

Maundy Thursday



April 17, 2025

*Faith Lutheran Church
Jacksonville, Illinois*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INVOCATION AND INVITATION

P: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

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.

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 sin against God and our neighbor and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 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.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

SONG: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” ELW 708

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

- 1 **Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***
- 2 **Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain***
- 3 **These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***
- 4 **Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

WORD

John 13:1-20, 31-35

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰Jesus 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.’ ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, ‘Not all of you are clean.’

¹²After 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?’ ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfil the scripture, “The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.” ¹⁹I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. ²⁰Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.’

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.” ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By 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.**

SERMON: “Love One Another”

SONG: “Where Charity and Love Prevail” ELW 359

- 1 **Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.**
- 2 **With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.**

- 3 **Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.**
- 4 **Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.**
- 5 **Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please respond to the words, "Lord in your mercy,"
with "hear our prayer."

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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

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

DURING DISTRIBUTION

“As the Grains of Wheat” ELW 465

***Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread:
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.***

**1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain***

**2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain***

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” (ACS 966)

**1 Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.**

***Refrain: By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.***

**2 Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light. *Refrain***

**3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!" *Refrain***

**4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.**

Refrain

“Where True Charity and Love Abide” ELW 642
**Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

STRIPPING THE ALTAR

Stripping the altar is a symbolic act of the humiliation Jesus endured at his crucifixion. The altar is always a beautiful focal point of our worship, adorned with paraments and candles, but now is strikingly bare. Our worship is both an act of mourning Jesus' suffering and death... as well as an act of hope and confidence that the deep, deep love of Jesus expressed on a cross also reveals the glory of God.

Psalm 22

Omitting the benedictions at the end of the liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicates their continuity with each other and with the Easter celebration to come. The congregation is invited to leave in silence.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Musician: Sandi Watts
Ushers: Judy Dillard & Vicki Robson
Communion Assistant: Kay Schnitker
Altar Assistants: Kay Schnitker & Karen Sibert
Chancel Committee: Pat Glyshaw

CONTINUING WORSHIP

Good Friday

Join us at 7:00 p.m. as we reflect on Jesus,
the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.



Easter Sunday

8:00 am Easter Breakfast

9:30am Festival Resurrection Worship Service

10:30am Easter Breakfast

