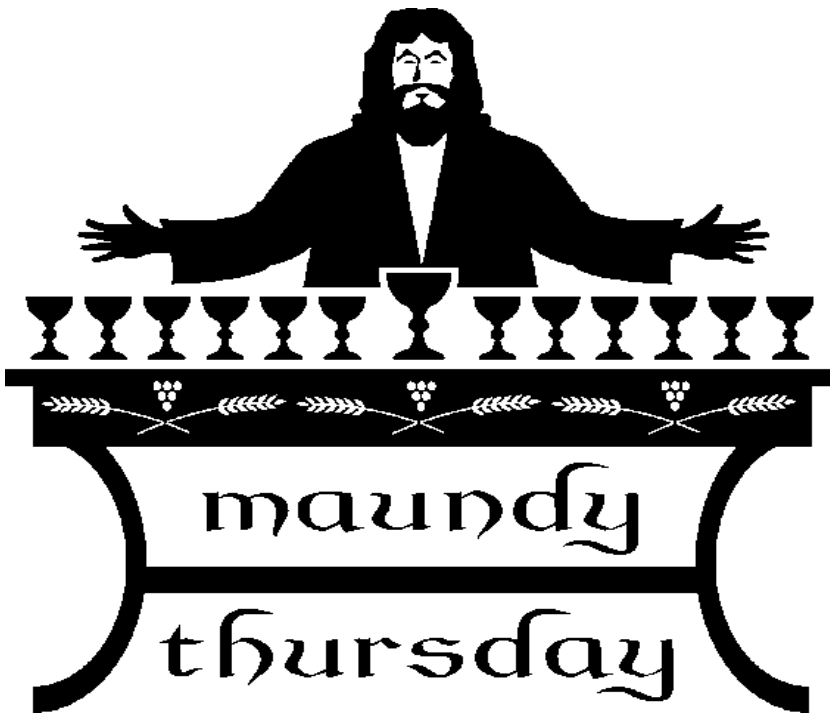


# ***MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP***

***April 6, 2023***



Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

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Grafton, Wisconsin 53024*

**Prayer before Worship:** *Lord God, because of Your great mercy, You did not spare Your only Son, but gave Him up to die on the cross for my sins. Send the Holy Spirit into my heart, that I may be comforted by this great forgiveness. Bless me as I partake of Your Son's body and blood this evening. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

**Preparation before Worship:** *Those who are taking Holy Communion may use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of the red hymnal. Because Scripture teaches that receiving the Lord's Supper together expresses a united confession of faith, we practice member communion at Our Savior. Since it is by our church membership we express our united confession of faith, we ask that only members of our church body receive the Sacrament with us.*

**THE INVOCATION:**

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

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN** "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

CW #135:1-5

The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
We celebrate with one accord;  
It is our comfort in distress,  
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.

He blotted out with his own blood  
The judgment that against us stood;  
He full atonement for us made,  
And all our debt he fully paid.

That this forever true shall be  
He gives a solemn guarantee;  
In this his holy supper here  
We taste his love, so sweet, so near.

His word proclaims and we believe  
That in this supper we receive  
His very body, as he said,  
His very blood for sinners shed.

A precious food is this indeed --  
It never fails us in our need --  
A heav'nly manna for our soul  
Until we safely reach our goal.

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, we glorify You now and forever.

**C:** **We come to Your cross tonight, Lord, seeking Your forgiveness.**

**M:** Lord Jesus, in Your great love You gave Your blood for us on the cross to be Your very own. Help us to live as Your redeemed children now and always.

**C:** **We come to Your cross tonight, Lord, seeking Your strength.**

**M:** Forgive us for the times we doubt Your love and in weakness cling to the things of this earth.

**C:** **We come to Your cross tonight, Lord, seeking our renewal.**

**M:** Lord, keep Your cross before our eyes tonight as we remember the gift You gave us with Your sacrifice – our salvation.

**C:** **There at the cross, Lord, You were forsaken by God so that we might never be forsaken.**

**M:** Tonight we thank You for Your Holy Supper, through which You come to us in sacred unity.

**C:** **Through Your Holy Supper, forgive our sins and refresh our souls.**

**M:** Cause Your love and mercy to fill our lives with thankfulness for Your goodness.

**C:** **And at the last, bring us home to You, that we may dwell with You and our heavenly Father in paradise forever. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## The Scripture Reading--Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup> “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup> If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup> The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup> Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup> Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup> That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. <sup>10</sup> Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup> This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into

your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup> "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. <sup>14</sup> "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

**HYMN** "Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night"

CW #136

Twas on that dark, that doleful night  
When pow'rs of earth and hell arose  
Against the Son, our God's delight,  
And friends betrayed him to his foes.

Before the mournful scene began,  
He took the bread and blessed and broke.  
What love through all his actions ran!  
What wondrous words of grace he spoke!

"This is my body, slain for sin;  
Receive and eat the living food."  
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:  
"'Tis the new cov'nant in my blood."

"Do this," he said, "till time shall end,  
In mem'ry of your dying friend;  
Meet at my table and record  
The love of your departed Lord."

Jesus, your feast we celebrate;  
We show your death; we sing your name  
Till you return and we shall eat  
The marriage supper of the Lamb.

**The Sermon Text--1 Corinthians 10:16,17**

*Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.*

Sermon Theme: **ISN'T IT COMMUNION?**

- 1. A sharing between the elements and Christ's body and blood**
- 2. A sharing between the recipients and Christ**
- 3. A sharing among all those who receive it together**

### **THE OFFERING**

*To honor God and to remind each other that our offerings are part of our regular gathering and worship, we bring the offering baskets up to the altar at this time. Please sign in on the Friendship Register (in each bench) or fill out a guest card at the Welcome Center.*

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH** – from Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism

### *STAND*

**M:** First: What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?

**C:** **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

**M:** Second: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

**C:** **That is shown us by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

**M:** Third: How can eating and drinking do such great things?

**C:** **It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words are the main thing in the sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.**

**M:** Fourth: Who then is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

**C:** **Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sin." But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.**

**HYMN***"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*

CW #309

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Offered was he for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and himself the priest.

He that his saints in this world rules and shields  
To all believers life eternal yields,  
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

Come forward, then, with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
Before your altar, Lord, your servants bow;  
In this your feast of love be with us now.

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

CWRed, #310

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**M:** We give You thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that You have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift You have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By Your Holy Spirit help us to live as Your holy people until that day when You will receive us as Your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## BLESSING

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

CW #135:6-9

Oh, blest is each believing guest  
Who in this promise finds his rest,  
For Jesus will in love abide  
With those who do in him confide.

The guest that comes with true intent  
To turn to God and to repent,  
To live for Christ, to die to sin,  
Will thus a holy life begin.

They who his word do not believe  
This food unworthily receive,  
Salvation here will never find --  
May we this warning keep in mind!

Help us sincerely to believe  
That we may worthily receive  
Your supper and in you find rest.  
Amen! They who believe are blest.

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## PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL SERVICES!*

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** - Good Friday

1:00 pm (Communion)  
7:00 pm

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Sunday

7:00 am Sunrise Service  
8:00 am Easter Breakfast  
9:30 am Festival Service

***Easter breakfast will be served in the Family Life Center between services.***

***All are invited to attend.***

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