



Maundy Thursday
Concordia Lutheran Church
Thursday, March 28, 2024



Maundy Thursday "Mandate" Thursday



Let Us Love One Another , As Christ Has Loved
Us And Loves Us To The End.

Welcome to Concordia!

Vacancy Pastor Team:

Rev. Mark Brockhoff, Emeritus (Sun. 9am)
Rev Chris Kolupa, Assistant Pastor (Weds. 7pm)

(Please stand as you are able)

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your loving kindnesses, for they have been from of old.

C: **Triune God, rescue us from the sting of death that is sin; Save us from the power of sin that is the Law; Redeem us from the vices of our own corrupt flesh; Release us from the seduction of Satan's lies.**

P: God the Father,

C: **Have mercy on us, and inspire us to trust Your steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting.**

P: God the Son,

C: **Have mercy on us, and lead us to expect Your righteousness endures to all generations.**

P: God the Holy Spirit

C: **Have mercy on us, and stir up our hearts with loyalty to live as Your royal priesthood, so we carry out Your holy mandates on earth even as it is done in heaven.**

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. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then 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.

When Jesus 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? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. . . .

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little 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.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13: 1-5; 12-17 & 31-35

P: This is our Lord's first mandate which He gave to all generations of His disciples on the night He was betrayed.
C: **Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.**

Sharing of the Peace

“We are One in the Spirit”

1. We are one In the Spirit We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit We are one In the Lord
And we pray that all unity May one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!

2. We will follow Christ Jesus And we'll walk hand in hand
We will follow Christ Jesus And we'll walk hand in hand
And as one spread God's Kingdom till We reach the Promised Land.

Refrain

3. We will serve our dear Savior We will work side by side,
We will serve our dear Savior We will work side by side,
We will bear all our crosses as Christ's mandate's our guide.

Refrain

4. Give all praise to the Father, For from Him all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, Who is God's only Son,
And praise to God the Spirit. who's Our true God Three in One.

Refrain

Confession and Absolution

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father, worthy Judge eternal,

C: For the sake of Your Son, have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our known and unknown sins. Pardon the evil we have done and the good we have left undone. Absolve us of our failures to subdue the lusts of our flesh. Sustain us by Your Holy Spirit of pardon and absolution, so we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy Name. Let it be so Lord.

P: Do you trust the words that declare the holy and blessed forgiveness are those of the worthy Judge eternal, who is Your heavenly Father?

C: **Yes.**

P: So let His promise be spoken, that you may 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.**

P: The Triune God, who calls us His own, is faithful, and He will do it.

C: **To the Lord be the Glory, now and forever. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion.

C: **Grant that we may receive through faith and hope, the sacred mystery of Your Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and wine. Nurture our hearts with Your Real Presence, and by the same strengthen our discipleship.**

P: This we pray in Your Name, O Lord Jesus,

C: **Even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P: The world is ruled and troubled by human opinions.

C: **Now God rules and comforts us with realities created by His Word.**

(Please be seated)

The First Reading is taken from the twenty-fourth chapter of Exodus.

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do." 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. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. 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." 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."

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

Exodus 24:3–11

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

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

C: **Thus securing an eternal redemption.**

R: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,

C: **So that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

R: He sent redemption to His people;

C: **He has commanded His covenant forever.**

The Epistle Reading is from the tenth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood

of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. 1Corinthians 10:16–17

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

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

C: **I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

P: Because He inclined His ear to me,

C: **Therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

P: Having loved His own who were in the world,

C: **Christ loved them to the end.**

P: **The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter:**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For 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."

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn *"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"*

Maroon Hymnal # 610

Sermon

Offering

Offertory Chorale *"Lamb of God"*

Soloist – Kathy Brockhoff Accompanist -Tina Niehus

(Please stand as you are able)

P: O God the Son, You washed Your disciples' feet as the sign of Your new commandment to love one another as You first loved the whole world. Help us keep Your mandate to humbly and obediently lay down our lives for You, in the holy work of serving one another with spiritual sacrifices of forgiveness, compassion, patience and kindness.

C: **Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word.**

P: Lamb of God, as You gathered with Your disciples for the Passover meal in the upper room, so this night You have called us out of slavery to the fallen world, and united us by the divine solidarity of faith and hope in Your steadfast forgiveness. Help us keep Your mandate to faithfully remember this night, on which you instituted Your covenant for Your Real presence to abide in our hearts, even as Your holy communion dwells in our midst. Lead us through the wilderness of our earthly pilgrimage, until we rest with You and all Your saints in the Promised Land that is Your Kingdom which has no end.

C: Let it be so, Lamb of God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S DIVINE SERVICE OF HIS HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

P: It is truly good, right and healthy to body and soul that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father and everlasting God. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate from the forbidden tree that bore the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet in Your great mercy You promised salvation by a Second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. That where death arose, there life also might rise again, and that the serpent who overcame by the tree in the garden might likewise by the tree of Calvary be overcome.

Words of Institution

P: So Your Body and Blood may free those disheartened by bodily pain and embittered by emotional suffering, and Your Real Presence leads their

souls into Your consolation and peace;

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: So Your Body and Blood can guide those wandering in loneliness or mourning, because of the loss of loved ones and friends. and Your Real Presence lifts them up from sorrows and grief into Your comfort and hope.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: So Your Body and Blood will save us from moments of spiritual bondage to futility and despair, and Your Real Presence frees us for times to obey You and serve others in sacrificial love;

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Christ, for the divine remedy of Your Body,

C: We exalt You.

P: Christ, for the precious cure of Your Blood

C: We glorify You.

P: Christ, for this costly medicine of immortality Your Real Presence,

C: We adore You, even as we pray in Your Name, and as You have taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: These mandates our Lord He gave to us His disciples, on the night He was betrayed: That we love one another as He first loved us all, and according to our faith in Him, and to eat His Body and drink His blood, trusting and expecting to receive His Real Presence in our hearts and in our midst. .

C: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

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

C: Now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymn *"I Come, O Savior to Thy Table"* **Maroon Hymnal #618**

P: Now may this true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith, to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

(Please stand as you are able)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

And they went to a place which was called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray." And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: Having loved His own who were in the world,

C: He loved them to the end.

P: Let us depart in the peace of the Lord.

C: And return to behold the death of the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

(Please be seated to sing during the Stripping of the Altar)

Hymn "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

Maroon Hymnal # 423

Hymn "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

Maroon Hymnal # 435