

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

# Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025 7:00pm

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa  
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*This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

**Congregational response in bold.**

# Announcements

## Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane (v. 1-3)..... ELW 347



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854  
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

## Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and evil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. 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. (*Silence for reflection.*)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by**

**what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, source of all love, **on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Heart & Voice Choir Anthem**

*It Happened on That Fateful Night*..... Isaac Watts/W. Hauser, arr. by Meier

*It happened on that fateful night when powers of earth and hell arose  
Against the Son, our God's delight, and friends betrayed him to his foes.*

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

*"My body, broken for your sin, receive and eat as living food."  
He took the cup and blest the wine; "Share this new testament, my blood."*

*"Do this," he said, "till time shall end, remembering your dying friend;  
Meet at my table and record the full obedience of your Lord."*

## **Scripture Reading | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

*In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading | John 13:1-17, 31<sup>b</sup>-35**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one other.*

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper 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 supper, 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, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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 reclined again, 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. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

"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."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

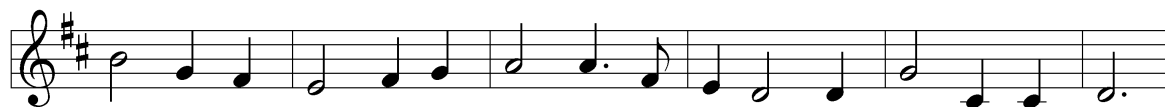
## The Message

### Hymn

*A New Commandment* ..... WOV 664



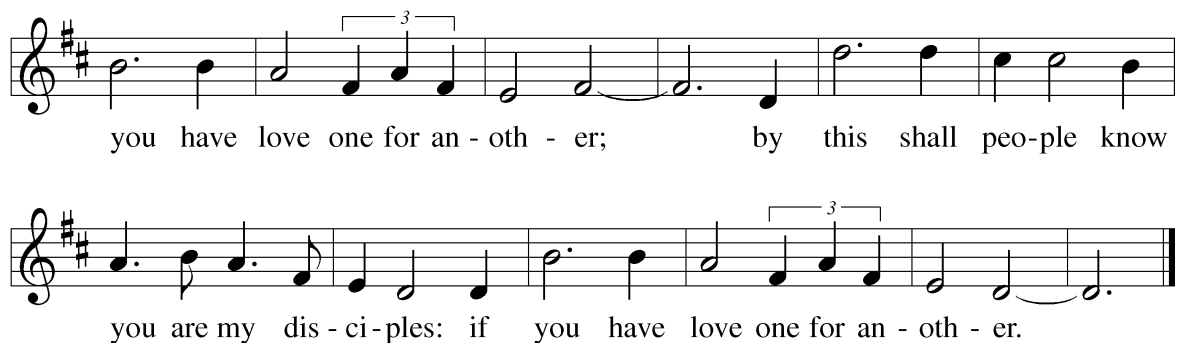
A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



Text: John 13:34-35  
 Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

## Hand Washing

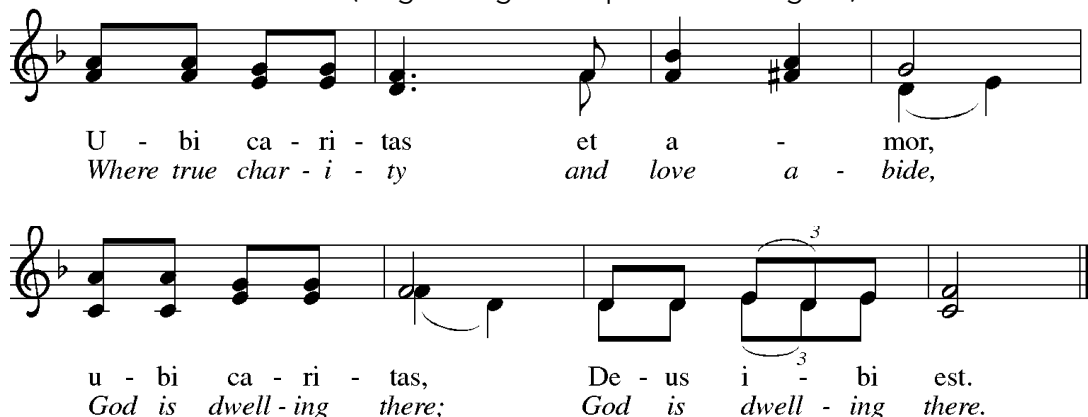
Lord Jesus, on the night that you were betrayed you took a towel and a basin, and you washed your disciples' feet. Even Judas'. You said, "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

Tonight, we gather before you **with open hands.**  
 We are **humbled by your act of service.**

In this water, wash our wandering hearts clean. With each drop filled with your love, reclaim us as your servants sent to care for our neighbor. May your hands be a blessing unto others.

## Hymns During the Hand Washing

*Ubi Caritas Et Amor* (sing through multiple times - English) ..... ELW 642



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*Wait for the Lord* (sing through multiple times)..... ELW 262



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Taizé Community

Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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*Jesus, Remember Me* (sing through multiple times)..... ELW 616



With you, we are sent  
**to be of service to others.**

## Prayers of the People

Let us pray. Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## Call to Offering

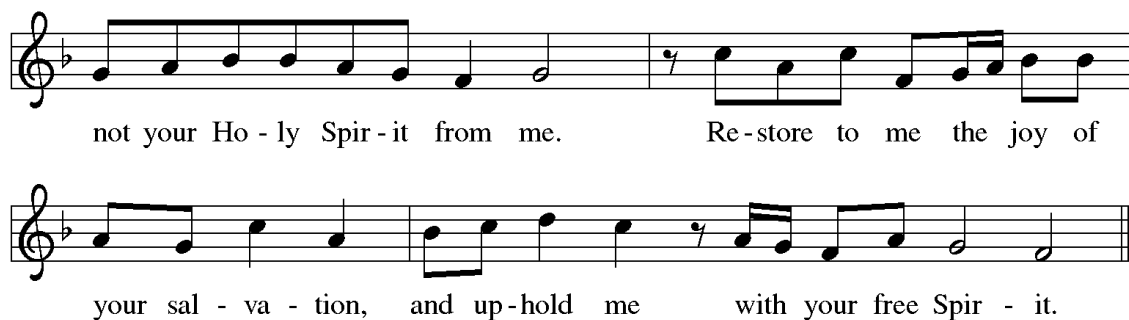
A new commandment you have given us: That we give ourselves for each other, just as you gave yourself for us. That we love one another, just as you have loved us. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God.

## Offering Hymn

*Create in Me a Clean Heart* ..... ELW 186







Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Gracious Provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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.**

# Communion Songs

*As the Grains of Wheat* ..... ELW 465

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen  
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*Eat This Bread* (sing through multiple times) ..... ELW 472

*Refrain*

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

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# Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Hymn

*Stay With Me* (sing through multiple times)..... ELW 348  
Janice Gibbs, *Bassoon*



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## Psalms 22 Litany

*This psalm tells of the great agony felt by Christ as he was approaching his death. Jesus was stripped of his power and glory. Beaten and bruised, he was handed over to his captors for trial.*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? I have cried desperately for help, but still it does not come. During the day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. I call at night but get no rest. Our ancestors put their trust in you; they trusted you, and you saved them. They called to you and escaped from danger; they trusted you and were not disappointed. I am a worm and no longer human, despised and scorned by everyone! All who see me make fun of me; they stick

out their tongues and shake their heads. "You relied on the Lord," they say. "Why doesn't he save you? If the Lord likes you, why doesn't he help you?"

**Lord God eternal, in your mercy hear me.**

It was you who brought me safely through birth, and when I was a baby, you kept me safe. I have relied on you since the day I was born, and you have always been my God. **Lord God eternal, in your mercy hear me.**

Many enemies surround me like bulls; they are all around me, like fierce bulls from the land of Bashan. They open their mouths like lions, roaring and tearing at me. My strength is gone, like water spilled on the ground. All my bones are out of joint; my heart is like melted wax. My throat is as dry as dust, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You have left me for dead in the dust. Like a pack of dogs, the wicked close in on me, tearing at my hands and feet. All my bones can be seen. My enemies gamble for my clothes and divide them among themselves. I will tell my people what you have done; I will praise you in their assembly: "The Lord does not neglect the poor or ignore their suffering; he does not turn away from them, but answers when they call for help." **Lord God eternal, in your mercy hear me.**

The poor will eat as much as they want; those who come to the Lord will praise him. May they prosper forever! All nations will remember the Lord. From every part of the world, they will turn to him; all races will worship him who is the King, who rules the nations. All who sleep in the earth will bow down to him, all who go down to the dust. Future generations will serve him; they will be told about the Lord. People not yet born will be told: "The Lord saved his people!" **Lord God eternal, in your mercy hear me.**

## **Stripping of the Altar**

*The worship tonight ends, but the story continues tomorrow at 7pm. Today marks the beginning of what is known as "The Three Days". Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are days that the church remembers and celebrates what is at the center of God's story of love – the death and resurrection of Jesus.*

# Serving in Worship

<b>Assisting Minister</b> .....	Claudia Wood
<b>Communion Assistants</b> .....	Claudia Wood, Chuck Lehman, Gloria Lange, Ruthann Neumann
<b>Communion Bread</b> .....	Gloria Lange
<b>Hand Washing</b> .....	Derry Spotten, Ruth Naber
<b>Stripping the Altar</b> .....	Gloria Lange, Kathy Higgins
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Ruth Naber
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Ruthann & Jim Neumann
<b>Sound System</b> .....	Russ Finkler
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Gloria Lange
<b>Tech Assistant</b> .....	Vey Rodriguez
<b>Heart &amp; Voice Choir Director</b> .....	Sally Meier
<b>Organist</b> .....	Susan Senn
<b>Pianist</b> .....	Kathi Parrish

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**Maundy Thursday** April 17 | 7pm\*  
We reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and his teachings of compassion and service, participating in Holy Communion with Jesus' new teaching and commandment to love one another.

**Good Friday** April 18 | 7pm\*  
A solemn, reflective Christian holy day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary where he was eventually taken down from the cross and buried.

**Easter Sunday** April 20 | 8:30\* & 10:30am  
Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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