

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for commandment. The overarching theme of the day is Jesus' new command to "love one another even as I have loved you", a love sharply focused by the contrast of the betrayal which followed. Jesus' love is demonstrated both in his example of servanthood and in his gift of himself in Holy Communion.

GATHERING

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" 631

*Confession and Forgiveness Page 258

*Congregational Greeting Page 259

*The 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 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

The First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14 (response: Thanks be to God)

The Second Lesson: I Corinthians 11:23-26 (Thanks be to God)

*Gospel Acclamation Page 260

*The Holy Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31-35

Sermon An Old Meal - A New Meal Pastor Neal

Hymn: "Around You, O Lord Jesus" 468

MEAL

*Offering / Offertory Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Page 182

Special Anthem:

*The Prayers Page 107

*The Great Thanksgiving Page 107

*Verses and Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy Page 108

*The Words of Institution

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*The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Bread and Wine

Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" 347

Concluding Prayer

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

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 88 (whole verses)

Leave in Silence

*Please Stand

This evening's service ends in silence. There is no Benediction. You are simply asked to leave quietly. Maundy Thursday is just the beginning of a longer service that continues with Good Friday and reaches its final climax as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. The days of Maundy Thursday through Easter Day are the most intense days of the Christian's life.

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Good Friday Service with Tenebrae
7:30PM tomorrow evening

Easter Morning Activities

6:30 AM Sunrise Service
with Holy Communion

8:15 AM Breakfast in Luther Hall
following Sunrise Service

9:00 AM An Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 AM Festival of Easter Day
with Holy Communion