

# Maundy Thursday

Faith Lutheran Church

*Joint service with First Methodist Church*

April 2, 2026

7:00PM

## PRELUDE

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: "Now We Join In Celebration"** Green LBW #203

Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

*You may be seated.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Pastor Ray*

P: On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another. Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

## **GREETING**

*Pastor Cathe*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor Jeremy*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty Father, on the night before His bloody passion, Your beloved Son instituted His last will and testament on behalf of sinners. Mercifully grant that we who receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord, may do so in the sure and certain knowledge that these gifts of grace are given for us, for the forgiveness of our sin; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and

rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34** (ESV) **Pastor Cathe**

<sup>31</sup> "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And 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."

**PSALM 116: 12-19** (*To be read responsively*) (ESV) **Pastor Cathe**

<sup>12</sup> What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,**

<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.**

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

**18 I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,**

**19 in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

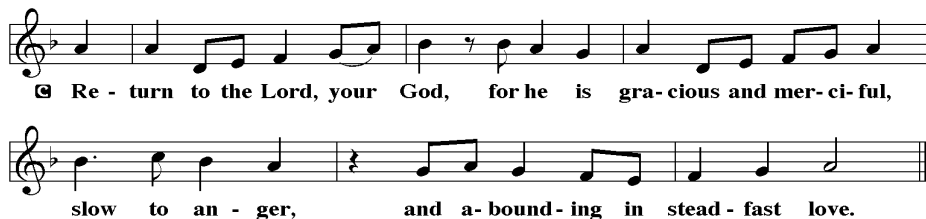
**Praise the LORD!**

**SECOND READING: 1 Cor. 11:23-26 (ESV) Pastor Jeremy**

**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.

*Please stand for the singing of the gospel acclamation and the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



☪ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter:

**C:** 🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord** 🎵

## GOSPEL: John 13:31-35 (NASB)

<sup>31</sup> Therefore when he had left, Jesus \*said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him; <sup>32</sup> if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am *still* with you a little longer. You will look for Me; and just as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you: 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all *people* will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: 🎵 Praise to you, O Christ 🎵

*You may be seated.*

### MESSAGE

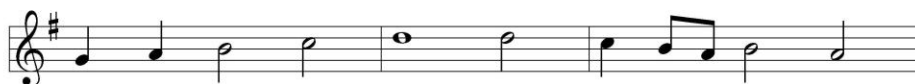
*Pastor Ray Perales*

### HYMN OF THE DAY: "Love Consecrates the Humblest Act"

#### Love Consecrates the Humblest Act Green LBW #203



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and  
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ  
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what



ha - loes mer - cy's deeds; it sheds a ben - e -  
knelt and washed the feet of his dis - ci - ples,  
Christ in love so true has free - ly done for



dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.  
he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Pastor Jeremy*

P: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: **Creator and Redeemer of the world, we give you thanks that you have loved us and given us the bread of life, your Son, our Savior. With these gifts of bread and wine and our possessions, we dedicate ourselves to a life of love for the sake of him who gave himself in love, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### APOSTLES' CREED

*Pastor Cathe*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Pastor Jeremy*

**SPECIAL MUSIC: The Chancel Singers and FMC Choir**

**"The Lord Be With You"**

*Please stand.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Pastor Jeremy*

P: The Lord be with you.

C:  **And also with you.** 

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C:**   🎵 **We lift them 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 and THE LORD'S PRAYER CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*If you would prefer to commune from your pew, our communion helpers will come to you after all tables have been served.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS: "Let Us Break Bread Together" LBW #212**

**"I Am the Bread of Life"   WOV #702**

**"Eat This Bread, Drink this Cup"   WOV #706**

**"One Bread, One Body"   WOV #710**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor Jeremy*

**All:   Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## **THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

The linens, paraments, altar furnishings and candles are removed from the altar and chancel area.

As this is done, Psalm 22 is read by Pastor Cathe.

When all is completed, the pastors will invite you to leave in silence. There is no benediction.

The service of The Sacred Three Days continues with a Good Friday service tomorrow at 7:00 pm at First Methodist Church.

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Rev. Cathe Evins- First Methodist Church  
Rev. Ray Perales- First Methodist Church  
Kate Oehlke- Accompanist, Faith Lutheran Church

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