

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

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323 E. 1st St.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 11:00am

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**Maundy Thursday**

**April 9, 2020**

*Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes*

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

*For Your Convenience...*

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located in the back corner of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located on the lower level. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Tonight begins what is called the Triduum services. Conceptually they are a single service that extend over “three holy days.” Because of this, tonight’s service and our Good Friday service close without the blessing. Instead, they close in silence as we journey through the climax of the Christian Church Year and the most important events in all of history: Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection.*

**Maundy Thursday** - *The word “maundy” is derived from the Latin word which means command. The name relates to the “new command” Jesus gave to his disciples while they were assembled in the upper room the night before his crucifixion. “A new command I give you: Love one another (John 13:34). Love links us to God in Christ. Love is also the feature that identifies us with Jesus. The Lord’s Supper is his way of renewing the bond of forgiving love that binds him to us and us to one another.*



**Prayer Before Worship:** *Dearest Jesus, as I walk in your footsteps, I see the sacrifice you made to win my forgiveness. Help me to recall all your wondrous words and actions. Help me to appreciate all the sacrifices you made, even your death, because I know that you did it for me. And now, fill me with your Holy Spirit, that I may follow in your steps in my daily life. Amen*

**OPENING HYMN: CW 100**.....*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*

### SERMON

### INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

**M:** In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord’s call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were

committed at Baptism; God’s forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God’s love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ’s body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord’s Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord’s gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord’s Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

*“Lord, To You I Make Confession”*

*Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77, abr.;*

*tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.*

*Tune: Tracy Fedke, b. 1975*

*Arr: Koiné*

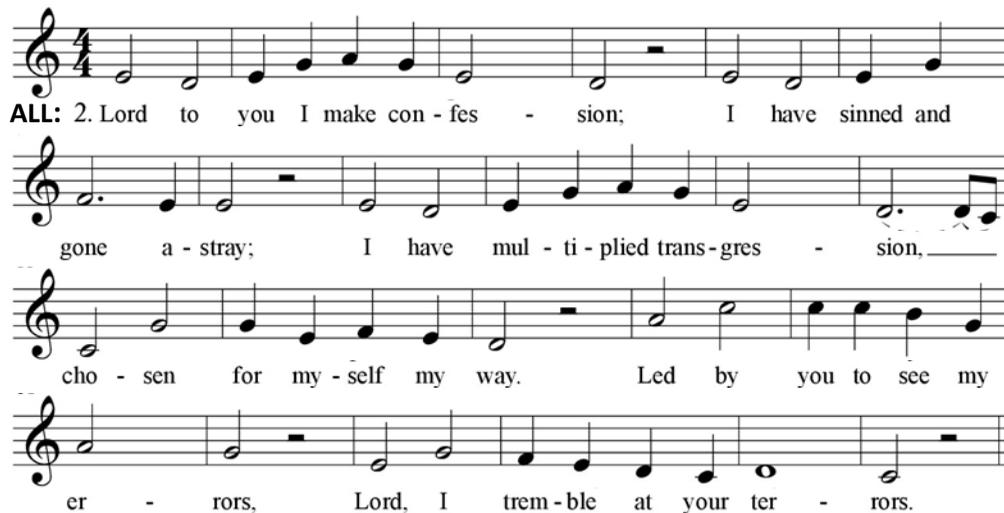
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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: 1. We have come in - to God's pre - sence; ma - ker of the  
heav'ns and earth. He cre - a - ted us to love him; to  
serve him as his pre - cious child. We have dis - o - beyed and  
er - rored, thus de - ser - ving wrath and ang - er.

**M:** Therefore, Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.



**ALL: 2.** Lord to you I make con - fes - sion; I have sinned and  
gone a - stray; I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,  
cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by you to see my  
er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.

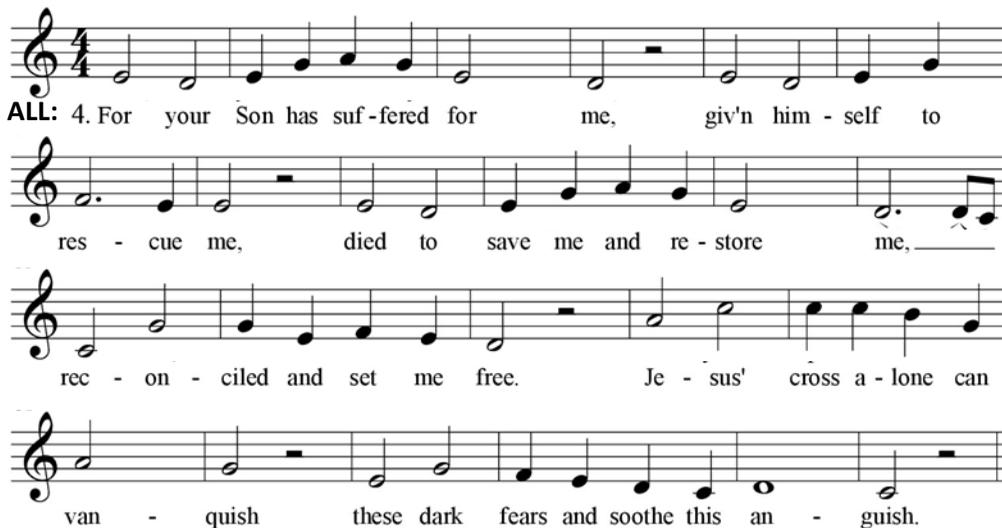
**M:** “This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and tremble at my word,” declares the LORD (*Isaiah 66:2*).

**C:** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love.



**ALL: 3.** Lord, on you I cast my bur - den; sink it in the  
depths be - low! Let me know your gra - cious par - don;  
wash me, make me white as snow. Let your Spir - it leave me  
nev - er; make me on - ly yours for - ev - er.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.



**ALL:** 4. For your Son has suf-fered for me, giv'n him-self to  
res-cue me, died to save me and re-store me,  
rec-on-ciled and set me free. Je-sus' cross a-lone can  
van-quish these dark fears and soothe this an-guish.

### + GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY+

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; 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 Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup>If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with

their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup>The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup>Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup>Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup>That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. <sup>10</sup>Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

<sup>12</sup>“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** *116 (p. 107 in the front of your hymnal)*

**EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-28**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:26, NIV).

*PLEASE STAND*

## **GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:1-15,34**

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

<sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup> "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

<sup>9</sup> "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

PLEASE BE SEATED

**HYMN OF THE DAY CW 313**.....*Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

**OFFERING**

Offerings can be mailed to our church office at 517 Tilden Street, Fairmont, MN 56031

**To our visitors:** *Our offering is not a debt we owe God, but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation, but love for God. Please do not feel obligated to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.*

PLEASE STAND

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

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**HYMN CW 126 v 1**.....*Lord Jesus, You Are Going Forth*

**+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +**

The altar, which symbolizes Christ, is stripped bare in an unhurried and dignified manner. This is done in token of Jesus' abandonment by his disciples in Gethsemane and in preparation for Good Friday.

As the altar is stripped, a soloist softly sings Psalm 22, foretelling Christ's passion.

After the stripping of the altar, please leave the sanctuary quietly, not greeting anyone on your way out, but going directly to your vehicle in silence, as we prepare to continue our worship on Good Friday.