



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## Service of Holy Communion

March 28, 2024 | 6:30pm

*Today our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.*

### GATHERING

Please gather in silence.

#### Gathering Music

*Variations on Ubi Caritas*  
(Where charity and love prevail, God is ever there.)

Denis Bédard

#### Welcome

#### Confession and Forgiveness

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

#### Gathering Hymn

*Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*  
(stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

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#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

#### 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 the 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.**

**First Reading**

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell 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. If 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two door posts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This 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. For 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. The 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. This 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19** (sung responsively)

I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

**for the LORD has given | ear to me  
whenever | I called.**

How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

**I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.

**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**

O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,

**in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.

**Glory and praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ**

## Gospel

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

The Holy Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The story of the Last Supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.*

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I 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, "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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

## Sermon

"Love Always Wins"

Pastor Paul Pettersen

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

## Music at the Offering

*Ave Verum Corpus*

W. A. Mozart

## HAND WASHING | HOLY COMMUNION

*In connection with Holy Communion, all are invited to the altar for a ritual of handwashing as a sign of Jesus' new commandment that we love one another and as preparation to receive the Holy Sacrament.*

## Prayer

## Words of Institution

## The 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.**

## Agnus Dei

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## Distribution of Holy Communion

## Hymns

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*  
*Ah, Holy Jesus*

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## Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

# WELCOME TO NORMANDALE



## We're Glad You're Here!

Led by the Holy Spirit and living in God's grace, Normandale Lutheran Church is a community of believers who love, learn, worship, and serve as we walk in relationship with Jesus Christ and others. We hope you find in us a place of welcome, a place of worship, a place for you.

## Welcoming Statement

We affirm that all people are created in the image of God, and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all people into full participation in the life and ministries of Normandale Lutheran Church.

We celebrate that there are differences among us, and believe that we can love one another, even though we may not think alike. We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church and society.

Normandale Lutheran Church is committed to a ministry of reconciliation. We welcome and affirm our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith, history, socioeconomic status, physical and mental ability. We embrace this diversity as a gift from God, and invite all into a faithful journey toward greater love, understanding, and reconciliation.

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## WORSHIP WITH US

**THE THREE DAYS | TRIDUUM:** On Thursday we begin the Triduum which means THE THREE DAYS. The Triduum includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Darkness to Light: The First Service of Easter which includes elements of the Easter Vigil. These three days are one liturgy. No benediction separates them as they share our celebration of the great mystery of our salvation.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** We gather for confession and absolution to mark the end of our Lenten observance which began on Ash Wednesday with the marking of ashes and our confession of sin. On this night we receive absolution individually, and after hearing Jesus' command to love one another, come forward to be strengthened by his own body and blood given "for you." As Psalm 22 is sung, we strip the altar as we are reminded that Christ walked from the meal to his suffering and death.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** We gather in silence to hear of Christ's suffering on the cross. We lift up prayers for the church, the world, and for those of other faiths and no faith, remembering the encompassing love of Jesus for all this fallen world.

**DARKNESS TO LIGHT | THE FIRST SERVICE OF EASTER:** We gather early on Easter morning to celebrate this most holy day break as we make passage with Christ from darkness to light, from death to life. This service will include elements of Easter vigil and marks the end of the Three Days liturgy with the first Eucharist of Easter.

**Hymnals** are located in the pew backs. Both the ELW (red) and ACS (purple) hymnals are used in worship.

**Hearing Devices** are available to enhance your worship experience. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

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### NLC Kids

**PrayGround** is located at the front of the worship space and is filled with quiet toys and comfy seating for the littlest in our midst and their caregivers.

**Extended PrayGround** is located outside of the sanctuary next to the Fishbowl for children age 4 and up and their families. There are quiet activities for and a screen to see and hear worship.

**Busy Bags** filled with quiet activities are hanging outside the main entrance of the sanctuary.

**Bulletins & Coloring Sheets** are located on a table outside of the main sanctuary doors.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preacher:** Pastor Paul Pettersen  
**Liturgist:** Pastor Rebecca Gamble  
**Organist:** Gregory Peterson  
**Choir:** Normadale Choir  
**Director:** Gregory Peterson  
**Accompanist:** Lorna Wolthoff  
**Cantors:** Meghan McCabe, Mark Johns

**Acolytes:**  
**Greeter:**  
**Lector:**  
**Sacristan:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Communion Set Up:**  
**Communion Deacons:**

Isaak Koivula Schadow, Jack Koivula Schadow  
Dot Olson  
Ayla Kluis  
Edel Henningsen  
Duncan Kluis, Kim Sannerud  
Jim Niemeier & Sarah Howard  
Niles Bisping, Jenny Bock, Sue Hendrickson,  
Pat Lindstrand