

# Trinity Lutheran Church & School

*Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known*



## Holy (Maundy) Thursday

April 2, 2026  
10:00 AM & 6:00 PM

**Concerning this service:** Maundy Thursday, occurring on the eve of our Lord's crucifixion, begins the celebration of the holy three days of Christ's Passover, commonly known as the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). The service on this day completes the Lenten period of preparation for Christ's Passion and Resurrection and leads into His sacrifice on our behalf. As such, the service, like that for Good Friday, exhibits a mood of restrained joy. The service for Maundy Thursday consists of four parts: 1) the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution; 2) the Service of the Word; 3) the Service of the Sacrament; and 4) the Stripping of the Altar.

The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution signals the end of the Lenten preparations with the absolution and peace of Christ that stand at the center of the Three Days. The Service of the Word focuses upon Christ's sacrificial service demonstrated by His washing of the disciples' feet, a servanthood enacted on the cross and whose benefits are bestowed in His means of grace. The service culminates with the Lord's ministry to His people through the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death on Good Friday. On Maundy Thursday, the Church begins the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover from death to life and from captivity to freedom.

**Concerning Holy Communion:** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.



Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

**Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service: *Setting Three*

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PRELUDE..... “Prelude in the Classic Style” -arr. Hayes

WELCOME

HYMN: “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”..... LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION.....Page 290

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

**People: to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

*Sit*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*Stand*

**People:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. 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.

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**People:** Yes.

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe.

(6:00) *The pastor absolves the penitents individually at the altar, laying his hands on the head of each and pronouncing the following absolution.*

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in † peace.

**People:** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT.....*Psalm 116:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 116:5*

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

**People:** our God is merciful.

People: I love the LORD, because he has heard

**People:** my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Pastor: Because he inclined his ear to me,

**People:** therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Pastor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

**People:** I suffered distress and anguish.

Pastor: Then I called on the name of the LORD:

**People:** "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

**People:** our God is merciful.

(♪) GLORIA PATRI..... Page 186

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

(♪) KYRIE..... Page 186

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent.*

(♪) SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY..... Page 189

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Exodus 24:3-11

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.”<sup>4</sup>And 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. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then 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.” <sup>8</sup>And 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.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and 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. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL.....*Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a*

Pastor: [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,

**People: thus securing an eternal redemption.**

Pastor: Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

**People: so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

Pastor: He sent redemption to his people;

**People: he has commanded his covenant forever.**

EPISTLE.....*Hebrews 9:11-22*

<sup>11</sup>But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup>For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup>For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup>Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup>For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup>saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." <sup>21</sup>And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup>Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The Alleluia is omitted during Lent.*

HOLY GOSPEL..... *Matthew 26:17-30*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter.

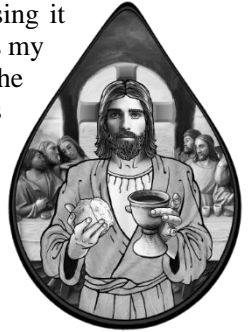
**People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into

the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”<sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup> And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup> And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup> He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” <sup>25</sup> Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup> Now 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.” <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I 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.”



<sup>30</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED.....Page 191

**People:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

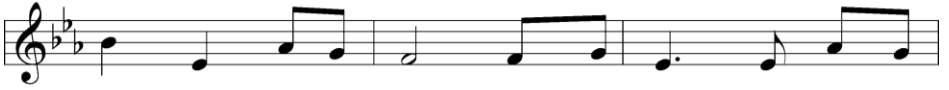
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN: "When You Woke That Thursday Morning".....LSB 445



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  
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one  
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



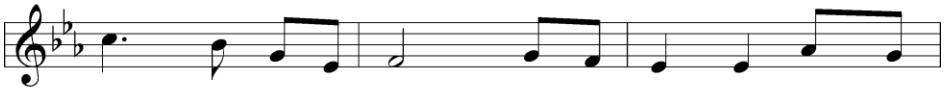
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty  
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones  
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -  
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -  
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



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?  
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.  
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



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  
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a  
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



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  
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,  
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



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."  
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.  
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

SERMON: “He’s Got Us Covered”.....Psalm 32:1-5  
9th and 10th Commandments

1. We covet. That is, we have \_\_\_\_\_ to gain for ourselves the things, and even the people, such as spouses, that belong to someone and not to us.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ covers all our sin, and through faith in Jesus, we now know the blessing of having a clean conscience before God.
3. In the \_\_\_\_\_, as in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, we are assured that our sins are covered.

The sin of covetousness shows up throughout the account of our Lord's Passion, such as in Jesus' being handed over to death out of the envy of the religious leaders.

- Can you think of other times during Jesus' life, suffering, and death (or even at his birth) when people around him are envious or covetous?
- How does God help us to, as believers in Jesus, give thanks and truly be content?

(♪) OFFERTORY (*Stand*).....LSB 192

**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*(10:00) At teachers' discretion, younger students may be released to their classrooms.*

OFFERING.....“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” -arr. Walther

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

*Out of love for our members and guests, and with sincere concern for the spiritual welfare of all, and in the desire to honor Christ our Lord and to be faithful to His Word, Trinity Lutheran Church abides by the ancient and biblical practice of closed Communion. All who are communicant members in good standing of Trinity Lutheran Church or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to come in true repentance to receive Christ's body and blood in the fellowship of this altar. All others are welcome to gather at the altar rail with arms folded across your chest, indicating your desire to receive a word of blessing from the pastor.*

(♪) PREFACE..... Page 194

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

(♪) SANCTUS.....Page 195

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

(♪) LORD'S PRAYER.....Page 196

Pastor: 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.

**People: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

(♪) THE WORDS OF OUR LORD..... Page 197

(♪) PAX DOMINI..... Page 197

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

(♪) AGNUS DEI..... Page 198

**People: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (*Sit*)

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”.....LSB 619  
“My Song Is Love Unknown”.....LSB 430  
“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”.....LSB 915

(♪) POST-COMMUNION COLLECT..... Page 201

Pastor: Let us pray...

People: **Amen.**

*Due to the unified character of the Triduum services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday), the Benediction is omitted.*

(6:00) STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*Immediately following the Post-Communion Collect, the Communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday. While this is done, Psalm 22 is chanted responsively by the pastors and cantor. The text of Psalm 22 can be found in the Psalms section at the front of the hymnal.*

*After the Stripping of the Altar, all may leave the church in silence.*

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

**Good Friday, April 3 | Noon (*school gym*) & 6:00 PM**

**Easter Vigil, April 4 | 6:00 PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 5 | 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM**

Easter breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM  
by Trinity's youth in the church fellowship hall.

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