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# MAUNDY THURSDAY

A Life Well-Spent

April 17, 2025

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## INVOCATION

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

All: Amen.

## OPENING SONG

“When You Woke that Thursday Morning”

*LSB 445*

**When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, now at last the hour had come  
When but One could pay sin’s wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.**

**Never so alone and lonely, longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones only for a quiet hour apart:  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature, one last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher, washing Your disciples’ feet.**

**What was there that You could give them that would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them, what last will and testament?  
“Show Me and the world you love Me, know Me as the Lamb of God:  
Do this in remembrance of Me, eat this body, drink this blood.”**

**One in faith, in love united, all one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited, You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another in a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother, one in ev’ry place and time.**

**One day all the Church will capture that bright vision glorious,  
And Your saints will know the rapture that Your heart desired for us,  
When the longed-for peace and union of the Greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion in Your never-ending feast.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgression. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## SONG OF THANKS

“O How He Loves You and Me”

Oh, how He loves you and me, oh, how He loves you and me.  
He gave His life, what more could He give?  
Oh, how He loves you; oh, how He loves me;  
Oh, how He loves you and me.  
Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for sinners to show.  
What He did there brought hope from despair.  
Oh, how He loves you; oh, how He loves me;  
Oh, how He loves you and me.

## † GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY †

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 116:12-19

*(ESV page 605)*

<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.  
<sup>17</sup> I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,  
<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

*(ESV page 1139)*

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

<sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL READING

John 13:31b-35

*(ESV page 1070)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> 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 glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SERMON

“A Life Well-Spent”

*Psalm 116:12-19*

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

**I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.  
I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.**

**Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.**

**Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You. In all I do I honor You.**

**You are my King, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.**

**Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You. In all I do I honor You.**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of**

one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

**OFFERING** (*You are invited to place your financial gifts to the Lord in the offering plates as they are passed through the pews. You can also give your one-time or recurring gifts to the Lord through the "Vanco Mobile" app for your phone or by clicking on the "Give" tab on our website.*)

**OFFERTORY**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

[Piano Solo]

### **PRAYERS OF THE NIGHT**

(*After each petition Pastor John will say, “Lord, in Your mercy,” to which the congregation is invited to respond, “Hear our prayer.”*)

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**All: 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.**

### † **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** †

Through the Lord’s Supper, our God graciously gives us the very body and blood of Jesus with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith in Him. To honor Jesus’ presence among us, we ask that those communing have the following fellowship ties with us:

- Each one has been baptized in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- Each one has been instructed in and agrees with the Biblical teachings regarding the Lord’s Supper as confessed by this congregation;
- Each one can answer “Yes” to the following questions in preparation to receive the Lord’s Supper:

◇ *Am I a sinner?*

- ◇ *Am I sorry for my sin?*
- ◇ *Do I believe Jesus died on a cross and rose from the dead to forgive me of my sin?*
- ◇ *Do I believe Jesus is really present with the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper to deliver His forgiveness to me?*
- ◇ *In response to God's forgiveness, do I intend to live a God-pleasing life?*

If you are unsure about whether or not it would be beneficial for you to participate, please feel free to contact Pastor John at your convenience during this coming week ([pastorjohn.christlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohn.christlutheran@gmail.com) or 765-623-1137). *(Please note that gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available for those who would prefer them.)*

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

All: Amen.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lead Me To Calvary”

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**King of my life I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be;  
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary.  
Lest I forget Gethsemane; lest I forget Thine agony;  
Lest I forget Thy love for me, lead me to Calvary.**

**Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid, tenderly mourned and wept;  
Angels in robes of light arrayed guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.  
Lest I forget Gethsemane; lest I forget Thine agony;  
Lest I forget Thy love for me, lead me to Calvary.**

**May I be willing, Lord, to bear daily my cross for Thee;  
Even Thy cup of grief to share, Thou hast borne all for me.  
Lest I forget Gethsemane; lest I forget Thine agony;  
Lest I forget Thy love for me, lead me to Calvary.**

“Reckless Love”

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**Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me. You have been so, so good to me.  
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me.  
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.  
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away.  
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.**

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me. You have been so, so good to me.  
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me.

O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.  
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away.  
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.

There's no shadow You won't light up, mountain You won't climb up, coming after me.  
There's no wall You won't kick down, lie You won't tear down, coming after me.  
There's no shadow You won't light up, mountain You won't climb up, coming after me.  
There's no wall You won't kick down, lie You won't tear down, coming after me.

O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.  
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away.  
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.

### “Come Just As You Are”

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Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are.  
Come and see, (come and see,) come receive, (come receive,)  
Come and live (come and live) forever.

Life everlasting, and strength for today;  
Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.

Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call. Come just as you are.  
Come receive, (come receive,) Christ the King; (Christ the King;)  
Come and live (come and live) forevermore.

### PRAYER OF THANKS

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with His favor and † give you His peace.

All: Amen.

### CLOSING SONG

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LSB 436

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.  
Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from Him to bear the cross.  
Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
“It is finished!” hear Him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

**Early hasten to the tomb where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*All are welcome to gather here tomorrow evening at 7pm  
as we conclude our Lenten focus with a Good Friday Service of Darkness.*

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