



Maundy Thursday

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March 28, 2024 6:30 pm

Grace Lutheran Church

211 South Ninth

Fort Dodge, Iowa



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
THURSDAY, MARCH 28 6:30 PM

Welcome to this celebration of Holy Communion! We extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors.
All are welcome to join in receiving Holy Communion as we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us.
We rejoice with those receiving first communion today.
Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound desk.

Congregation responses in **Bold.** *Those who are able, please stand.

“Maundy” is an old English form of the Latin word “mandatum,” meaning commandment.
Used as the name for this day, it refers to Jesus’ new commandment, “To love one another even as I have loved you.”
Jesus’ love is demonstrated both in his washing the feet of
his disciples and in his gift of himself in the Holy Communion.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN ELW 343

My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683
Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806-1885

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN (partially written by First Communion Students from the past several years)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others, for fighting with friends:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families; for lying to my parents, for talking back to my parents, for not listening to my parents, for not making my bed, for not following the rules:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For inequity in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn and angry deeds that harm:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ our Savior gave himself for us, redeeming us from all sin and cleansing us to be people who are eager to do what is good. Through the water of rebirth and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, God saves us, renews us in grace, and bestows on us eternal life. **Amen**

Worshippers may come forward for the sign of the cross and individual absolution

HYMN ELW 803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

We come before you on this holy day, gracious God, to remember those last hours Jesus spent with his disciples, the hours at Passover when he instituted his holy meal, the hours of suffering in Gethsemane, the hours of torment as his trial began. As we share in these hours, make us receptive to his word, feed us with his presence, and strengthen us for our journey. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen**

READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Listen to a reading from Exodus.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against ¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. (NRSV) The word of the lord.

*HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross

1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.

Refrain
So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my
tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged
cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

Text: George Bennard, 1873-1958
Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS. George Bennard, 1873-1958

*GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 34

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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. (NRSV) The word of the lord.

HOMILY

Pastor Dan Kahl

HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.

5 For love excludes no race or clan
that names the Savior's name;
his family embraces all
whose Father is the same.

6 We now forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.

Text: Latin hymn; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

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OFFERING

Choir "A Lenten Canon" Antonio Caldara

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our redeemer, receive all we offer you this day—these gifts and the sacrifice of our lives. Refresh us with this food and drink, that we may reach that promised land, the Easter feast of victory in Christ our Lord. Amen

*The table is the Lord's and all are welcome to receive this sacrament as the Lord draws you.
We will be communing by pouring chalice. Gluten free elements available.
Please come to the front by the outside aisles and return by the center aisle.*

*COMMUNION

We return to your table, O God, with all our hearts.

We return with thanksgiving for your grace, mercy, and the abundance of your steadfast love.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

*INVITATION

Christ is here. Come share and remember.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN ELW 471

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Here Is Bread

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us. We'll pro - claim till he comes

Christ is with us here. here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is
 life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment,
 by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR/PSALM 22

Please leave quietly after the cross is carried out.

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HOLY WEEK

Please join us on:

Good Friday, March 29

6:30 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31

ARISE Easter Breakfast—8:00 am

9:30 am Worship

Please return your Lenten Coin Holder by Easter

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Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

We will send all donations in together.

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Mission Statement

In celebration of God's grace, given through Jesus Christ, we seek to grow through worship, teaching, fellowship and reaching out with our gifts to share the gospel and serve the needs of all people.

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