

Maundy Thursday



April 6, 2023 - 7:00 pm

St. Martin's Lutheran Church
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WORSHIP NOTES

With nightfall and the beginning of this liturgy, our Lenten observance comes to its culmination. We gather with Christians around the world in celebrating the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection (known as the Triduum). Our remembering is more than a retracing of the last days of Jesus' life. Rather, throughout these Three Days, through word, sacrament, and ritual, we participate in the saving power of Jesus' passover from death to life. As the Three Days begin, we are invited to glory in the cross of Christ—our salvation, our life, our resurrection.

On this night we hear Jesus' new commandment (mandatum, the Latin word from which the word Maundy comes) to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example, living out our baptismal vocation with humility and care for one another, and especially for the poor and the unloved.

In remembrance of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples as an example of service and love, you may participate in the footwashing ritual if you desire to do so during communion distribution. (see note on page 3)

Tonight we also gather around the Lord's Table to remember the sacrifice of Jesus' life. We share the holy meal, becoming what we eat and drink: the body of Christ, offering ourselves in love for the life of the world. At that point in the service you will be invited to come forward and take your place at the rail.

At the conclusion of the liturgy, all adornments on the altar are removed, preparing us for Good Friday. Through this stark ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. A bare chancel will be the setting for tomorrow's worship service in the sanctuary. No benediction is given as we close our Holy Week services because they are one continuous service. We depart the service in silence, ready to continue this observance on Good Friday.

Prelude

“When You Woke that Thursday Morning”

arr. by V. Floeter

Welcome

*Hymn

“When You Woke that Thursday Morning”



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
3 What was there that You could give them That would



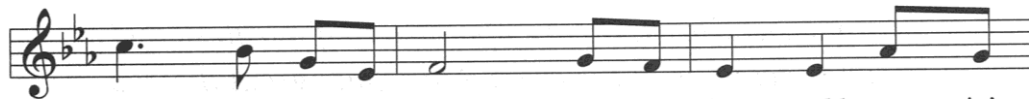
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
“Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood.”

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The people of Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's Supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

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

¹¹This 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. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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.

Word of God, Word of life

Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 11:17-26

In his letter to the church in Corinth, Paul uses these words to say that in the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. By participating in this meal we proclaim Christ's death until he comes in the future.

¹⁷ But in the following instructions, I cannot praise you. For it sounds as if more harm than good is done when you meet together. ¹⁸ First, I hear that there are divisions among you when you meet as a church, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ But, of course, there must be divisions among you so that you who have God's approval will be recognized!

²⁰ When you meet together, you are not really interested in the Lord's Supper. ²¹ For some of you hurry to eat your own meal without sharing with others. As a result, some go hungry while others get drunk. ²² What? Don't you have your own homes for eating and drinking? Or do you really want to disgrace God's church and shame the poor? What am I supposed to say? Do you want me to praise you? Well, I certainly will not praise you for this!

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.

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Gospel Reading

John 13:1-35

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end.² It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God.⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist,⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

⁶ When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will."⁸ "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me."⁹ Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!"

¹⁰ Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you."¹¹ For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?"¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am.¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet.¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.¹⁶ I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message.¹⁷ Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

²¹ Now Jesus was deeply troubled, and he exclaimed, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me!"²² The disciples looked at each other, wondering whom he could mean.²³ The disciple Jesus loved was sitting next to Jesus at the table.²⁴ Simon Peter motioned to him to ask, "Who's he talking about?"²⁵ So that disciple leaned over to Jesus and asked, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶ Jesus responded, "It is the one to whom I give the bread I dip in the bowl." And when he had dipped it, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot.²⁷ When Judas had eaten the bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus told him, "Hurry and do what you're going to do."²⁸ None of the others at the table knew what Jesus meant.²⁹ Since Judas was their treasurer, some thought Jesus was telling him to go and pay for the food or to give some money to the poor.³⁰ So Judas left at once, going out into the night.

³¹ As soon as Judas left the room, Jesus said,³³ "Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you can't come where I am going."³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

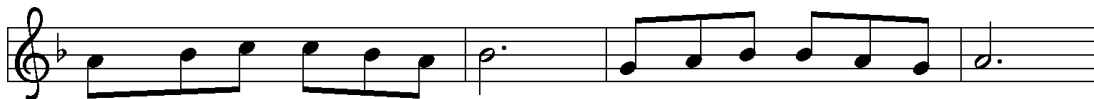
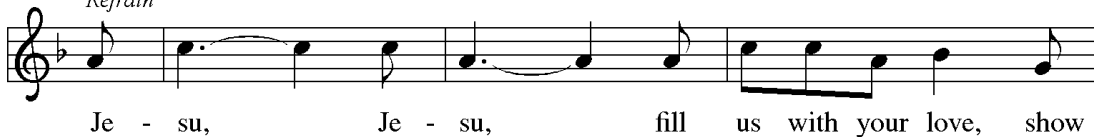
Word of God, Word of life... **Thanks be to God**

Message

Hymn

“Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Refrain



- 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



Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our 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.

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 for personal reflection and self-examination.)

Merciful Father,

I am a troubled sinner,

**and I confess to you all the sins with which I have offended you
and for which I justly deserve your punishment.**

**I am sorry for them, and repent of them,
and pray for your boundless mercy.**

**Be gracious and merciful to me and forgive my sins,
give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life,
and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light.

Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *(2 Corinthians 13:11)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(We share with each other the words, "Peace be with you")

Offering of Gifts

“For Living, For Dying” by Donna Peña

Chancel Choir

Andrea Avers, soloist

For living, for dying Lord, for rising from the dead, we praise you with every breath we take.

*We come to you, remember you in the breaking of this bread,
we drink the cup the promise that you made.*

*Nourish is well, teach us to be all that you long for us to be,
always to live, never to thirst, never to hunger.*

Communion, community, is what we claim this day. Your body, your Spirit is our grace.

*With every heart, with every hand, with every word we say,
of rich and poor, we welcome, we embrace.*

For loving us, forgiving us, for sharing in our tears, for laughter, the tenderness you bring.

You call to us, we follow. You guard us from our fears.

Beside you our hearts will always sing.

So here we are, a part of you, a part of every one; a river that flows into the sea.

*From east to west, from near and far, from every time and place,
around the world we all join in your feast.*

Words of Institution

O Lord our God, tonight we recall your love, your faithfulness and your grace as shown to us in the beauty and order of your creation, as experienced by Noah and his family, Abraham and Sarah, and the ancient people of Israel.

We give you thanks for giving us your Son, who became one of us to be near those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, and with us now.

Tonight, 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 in 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

As we gather at this table, send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord. Breathe life into our bones, that we may be people of hope, justice, and love. All glory and honor is yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

Amen

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.

The Lord's Supper & Footwashing

Communion will be distributed at the rail this evening. You are asked to come forward when indicated by the usher and take a place at the rail. After receiving the bread and wine, please wait at the rail until receiving a blessing

You may proceed to the footwashing station at any time during distribution.

Communion Distribution

"Lamb of God"



"Let Us Break Bread Together"

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are repeated for each of the three parts, ending with a period.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of music concludes the piece. The melody and accompaniment continue from the previous system, ending with a double bar line.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May we always remember your model for a godly life and live that life of servanthood all our days. Guide our hearts through the coming hours as we remember the pain and agony of your spirit.

Amen

The Stripping of the Altar

At the beginning and after each section of scripture, the following refrain is sung by the congregation:

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a supporting bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come. Watch and pray." The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Matthew 26:30-50

The following text is provided for your reflection.

³⁰When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

³²But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

³³Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

³⁴"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

³⁵But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

³⁶Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

³⁹Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

⁴⁰Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. ⁴¹“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

⁴²He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

⁴³When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

⁴⁵Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” ⁴⁹Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came for.”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

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***Our worship continues tomorrow evening at 7:30.
You are asked to leave the Sanctuary in silence.
Go in peace.***

Presiding:	Deacon Steve Basselman
Pianist:	Rick Breier
Acolyte:	Grayson Forward
Lector:	Zach Basselman
Foot washing:	MacKenna Whitacre
Altar Assistants:	8 th Grade Catechism Students

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 7 - Good Friday

7:30 pm Good Friday Worship Service

A bare chancel is our setting for worship. We will journey through the Passion narrative as recorded in Matthew interspersed with song and prayer.

April 9 - Easter Sunday

7:00 am Easter Vigil Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

Worship begins in darkness. And while we remember the story of God's salvation history through scripture, we quickly reset the sanctuary to celebrate the feast of victory.

8:00 am Easter Breakfast

Hosted by Cecily Adult SS Class, free-will offering will support Cool Buddies Program (to provide refrigerators for families in need)

8:45 Easter Egg Hunt

9:00 am Sunday School (ending at 9:45)

10:00 am Festival Service with Holy Communion

The celebration continues! All the festive flare we can gather is included in the climax of our Easter festival. The Chancel Choir invites you to join them in our annual tradition of singing the "Hallelujah Chorus"

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FOOT WASHING INVITATION



You are invited to participate in the act of foot washing reminding us of our Lord's action with his disciples on the night of his last supper with them. The spirit of that action, though, is not to be simply a reminder of an historic event. Instead, it is a sign of who we are called to be in the world. Much as our Lord washed his disciples' feet as a sign to them of how they were called to act in the world, we now receive this as a sign of our call to service in Christ's name in our world in our time.

Admittedly, this can be an uncomfortable moment for many of us. We are not used to having someone wash our feet. When we read the Gospel story, we hear how this was an awkward and uncomfortable moment for those first disciples as well. But this act comes to us as a gift. This act of foot washing is a reminder of what Jesus does for us and the ministry with which he entrusts us; a ministry of service to his world in his name.

Obviously, it is your personal choice to participate or not. But please know that this is an opportunity to share in a symbol of ministry that is as old as the church.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion will be distributed at the chancel rail this evening.

In the midst of this supper Jesus predicted Peter's denial and he also knew that Judas was going to betray him. We all take our place acknowledging our own sinfulness bringing our own betrayals and denials of Jesus in our lives.



You will be invited to come forward by an usher and Communion will be distributed with the bread and individual wine glasses. Once all have been served, please wait for a blessing before returning to your seat by the side aisle while placing your empty glass in the basket.