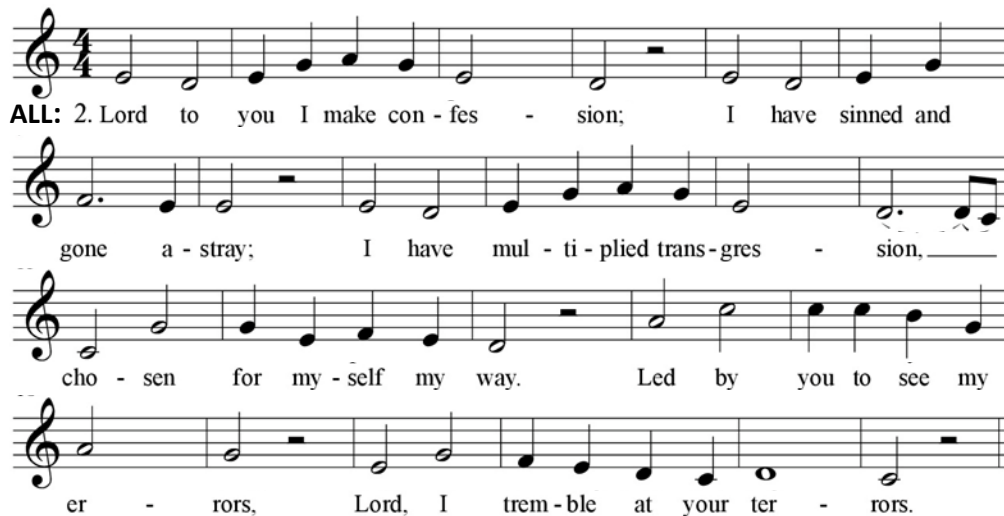
Arr: Koiné

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M: 1. We have come in - to God's pre - sence; ma - ker of the
heav'ns and earth. He cre - a - ted us to love him; to
serve him as his pre - cious child. We have dis - o - beyed and
er - rored, thus de - ser - ving wrath and ang - er.

M: Therefore, Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.



ALL: 2. Lord to you I make con - fes - sion; I have sinned and gone a - stray; I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion, cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by you to see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.

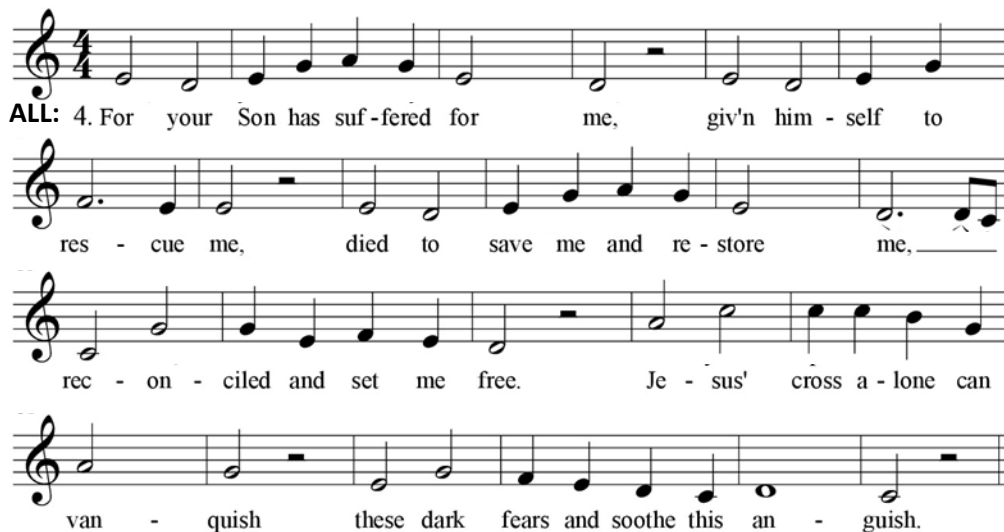
M: “This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and tremble at my word,” declares the LORD (*Isaiah 66:2*).

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love.



ALL: 3. Lord, on you I cast my bur - den; sink it in the depths be - low! Let me know your gra - cious par - don; wash me, make me white as snow. Let your Spir - it leave me nev - er; make me on - ly yours for - ev - er.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.



ALL: 4. For your Son has suf-fered for me, giv'n him-self to
res-cue me, died to save me and re-store me,
rec-on-ciled and set me free. Je-sus' cross a-lone can
van-quish these dark fears and soothe this an-guish.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

ALL: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

+ GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY+

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 12:21-30

²¹ Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³ When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴ “Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵ When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶ And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷ then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸ The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰ Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

PSALM OF THE DAY: CW Psalm 116 (*p. 107 in the front of your hymnal*)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

VERSE OF THE DAY

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:26, NIV).

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 14:12-26

¹² On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?"

²⁰ "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. ²⁵ "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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HYMN OF THE DAY CW 313.....*Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

OFFERINGS can be placed in the offering plate in the back of our sanctuary or mailed to our church office at **114 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031** or made on our website under the “Donate” tab at the top of the homepage or taken to Profinium Bank in Fairmont

To our visitors: Our offering is not a debt we owe God, but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation, but love for God. The members of Shepherd of the Lakes have joined together to spread God’s message both in this community and around the world. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute. We’re happy that you’re with us to hear about God’s love for you.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

C: We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.

M: For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

C: We give you humble and hearty thanks.

M: As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,

C: We also give you thanks.

M: Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.

C: We praise you bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we should still be in our sins,

C: But through your sacrament of the New Testament , we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.

M: O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord’s death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

C: Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.

Special prayers and intercessions

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

C: Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

SOLO.....*In the Garden*
Aliya Duehlmeyer

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, whom you have sent to us in this end of the ages to be our Savior and Redeemer and the Messenger of your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you made all things and in him you are well pleased. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. There he took on our nature and was manifested as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary.

It is he who fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. He stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free us from suffering.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg you, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat his body and drink his blood as he bids us do in his own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:24,25*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

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DISTRIBUTION

To our visitors: Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and all of Scripture’s teachings. This is called close communion. Therefore, if you are not a member of Shepherd of the Lakes, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to wait to commune with us until you’ve had the opportunity to learn more about what we believe and teach and then publicly express that unity at your confirmation. This is not a judgment in any way on your faith. Rather, we want you to be sure you agree with us before you express that unity at the Lord’s Table. If you are interested in learning more about what we believe and teach or if you have any questions, please talk with our Pastor.

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PRAYER

M: Holy Lord, grant to us a full measure of the joy of this Holy Supper, that we may be sustained in hope through all the struggles and sorrows of this mortal life, until we are delivered upon the holy shore of heaven and eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

HYMN CW 126 v 1.....*Lord Jesus, You Are Going Forth*

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The altar, which symbolizes Christ, is stripped bare in an unhurried and dignified manner. This is done in token of Jesus’ abandonment by his disciples in Gethsemane and in preparation for Good Friday.

As the altar is stripped, a soloist softly sings Psalm 22, foretelling Christ’s passion.

After the stripping of the altar, please leave the sanctuary quietly, not greeting anyone on your way out, but going directly to your vehicle in silence, as we prepare to continue our worship on Good Friday.

