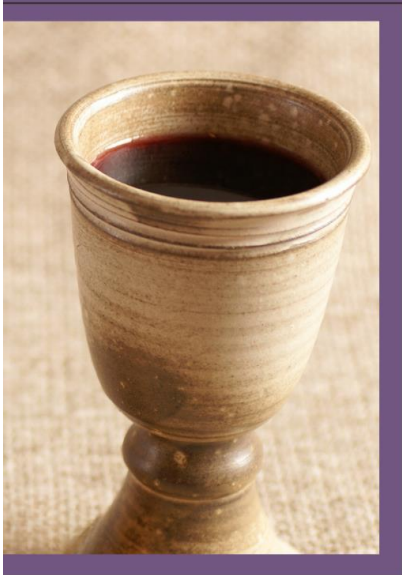
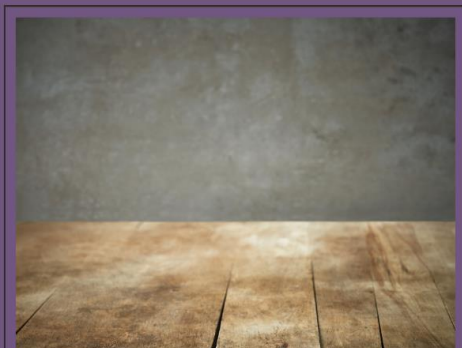


HOLY WEEK



Maunder THURSDAY



Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

March 28, 2024 ~ 7:00PM

AS WE GATHER

Our forty days of repentance and prayer in preparation for the celebration of Easter are over; but there is no pause. We gather again for a deeper meditation, as we join with Jesus and his disciples in the Upper Room of Maundy Thursday.

The name *Maundy* comes from the Latin word *mandatum* (command). On this holy night, Jesus gave two commands. The first one is to love one another selflessly and humbly. The second command is to take and eat his body in bread, and to take and drink his blood in wine. These commands are blessed means by which Jesus, our Savior, continues to bring his grace, direction, comfort, and nourishment to our souls.

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church on this Maundy Thursday evening! We pray that you are blessed by God in this hour of worship, and that you will join us again tomorrow evening (Good Friday) and on Sunday morning (Easter).

† *Gathering* †

The service begins in silence, as we reflect upon the sacrifice Christ made for us.

WELCOME & GREETING

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

C: Amen.

P: What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

C: I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of the Lord.

P: I will take the cup of salvation,

C: And will call on the name of the Lord.

P: I will say my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people,

C: In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

(Psalm 116: 17-19)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

OPENING HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" (LBW109)



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;



your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P:** Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service.
- C:** **Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† Word †

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 24:3-11

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." ⁴ 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. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ 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." ⁸ 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." ⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Adult Choir

HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:1-17

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. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ 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, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ 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." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹² 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?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

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.

Congregation is seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Just As I Am" (LBW296)



- 1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me,
2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,



5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERMON

"title"

Pastor Devin Murphy

Congregation stands

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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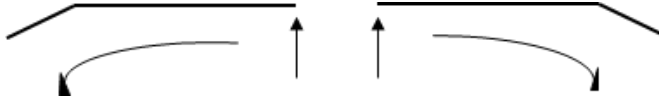
P: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

† Meal †

Communion Participation: As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ's body and blood are truly present with the bread and wine, offering forgiveness of sins to all who believe in Jesus Christ. We ask those who commune to share this unity of faith in Christ and understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Since the Scripture teaches that we are to examine ourselves before eating of the bread and drinking of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28), if you are not certain of the meaning of Holy Communion or have not been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Communion Distribution Process: Please form two lines in the main center aisle, proceeding to the altar. After you have received communion, you may return to your pew via the side aisles.



White grape juice is provided in the center of the trays. Individual cups may be placed in the baskets provided by the acolyte. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Communion and Children: First communion is ordinarily offered at Hope to youth after instruction classes in the 5th grade. Children and youth who have not been confirmed may come to the altar to receive a blessing. Children and non-confirmed youth should fold their arms over their chest to acknowledge they are receiving the blessing.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Congregation is seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"What Is This Bread" (LSB629)

1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine? The blood of
3 So who am I, That I should
4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace
live and He should die Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (LBW102)

On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,
that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table" (LBW213)



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and wea - ry
 2 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior; your blood, which once for
 3 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; you live in me and
 4 My heart has now be - come your dwell - ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly



is my soul; you, Bread of life, a - lone are a - ble to
 me was shed: these are my life and strength for - ev - er, by
 I in you. No sor - row fills my soul; de - light - ed it
 Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, your prais - es tell - ing, shall

Refrain



sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 them my hun - gry soul is fed. Lord, may your
 finds its deep - est joy in you.
 live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good!

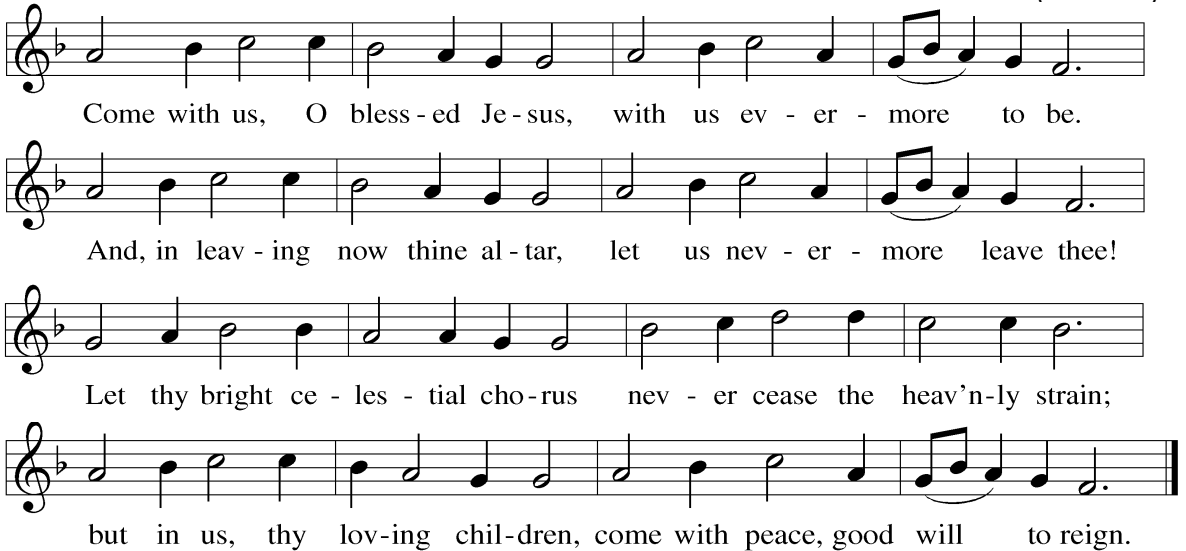
WORDS OF BLESSING

Congregation stands

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

HYMN OF CONSECRATION

"Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus" (LBW219)



Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

Congregation is seated

† Stripping Of The Altar †

The Stripping of the Altar is a symbolic preparation for the solemn, sacred events of the next day in Holy Week, Good Friday. The celebration of Holy Communion has ended. For Jesus, betrayal, trial, denial, crucifixion, suffering, and death are ahead. On the cross, Christ is literally stripped of life, dying to rise again that we might live forever. Tonight we watch as the church is stripped of its appointments, representing Christ, stripped of his power and glory, abandoned in the hands of his captors. As the altar is stripped, we listen to the solemn words of Isaiah 53, a prophecy of the Messiah's humiliation and sufferings.

At the conclusion, we depart the church in silence, prepared to return for the darkness of Good Friday. Please remain at your seats until the pastors reach the back of the church.

BENEDICTION



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Holy Week & Easter

AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good Friday

March 29 at 7:30 PM

Tenebrae Service of Darkness

One of the most moving and eloquent worship hours of the whole year. We hear the seven "Words from the Cross" that Jesus spoke and remember, soberly, the suffering and torments of Calvary.



Eggstravaganza

March 30 at 10:00 AM

All kids grades 5 and below are invited to Hope's Eggstravaganza event complete with egg hunting, chicks, bunnies, bouncing, and celebrating Jesus.

Easter Sunday

March 31, 6:45AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM

Hope's celebration of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead will remind us all of the meaning and power of Easter for our everyday living as God's people. This glorious day begins with an outdoor (indoor in case of rain) Sunrise Service of Holy Communion, with special music led by the Praise Team. Three festival services will follow, in the worship Sanctuary, with special music led by the Handbell Choir, Adult Choir, and Brass Ensemble. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at three of the four Easter Sunday services (6:45, 8:00, and 11:00AM). At the 9:30AM Easter Sunday service, we'll focus especially on the new life given to Christians in the Sacrament of Baptism, as we remember and renew our Baptismal vows.



Easter Cross of Flowers

The Easter Cross of Flowers will be placed on the church lawn for Easter Sunday. All worshippers are invited to bring one flower (any color, any style) and place it through the wire mesh on the cross before entering the service.

Easter Breakfast

The Fellowship Volunteers will be hosting an Easter Morning Reception after the 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00AM services. Please consider bringing plated and ready-to-serve brunch goodies, and gallon lemonade or sweet tea.