

“By My Works I Will Show You My Faith”

James 2:18

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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Friday:** 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service (Facebook Live)

**Saturday:** 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Holy Communion is available

**Easter Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Easter Service (Facebook Live)

11:00 a.m. Bible study on the Resurrection of Jesus

(Facebook Live)

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**Sermons, newsletters & highlights are on line.**

## **Maundy Thursday** **Kindness from the Passion of Christ**

**The Hymn of Invocation:** "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (Townend)

### **Verse 1**

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

### **Verse 2**

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

### **Verse 3**

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

## The Call to Worship

P: Jesus said, "I did not come to invite righteous people, but sinners." Merciful God, we do not dare to come before You in our own goodness and virtue. We come because we are sinful people and need forgiveness. We come because we are hungry for life and need to be fed.

**C: Father, forgive us and feed us.**

P: We come because Christ has invited us. We come in gratitude to offer our very selves in You in worship and adoration.

**C: Father, accept our praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**A Hymn:** LSB 434, "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"  
(verse 1)

I Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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## The Confession and Absolution

P: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own

most grievous fault, wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**C: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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### **The Responsive Reading of the Passover Account**

P: The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in Egypt:

**C: "This month is to be the first month of the year for you.**

P: Give these instructions to the whole community of Israel: On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of this month each man must choose either a lamb or a goat for his household.

**C: If his family is too small to eat a whole animal, he and his next-door neighbor may share an animal, in proportion to the number of people and the amount that each person can eat.**

P: You may choose either a sheep or a goat, but it must be a one-year-old male without any defects.

**C: Then, on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the**

**month, the whole community of Israel will kill the animals.**

P: The people are to take some of the blood and put it on the doorposts and above the doors of the houses in which the animals are to be eaten.

**C: That night the meat is to be roasted and eaten with bitter herbs and with bread made without yeast.**

P: Do not eat any of it raw or boiled, but eat it roasted whole, including the head, the legs, and the internal organs.

**C: You must not leave any of it until morning; if any is left over, it must be burned.**

P: You are to eat it quickly, for you are to be dressed for travel, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. It is the Passover Festival to honor Me, the Lord.

**C: On that night I will go through the land of Egypt, killing every firstborn male, both human and animal, and punishing all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord.**

P: The blood on the doorposts will be a sign to mark the houses in which you live. When I see the blood, I will pass over you and will not harm you when I punish the Egyptians.

**C: You must celebrate this day as a religious festival to remind you of what I, the Lord, have done. Celebrate it for all time to come."**

(Ex. 12:2-14, TEV)

**The Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

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, 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." 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**A Hymn:** LSB 425, "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!

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**The Holy Gospel:** John 13:1-17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who

were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

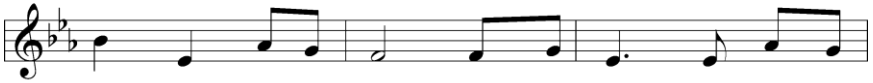
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

# The Sermon Hymn: LSB 445, "When You Woke that Thursday Morning"



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,  
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing  
 3 What was there that You could give them That would  
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one  
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty  
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones  
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -  
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -  
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;  
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:  
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?  
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.  
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at  
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last  
 "Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me  
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a  
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's  
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their  
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance  
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,  
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.  
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.  
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."  
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.  
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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**The Sermon:** Matthew 26:26-29,  
"The Fruit of the Spirit is Kindness"

## **The Offering**

### **The Litany on Kindness**

P: O Lord, on that Maundy Thursday evening when You were so weighted down with the events that were destined from eternity to occur, You still cared for Your own followers and showed them kindness.

**C: Nurture in us the Spirit's fruit of kindness, O Lord.**

P: You took the towel and the basin. You stooped down to wash the disciples' feet.

**C: Nurture in us the Spirit's fruit of kindness, O Lord.**

P: Although death was at hand, You pointed beyond death and showed the mansions in our Father's house.

**C: Nurture in us the Spirit's fruit of kindness, O Lord.**

P: Although hatred would soon have its way for a time, You pointed to the great command: "*Love one another even as I have loved you.*"

**C: Nurture in us the Spirit's fruit of kindness, O Lord.**

P: Although Your friends would this night abandon You and flee, You promised them, "*It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.*"

**C: Nurture in us the Spirit's fruit of kindness, O Lord.**

P: And then, in the deepest kindness of all, You broke the bread and shared the cup, You gave

them, You give us, Yourself, Your true body and blood.

**C: Nurture in us the Spirit's fruit of kindness, O Lord.**

**ALL: "Let us rend our hearts and not our garments and turn to the Lord our God; for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness." Amen.**

(Neh. 9:17b KJV; John 13:34; 16:7b; Joel 2:13 KJV)

## **A Maundy Thursday Prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**☩ 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.**

### **The Exhortation**

P: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

**C: Amen.**

# A Hymn: LSB 891, "O Light Whose Splendor"

1 O Light whose splen - dor thrills and glad - dens  
 2 As twi - light hov - ers near at sun - set,  
 3 In all life's bril - liant time - less mo - ments,

With ra - diance bright - er than the sun,  
 And lamps are lit, and chil - dren nod,  
 Let faith - ful voice - es sing Your praise,

Pure gleam of God's un - end - ing glo - ry,  
 In eve - ning hymns we lift our voice - es  
 O Son of God, our Life - be - stow - er,

O Je - sus, blest A - noint - ed One;  
 To Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son: one God.  
 Whose glo - ry light - ens end - less days.

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