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April 2, 2026 - 3:30pm  
Maundy Thursday

### RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (LSB 420 vs 1-4)

### INVOCATION

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

- P God told his people at Mount Sinai: "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Exodus 19:5-6). But the people disobeyed the Lord. They broke the covenant he made with them.
- C Forgive us, Lord, when we sin against you and do not follow your commands.**
- P The Lord made a new covenant. He would write his law on the hearts of his people. It would be a covenant of forgiveness, sealed in blood: "No longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jeremiah 31:34).
- C Through this covenant, Lord, your covenant of steadfast love and grace, our sins are forgiven, and we are saved.**
- P Jesus Christ is the mediator of that new covenant. He is the Lamb of God whose sacrifice on the cross brought us forgiveness and peace with God. On the night before he died, Jesus gave the cup of wine to his disciples and said, "this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).
- C Lord Jesus, the new covenant was sealed in your body and blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins.**

#### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus our Savior.
- C Almighty God, we do not deserve your gracious gifts. We disobey your commandments in our thoughts, words, and actions, through what we do and through the works of love that we leave undone. We turn away from your ways to follow our selfish desires. We close our ears and our hearts to the truth of your Word. Have mercy on us, and forgive us for Jesus' sake.**
- P God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus is the Lamb of God who gave his life as the sacrifice to atone for the sins of the world. Our sins are washed away in his blood. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell 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. And 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and 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.

“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. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In 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. For 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. The 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.

“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.

**EPISTLE:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, 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.” In 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.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

**GOSPEL:** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus 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.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

When 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? 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.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “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.”

**SERMON HYMN:** “*When You Woke That Thursday Morning*” (LSB 445 vs 1-3,5)

## SERMON

### PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERING

#### RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

*(Please indicate if you are a member or visitor in the Rite of Friendship books and if you will be joining us for Holy Communion. If visiting please leave us a means to contact you as we would love to follow up with you.)*

#### QUESTIONS IN PREPARING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT

*(Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament)*

P Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**C Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.**

P How do you know this?

**C From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.**

P Are you sorry for your sins?

**C Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**

P What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

**C His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.**

P Do you hope to be saved?

**C Yes, that is my hope.**

P In whom then do you trust?

**C In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.**

P Who is Christ?

**C The Son of God, true God and man.**

P How many Gods are there?

**C Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

P What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

**C He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.**

P Did the Father also die for you?

**C He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed his blood for me.**

P How do you know this?

**C From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.**

P What are the Words of Institution?

**C Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He gave thanks, He 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. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

P Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

**C Yes, I believe it.**

P What convinces you to believe this?

**C The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.**

P What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

**C We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.**

P Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

**C First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.**

P What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?

**C His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners.**

P Finally, why do you wish to go so the Sacrament?

**C That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.**

P What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?

**C First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and the promise are given.**

P But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have not hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

**C To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures says of it. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let us have no peace, within or without as the Scriptures picture him.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### HOLY COMMUNION

*We believe Christ's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine of this Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins to all who believe. 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. If you share this belief and practice, please join us in celebrating the meal of God's family – Holy Communion, please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand. (The cups with white juice are for those who have requested them. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)*

### COMMUNION HYMNS:

*“Just as I Am, without One Plea” (LSB 570)*

*“Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain” (LSB 435)*

*“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (LSB 761)*

### BLESSING

### 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 services of Good Friday.*

*(All leave the church in silence and respect of the solemn season)*

**Please keep the following people in our prayers:**

**Medical / Health Concerns:** Jenny Garcia, daughter of Andy & Mary Hoppe, Ella Holmes, Anne Raduechel, Raphael Klein, Cindy Barton, Marie Borchardt, Donna Schroeder, Ava Downing, Lana Wilkinson, Carla Grulkowski, Sandy Flanagan, Lizzy Marciniak, Evelyn Mielke, sister in law to Carol Leopold, Judy Young, Henry Jennejohn, Jessie Myers, Dick Wick, Marliss Fritz, Daniel & Melissa Shewmake for medical concerns, Carol Leopold, Terri & Brad Kankelfitz, Sarah, friend of Nicky Thurs, who is in hospice, Frank Walters.

**Battling Cancer:** Brenda Barttelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Paul Michalski, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Bill Kobs, Aissen Witter, Roger Baumgart, father of Lisa Peck, Mike Ferry, brother of Scott, Jody Krieg, Rhonda Payne.

**Military Service** - SSG Mitchell Fromm, deployed overseas with the Wisconsin National Guard.

**GOOD FRIDAY - April 3**

12:00pm (Traditional)

1:00 - 3:00 Prayer Vigil

6:00pm (Traditional)



**EASTER SUNDAY – April 5**

6:30 Sunrise Traditional

7:00 - 9:00 Easter Breakfast

8:30 Blended

9:00 - 10:30 Kids Craft Corner



*Please  
join us!*

**Please join us for a new sermon series starting on 4/12/26 and going through 6/7/26 called Christ Figures in Film.**

**Christ Figures in Film**

Jesus Christ as portrayed in the Bible has affected and infiltrated culture in more ways than people can imagine or understand. Jesus dying for His people; Jesus being given New Life from His Father and, in turn, giving His people New Life; Jesus rebelling against unbiblical cultural norms; Jesus speaking for the poor, the lost, and the sinner; and Jesus showing everyone a Greater Love. These, and many other aspects of Jesus, are what tug at the heart strings of society to move and motivate people into faith and being something more. This coming sermon series will show how aspects of Jesus have been portrayed in film to move the hearts of the viewers.

### Just to Clarify:

After the Special Voter's meeting on March 22, 2026, I was approached by several members asking about "What if we do not raise the funds need to start the Built in Love" project... where is that money raised to date going to be used? Any donations received are placed into a special designated fund (Built in Love) that can only be used for our building expansion... no matter how many years it would take to start the project.

Several members have asked me if they need to send their donations through Chris Grosskreutz or can they send the donation to St. Mark's directly? Your donations (Cash, Check, EFT or Electronically using our QR code) can be sent

directly to St. Mark's to my attention. The ONLY method of giving that needs to go through Chris Grosskreutz is any stock transfers.

If you have any questions about donations for this Built in Love campaign, please see me directly.

Kurt Haebig  
Financial Manager  
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## April 3rd ~ Good Friday Prayer Vigil 1:00– 3:00pm

Once again we will be having a Prayer Vigil on Good Friday. We invite you to use the quiet of the church and this prayer-focused time to offer up prayers individually. Pastor Eric and Pastor Gary & Nan Schultz will also be available to pray with you or for you.

If you are not able to be present, Prayer Request Cards are available in the narthex. Write your prayer on the card (name optional) and drop off the completed Prayer Request in the Church card box in the narthex.

**Prayer is a powerful thing that God has given us. God says to pray without ceasing.**



### MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 2

3:30pm (Traditional)

6:00pm - (Contemporary)

We remember this day as our Lord and Savior shared His body and blood with his disciples in Holy Communion. We partake of a meal that was prepared by the hands of Jesus.

### GOOD FRIDAY - April 3

12:00pm (Traditional)

1:00 - 3:00 Prayer Vigil

6:00pm (Traditional)

We look upon the tree and see our sins laid upon the Holy One. We see our sins, we see our Savior, and we see our salvation. "It is finished."

### EASTER SUNDAY – April 5 - HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

6:30 Sunrise Traditional

7:00 - 9:00 Easter Breakfast

8:30 Blended

9:00 - 10:30 Kids Craft Corner

10:30 Contemporary

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4