

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church
& Early Childhood Campus**

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MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 17, 2025

AS WE GATHER

When Christians gather as the church, it is for what we normally call a "service." In daily life a "service" is, of course, a person or group who provides something of value to others; for instance, a food service, a cleaning service, or a place for "servicing" your car. But when we gather as church for a service, who is doing the serving and who is being served? After all, with our eyes we only see one another singing and praying, making the sign of the cross, standing, sitting, kneeling, baptizing with water, and communing with bread and wine. It is easy for some to get the impression that this activity we call "worship" is a gathering where we are doing something for God. What is really going on of most importance is God's doing, God's serving us through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. This divine service was most dramatically shown in this night on which our Lord Jesus serves and feeds us.

Tonight, our mighty Lord, who has proved His power over demons, sickness, and even death, takes the humbler part. His loving service is shown, first, by taking the role of a servant washing His disciples' feet. His greatest and chief service, however, He announced as He took charge of the ancient Passover meal, changing it from a mere memorial of what God has done in the Old Testament exodus of the past to its fulfillment in what He was about to accomplish in His innocent, bitter suffering and death on a cross. From now on, the fulfillment of the annual Passover feast is to be celebrated "often" as the chief means by which God literally connects us with our Lord's crucified body and His precious blood that take away the sin of the world "as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup" (LSB, p. 162).

PRESERVICE MUSIC WHILE WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread" LSB 625

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:4; 124:8

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C who made heaven and earth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Joel 2:13

P: During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving one another.

By God's Word, during these forty days we have been reminded that the true repentance, faith, and love required of us is and can only be the product of God's own action on our behalf. In Jesus we have seen the very hand of God working to save us by serving us. He is the Hand of the Lord who freely gives Himself in love for us, the Hand of the Lord who created us, and the Hand of the Lord who casts out demons, who heals the sick, who raises the dead, and who hold all things together as the mighty Savior, who reigns over all.

This night we gather at the Lord's invitation to complete our Lenten discipline by examining ourselves, receiving Holy Absolution of all our sins, and by means of the Sacrament of the Altar, being made actual participants in the body and blood of Christ, the precious price of our salvation. Whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing the 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. 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. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love.

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

C: Amen

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: 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.

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

C: Amen.

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

C: Yes.

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

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT:

Ps. 116:1-5

P: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

C: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

C: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

P: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

KYRIE

C ♪ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. ⁷"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 116:12-19

P: What shall I render to the LORD

C: for all His benefits to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation

C: and call on the name of the LORD,

P: I will pay my vows to the LORD

C: in the presence of all His people.

P: Precious in the sight of the LORD

C: is the death of His saints.

P: O LORD, I am Your servant;

C: I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

P: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving

C: and call on the name of the LORD.

P: I will pay my vows to the LORD

C: in the presence of all His people,

P: in the courts of the house of the LORD,

C: in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:1-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During

supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

^{31b} "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

(Back of the Hymnal)

HYMN

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617

SERMON

"The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Almighty God, as we conclude these holy forty days of Lent and enter the three days of our Lord's Passion, death, and rest in the tomb, we give You thanks that You have shown Him to be for us Your very hand of our creation and life; our victorious Lord over the adversary Satan and his hordes; our Great Physician, who heals our diseases; our Lord of Life, who raises us from death; and our all-powerful Lord in whom all things hold together whether on earth or in heaven. Tonight, as He demonstrated His love at His Last Supper, make us to be servants of love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

(following each petition the congregation responds)

C Hear our prayer.

(our petitions this day)

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.

OFFERING

+ SACRAMENT +

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	
"The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"	LSB 634
"Where Charity and Love Prevail"	LSB 845
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE	LSB p.211
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CLOSING HYMN "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"	Back of the Hymnal

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The Communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn service of Good Friday

All leave in silence

OFFICIANT: Rev. Jonathan Vierkant

ORGANIST: Rinda Bye

ELDERS: Jeff Grande & Rory Hetzel

The Bend is showing on Saturday (4/19) the movie "The King of Kings" starting at 1:00, doors open at 12:30, and it only cost \$4.00 per person.

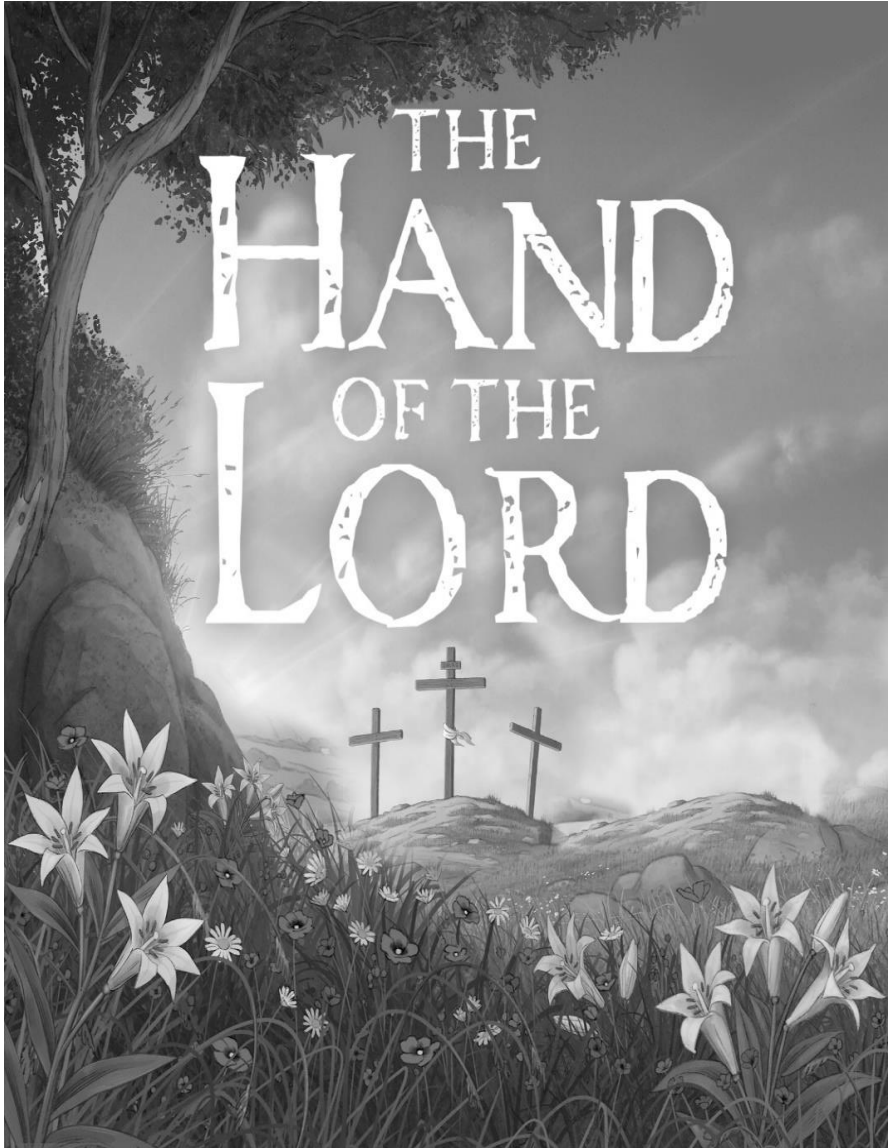
Good Friday and Easter Services

Good Friday service (no communion)
7 p.m. on Friday, April 18

Sunrise Easter Service
6 a.m.

Join us for breakfast at 7:15 a.m. between services

Easter Worship Service
9 a.m.



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