

# 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 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" 468\*

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 'A New Day' Pastor Riley

Hymn of the Day "Love Consecrates the Humblest Act" Page 360

### MEAL

#### Offering

Special Anthem: O Gethsemane Combined Choirs

\*Offering / Offertory Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Page 182

\*The Prayers (Center Prayer) Page 107

\*The Great Thanksgiving Page 152

\*The Maundy Thursday Preface \*Holy, Holy, Holy Page 153

\*The Words of Institution (IV Ash Wed-Day of Pentecost) Page 111

\*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn: "Now We Join in Celebration" Page 462

**Concluding Prayer** (Printed below) Pastor Riley

#### Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 88 (whole verses) no page number

#### Leave in Silence

#### \*Please Stand As you Are Able

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

### Special Easter Egg Hunt for the Children

10:00 AM Festival of Easter Day  
Holy Communion will be celebrated  
special Choral Music Will be Offered

**Maundy Thursday Preface:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn

**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

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