Family of Christ Lutheran Church and Early Education Center

Welcome to the Family!

Maundy Thursday

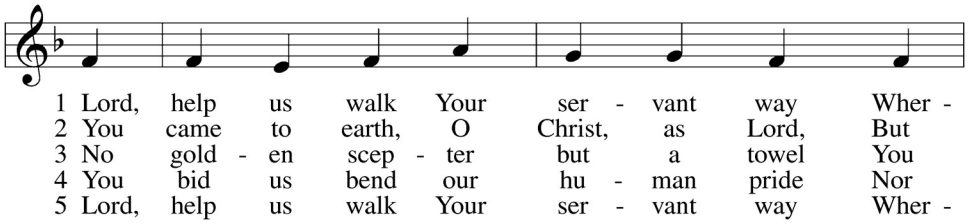
April 1, 2021

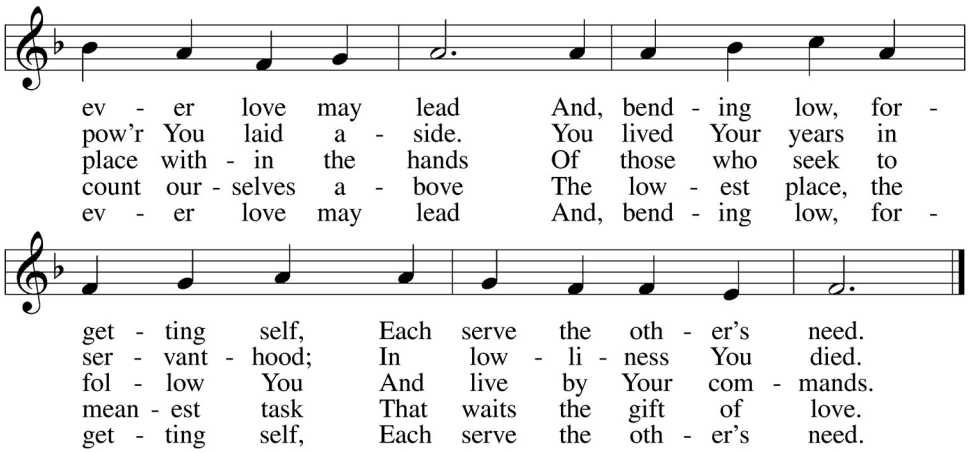
As part of our Holy Week worship life, we are observing, in part, an ancient custom of the early Christian Church. The services held beginning with the evening worship on Maundy Thursday (Good Friday, and Holy Saturday – *the Triduum*) are thought of as one long, continuous service.

Even though we go home to rest and carry out our necessary responsibilities, we are encouraged to remember (at least in Spirit) we are still "worshiping" and remembering the events of Holy Week. There is no benediction at the end of this service, which indicates the thought that the service continues as we observe the **Triduum** during the next two days.

The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin word *Mandatum* ("commandment") and is taken from Jesus' words to the disciples in John 13:34, *"A new commandment I give to you, that you should love one another, even as I have loved you."* Tonight, we celebrate the anniversary of the giving of that new commandment, along with the giving of the Lord's Supper, a *"foretaste of the feast to come."*

Opening Hymn "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way' LSB 857





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(Congregation stands)

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

P: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C: I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore, I will call on Him as long as I live.

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

C: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!" Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: *Let us pray*: O Lord Jesus, You have gifted to us a memorial of Your Passion through the institution of the blessed sacrament of Your Body and Blood. Grant that this sacrament of Your Body and Blood to remain in communion with You and with one another that the fruits of Your redeeming work may continually be visible in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE GRADUAL *Hebrews 9:12, 15*

P: Christ entered the Most Holy Place once for all. By His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

C: He is the mediator of the new covenant so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever.

(Congregation sits)

HYMN "GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE" *LSB 436*

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HOMILY ON THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD DRAWN FROM THE FOUR GOSPELS.

P: This is the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

C: Praise to you O Christ!

(Congregation stands)

THE NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith handed down in the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets,

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

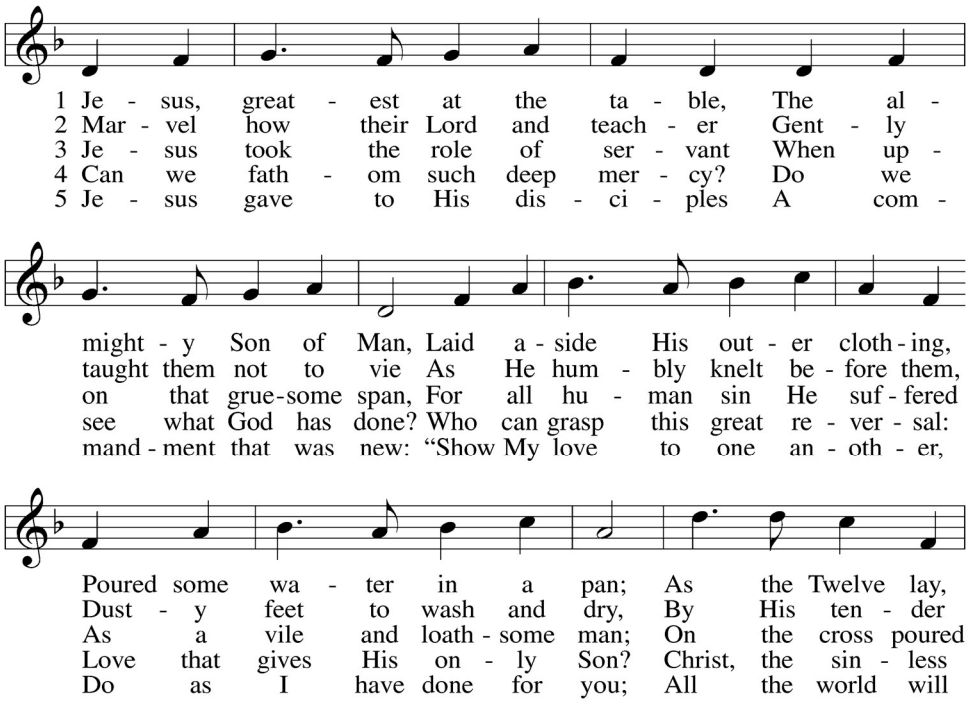
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

(Congregation sits)

THE OFFERTORY

As we celebrate the holy gifts and blessings God has given to us, please pray concerning your first fruits offering of thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us.

HYMN OF REFLECTION "JESUS GREATEST AT THE TABLE" *LSB 446*



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know you love Me As you love each oth - er too."

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Almighty God, through the sacrificial death of Your Son You atoned for the sins of the whole world and in Him You reconciled the world to Yourself, and not counting our trespasses against us. Receive our humble thanks for this precious gift of salvation by which You comfort and console our troubled hearts. Strengthen our faith that we may receive Your forgiveness and be at peace. *Let us pray to the Lord!*

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Father, You are the God of mercy and comfort. Look upon all those who suffer illnesses or debilitating conditions, those who face surgery or who are recovering from it, especially: _____ Be gracious to them, and hear also their prayers for Your help; *let us pray to the Lord*:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord of time and God of history, we ask You to keep our nation and its leaders under Your care. It is by Your grace and blessing alone that we can know peace and freedom. Direct and lead us to live justly with our neighbors, peaceably in our communities and joyfully in our land, seeking the common good; *let us pray to the Lord*:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: All these things and whatever You see that we need, grant us dear Father, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who, though He was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we might be made rich in Him, Who, with You and the Holy Spirit, are one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Congregation stands)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves as St. Paul tells us to do, for this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness. Our Lord has had mercy on us and has taken on

Himself our nature that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and for us and for our deliverance suffered death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And that we should the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith in cheerful obedience to His holy will, He has instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood.

Therefore, whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in Him, and has eternal life. For *we are all one body*, even as we all eat of His body and drink of His blood. Therefore, we humble ourselves before God, confessing our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

We pause for a moment of silent reflection.

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

C: O Almighty God, Merciful Father I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved our punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father ✝ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: The God of peace sanctify you completely and keep your spirit, soul, and body sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

C: Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God. On the tree of the cross You gave salvation

to mankind that through the death of Your Son and by His Resurrection, He arose to new life so that we might rise again to become once again Your Children, a Holy People, a nation of Saints to live in Your Glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sanctus

P: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

C: Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

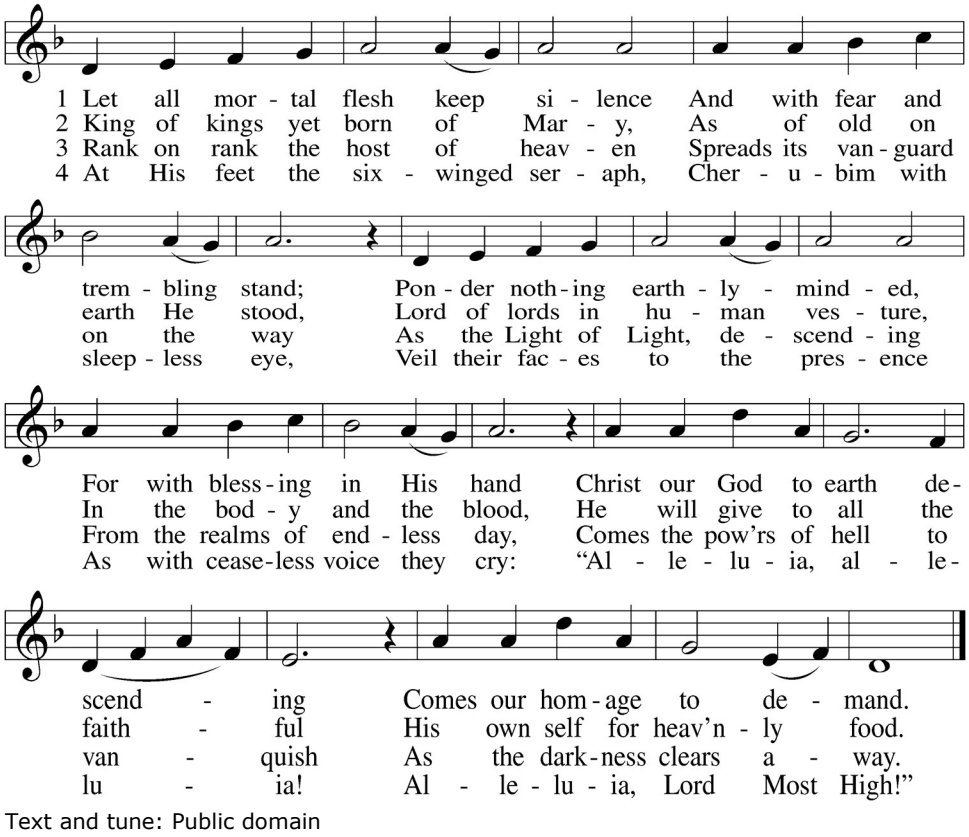
The Agnus Dei

All: *Lamb of God*, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
***Lamb of God* you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
***Lamb of God*, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

(Congregation sits)

DISTRIBUTION *(please see our Communion policy on the last page)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE" ***LSB 621***



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STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR BY PASTOR

PSALM 22:1-28

P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

C: My God, - I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

P: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; -- they make mouths at me; -- they wag their heads;

C: "He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver him; let Him rescue him, for he delights in Him!"

P: Yet You are He - who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is

melted with in my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs encompass me; company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet I can count all my bones — they stare and gloat over me, they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

C: But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! I will tell of your name to my brothers, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

P: You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel! For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His face from him, but has heard, when He cried to him.

C: From You comes my praise in the great congregation, my vows I will perform before those who fear Him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! Amen!

There is no Benediction on Maundy Thursday, as our Worship continues tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM

Our Communion Policy

As a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Family of Christ celebrates the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words and approach the altar with repentant hearts. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith, which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we request that you refrain from receiving the sacrament. If you desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak first with the Pastor.

For further study, please see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

Holy Week Services:

Friday, April 2nd	Good Friday Service at 6:00PM
Sunday, April 4th	Easter Service at 9:30AM