

MAUNDY THURSDAY

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

TWIN LAKES, WI

APRIL 2, 2026



“A NEW PASSOVER”

AS WE GATHER

As Jesus had His disciples prepare for the annual Passover meal, little did they know that the next three days (the Triduum) would fulfil that prophetic event and deliver all people from the bondage of sin and death by the blood of the Lamb of God, Christ Himself. Tonight the “cup of blessing” (1 Corinthians 10:16) of the Passover meal is the means to participate in the atonement on the cross of Good Friday. Hear and believe in the real presence of our Lord Jesus not just “spiritually” but “in, with, and under” the bread and wine we share, for the Lord Himself invites us to take and eat His body and to take and drink His blood, shed for us.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

LSB #636

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God’s wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.” It is as if He said, “I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat.”

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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.” Again, it is as if He said, “I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink.”

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this 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—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. 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. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

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

People: Amen.

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

All: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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. ¹³ 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.

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.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Jesus, Greatest at the Table”

Starke/McCarthy

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

²³ 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, ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ 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.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, 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. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1–15

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."

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB #617

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CATECHISM RESPONSE

The Sacrament of the Altar

Pastor: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

People: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Pastor: Where is this written?

People: The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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 had given 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.”

Pastor: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

People: These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Pastor: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

People: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

Pastor: Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

People: Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

PRAYERS

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, You are our Lord and we have become Your disciples in Baptism, Your brothers and sisters, Your Body and individually members of it. As on that holy night when You entered into the final days of Your Passion, You suffered betrayal at the hand of one of Your own chosen disciples, so do we number ourselves still struggling with sin and the temptation of going our own way. As You restored Your servant Simon Peter, You have spoken Your sustaining Word of forgiveness to us this night. Make us faithful to Your calling that we may continually worship You in spirit and in truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: On this night You took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it now to be Your body given for us and our salvation. Continue to give us this sacred bread that You may live in us as we live in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In the same way also You took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it now to be the new testament in Your blood, shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Make us drink deeply of Your great love that we may love You in return and serve as ambassadors of Your love for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: When You commanded Your disciples, saying, “Do this in remembrance of Me,” You were promising not just good memories of the past but Your very presence with every believer giving every good and perfect gift of mercy and grace through Your eternal Word and Spirit. “Come, then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting” (*LSB* 939). Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Hear also our prayer for all public servants; for the government and those who protect us; for the deliverance of all from any affliction, danger, or need; and all for whom You have come to be the eternal Savior, the way, the truth, and the life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us,
for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, on this most holy night, declared the exodus of all creation from its from bondage to sin and death, at the price of His blood, and commanded the remembrance of His promised presence as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;

Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to
pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin
of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin
of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin
of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

✠DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION✠

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed

- believe Christ's words

- repent of their sins

***- fully agree with ("is in communion with") all that the Lutheran
Church-Missouri Synod teaches.***

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB #637

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Tune: LSB #633

**For this feast our thanks we give;
Through its gifts we ever live,
Thanks and praise forever sing
Till we hear the heavens ring, “Alleluia!”**

**Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You that we have received Your body and blood in this Sacrament. Through Your life laid down for us, You have given us new life. Strengthen us in faith and in loving service to You and others through Your presence. In Your name we pray.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

John 18:1,2

-As the organ softly plays “Go to Dark Gethsemane,” the pastor reads the commentary on the stripping of the altar and designated participants remove the signs of life.

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PLEASE JOIN US DURING HOLY WEEK:

7:00 P.M. Good Friday Commemoration – April 3
9:30 A.M. Holy Saturday – April 4
7:00 A.M. Easter Sunrise Worship Service – April 5
8:00 A.M. Easter Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Easter Worship Service

- **Preacher:** **Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.):** **Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist:** **Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist:** **George Kelm**
- **Choir Director:** **Gail Feick**
- **Ensemble Coordinator:** **Tabra Gomski**
- **A/V Team:** **Brian & Amanda Larie**
 Stan & Cheryl Grey
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