

Maundy Thursday  
April 2, 2026  
Lord of Life Lutheran Church



## WELCOME

## CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O Lord, for all the ways we have trusted ourselves instead of you. We know that you have not rejected us even in the moments when we deserved it. Forgive us for the times we have ignored your sacred story instead of embracing signs of your love. Forgive me for placing things ahead of you in my life. Forgive me for being distracted while you have been showing me how to live. Amen.**

## HYMN

*Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*

#357

Reader: Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Congregation: **‘What will you give me if I betray him to you?’**

Reader: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

## HYMN

*Ah, Holy Jesus* vs. 1

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Reader: Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

Congregation: **‘Lord, are you going to wash my feet?’**

Reader: Jesus answered, ‘You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.’ Peter said to him,

Congregation: **‘You will never wash my feet.’**

Reader: Jesus answered, ‘Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.’ Simon Peter said to him,

Congregation: **‘Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!’**

Reader: Jesus said to him, ‘One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.’ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, ‘Not all of you are clean.’ After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.’

## HYMN

*A New Commandment*

With One Voice #664

Reader: When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

Congregation: **‘I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’**

Reader: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Congregation: **‘Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’**

Reader: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Congregation: **‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’**

Reader: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Congregation: **‘This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!’**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil;  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Reader: After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, ‘Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.’ The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him,

Congregation: **‘Lord, who is it?’**

Jesus answered, ‘It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.’ So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, ‘Do quickly what you are going to do.’

## **HYMN**

*Ah, Holy Jesus* vs. 2

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Reader: When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’ Simon Peter said to him,

Congregation: **‘Lord, where are you going?’**

Reader: Jesus answered, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterwards.' Peter said to him,

Congregation: **'Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.'**

Reader: Jesus answered, 'Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.'

**HYMN** *Go to Dark Gethsemane* vs. 1 #347

Reader: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.'

**HYMN** *Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song* vs. 4 #808

Reader: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

**HYMN** *Stay with Me* 3 times #348

Reader: Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.' While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Congregation: **'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.'**

Reader: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Congregation: **'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him.**

Reader: Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

## **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The service ends with the stripping of the altar. All elements of worship are removed, including everything from the top of the altar, the baptismal font, the banners, and the paraments, including the pastor's stole. At the end, all that is left is the Christ Candle. The lights in the sanctuary are dimmed until only the lights on the altar and the Christ Candle remain. People may stay and pray for as long as they would like, and then leave in silence. We will return tomorrow night for the Good Friday service.*

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