THE ORDER OF WORSHIP Maundy Thursday March 25, 2024

AS WE GATHER

The whole salvation story, woven throughout the pages of sacred Scripture, leads to a feast. As we gather for worship this Thursday of Holy Week, we experience the same: everything leads us to a feast. Who are the ones welcomed to this feast? Only those who are poor, crippled, blind, and lame are invited (Luke 14:21). Only the bankrupt are welcome here. Only those who know they can never repay the Host of this Meal for His loving kindness are welcome to sit at His Table. "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God" (Luke 14:15). How blessed we are to eat His bread and drink from His cup together this day! For in the sacred feast our nail-scarred Host has prepared, we who lack so much are given everything we could possibly need.

✤ PREPARATION ♣

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:24

People:	Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
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HYMN "When You Woke that Thursday Morning"

{LSB 445 - 5 stanzas}

When You woke that Thursday morning, Thoughts of self and safety scorning, Lamb of God, foretold for ages, When but One could pay sin's wages:

Never so alone and lonely, To be with Your dear ones only Sinless Lamb and fallen creature, One last lesson as their teacher,

What was there that You could give them What great gift that would outlive them, Savior, teacher, faithful friend, Knowing how the day would end; Now at last the hour had come You assumed their dreadful sum.

Longing with tormented heart For a quiet hour apart: One last paschal meal to eat, Washing Your disciples' feet.

That would never be outspent, What last will and testament? "Show Me and the world you love Me, Do this in remembrance of Me,

One in faith, in love united, When we meet, by You invited, One with You and one another See in us Your sister, brother,

One day all the Church will capture And Your saints will know the rapture When the longed-for peace and union Meet in joyous, blest communion Know Me as the Lamb of God: Eat this body, drink this blood."

All one body, You the head, You are with us, as You said. In a unity sublime, One in ev'ry place and time.

That bright vision glorious, That Your heart desired for us, Of the Greatest and the least In Your never-ending feast.

INVOCATION

{please stand}

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the \blacksquare Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Luke 18:13

Pastor: By means of His Word and Supper, we gather together this day to receive our Savior's mercy and respond to Him in thanksgiving and praise. Because of our sins of thought, word, and deed, we are spiritually bankrupt and unworthy of the grace we receive. Yet at the invitation of our loving Redeemer, we come to His Table and take our place with Him. Acknowledging our sin, let us find refuge in our God of grace and say, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." *In silent prayer, we reflect on God's Word and confess our sins to the Lord.*

Pastor: Together, let us pray:

- People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life, that we may enjoy the fullness of Your presence at the feast You have prepared for all who trust in You. Amen.
- Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise again for you so that you may be redeemed and restored. You have been invited to the eternal banquet, the heavenly

feast, where our Savior and Host delights us with the richest of fare, the forgiveness of sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a servant of Christ and your pastor, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \clubsuit Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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INTROIT	Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: verse 5
Pastor:	Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
People:	our God is merciful.
Pastor: People:	I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Pastor:	Because He inclined His ear to me,
People:	therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.
Pastor: People:	The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
Pastor:	Then I called on the name of the LORD:
People:	"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
Pastor:	Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
People:	our God is merciful.

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Pastor:	Lord, have mercy,
People:	Lord, have mercy.
Pastor:	Christ, have mercy,
People:	Christ, have mercy.
Pastor:	Lord, have mercy,
People:	Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

People:	And also with you.
Pastor:	The Lord be with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion.
People: Grant that we who can never repay You for Your mercy may be blessed as we eat with You in the kingdom of God;
Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen. {please be seated}

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 12:1-14

(The blood of the covenant was offered for God's people.)

1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. 7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will

befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. 14 "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Reader:This is the Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (A participation in the body and blood of Christ.)

23 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, 24 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." 25 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." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. 31 But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Reader: **People:**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:1-17; 31b-35

(Jesus gives the new command.)

Pastor:The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.People:Glory to You, O Lord.

1 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. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son,

(please stand)

to betray him, 3 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, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 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. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 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." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 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." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 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? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 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. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

31b Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. 33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

- Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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- 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. (please be seated)

HYMN "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish O Lord, have mercy! That our sins and sorrows did carry, In all trial, fear, and need:	e, In thanksgiving bow before Thee. Our weak souls that they may flourish: May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, And Thy blood for us plead O Lord, have mercy!
Thy holy body into death was given,	Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;	May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!	Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.	All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:	O Lord, have mercy!
May God bestow on us His grace and favor And live together here in love and union	That we follow Christ our Savior Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!	Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;	Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:	O Lord, have mercy!

MESSAGE: "The Celtic Cross: The Cross of Regeneration"

{LSB 617 - 3 stanzas}

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

- Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for who we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- People: Amen.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. <u>Please record your presence with us today</u>.

OFFERING SONG: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"		{LSB 781 vv. 1-2}
	(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)	

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

SACRAMENT 🕷

PREFACE

(please stand)

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.

Pastor:Lift up your hearts.People:We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who invites us to His eternal banquet Table and feeds us with the Bread of Life, which alone satisfies our hungry hearts and enables us to joyfully experience His presence forever. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- People: Jesus prepares His Table before us and invites us to feast with Him in His eternal kingdom.
- Pastor: Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of Christ's cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor:The peace of the Lord be with you always.People:Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,	And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.
	(please be seated)

HYMN: "The Lamb"

Refrain:

{LSB 547 - 5 stanzas}

The Lamb, the Lamb,	O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes	God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb,	One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,	Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. <i>Refrain</i>
The Lamb, the Lamb,	As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will	On our behalf the Law to fill. <i>Refrain</i>

He sighs, He dies, He lives, forgives,

He rose, He rose, His song prolong

HYMN: "What Is This Bread?"

What is this bread? This bread we break, Was crushed to pay for our release.

What is this wine? The cup of grace Of life and love until I sing!

So who am I, Under the rod? Why have You not forsaken me?

Yet is God here? In mouth and soul Christ, truly present in this meal.

Is this for me? I do believe His very body and His blood.

HYMN: "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee Who hast so lovingly bestowed

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: My Savior dwells within my heart: He takes my sin and wretchedness. He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

My heart with thanks now overflows. Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

 $\{LSB 629 - 5 stanzas\}$

Christ's body risen from the dead: This life we take, O taste and see - the Lord is peace.

The blood of Jesus shed for mine; Brings His embrace O taste and see - the Lord is King.

That I should live and He should die My God, my God, O taste and see - the Lord is free.

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear, He makes us whole -O taste and see - the Lord is real.

I am forgiven and set free! That I receive O taste and see - the Lord is good.

 $\{LSB 632 - 2 stanzas\}$

My heartfelt thanks forever be, On me Thy body and Thy blood.

What wealth is come to me this day! How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor:	Let us pray. O Jesus, Lamb of God, we thank You for refreshing us through the gift
	of Your body and blood in this sacred Meal.
People:	Enable us with renewed minds and hearts to always love and trust in You alone;
Pastor:	for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People:	Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ♥ give you peace.
People: Amen. (please be seated)

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The 22nd psalm is a prophecy of the suffering and resurrection of Christ and a prophecy of the Gospel, which the entire world shall hear and receive. Beyond all other texts, it clearly shows Christ's torment on the cross, that He was pierced hand and foot and His limbs stretched out so that His bones could have been counted. Nowhere in the other prophets can one find so clear a description. It is indeed one of the chief psalms. It belongs in the First Commandment, for it promises a new worship of God. It is in the First and Second Petitions. (From "Reading the Psalms with Luther."

> {The chancel items and communion vessels may be removed and the congregation departs from the sanctuary in silent reflection.}

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

- Prayers for the families of Helma Mitchell mother of Jim Mitchell has passed away
- Prayers for the families of Clara Knettel mother of Kurt Knettel has passed away
- Prayers for the families of Robert English brother of Shirley Moore has passed away
- Prayers for the Everett Family at the loss of their family Matriarch (Eschenko Family)
- Prayers for the families of Jim Click in Montana as he passed away (Eschenko Family)
- Prayers for Chris Carter & wife Penny undergoing chemo and radiation.
- Brad & Laura Sanders praise for daughter Naomi's baby boy born March 20th, Kaeden Socrates Pittman; pray for Laura's Father, Jack.
- Prayers for **David Sattler** recovering from air passage surgery Friday March 22.
- Prayers for John Soper for healing & pain relief.
- Prayers for Gloria Bloecher & her medical team as she remains in their care.
- Debra Beard requests prayers for her brother, Tod Dunlevy in Wisconsin.
- Karen Brosien requests prayers for her Father, Carl Landinger, in home hospice care; for daughter Amelia's knee infection, & for her brothers.
- Larry & Pam Risley for grandson Lucas who broke his wrist, and for a friend Richard Atkins, in hospice care with brain stem cancer, & for his wife.
- **Rebecca Bottlinger** requests prayer for **Kristi Wagner**, St. John's in Hamilton, a cousin's wife, with recurrent pericarditis in and out of ICU.

Jim Minica recovering from strokes.

- Kim Pfaff recovering from quadruple heart bypass surgery.
- *Kathy Giardinelli* requests prayers for the *Mission Aviation Fellowship* & especially the *Wolf Family* as they train to serve the Dem. Republic of the Congo
- Rutledge Family requests prayers for Sister-in-Law Heather Mulledy's breast cancer

Mark Giardinelli who will be going to MAF headquarters in Idaho in May.

Parkers and Theis request prayers for Robert Patterson undergoing cancer treatment.

For the Pastoral call committee and process. Prayers for Justice & Peace around the world

For family discord, reconciliation, & healing; for rescue for those in abusive relationships

Prayers for all those with physical, emotional, or other needs

Prayers for all who are lost to hear & receive Jesus' Gospel message

Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for who we pray, trusting in Your mercy; thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS

Mar 3rd – Vonda Petmecky – in memory of Fred's birthday Mar 10th – Linda Dicke – Thanking God for His many blessings Mar 17th – Marilyn Mazurek – celebrating Ernie's birthday Mar 24th – Rolf & Linda Schulz – celebrating 60th wedding anniversary Mar 31st – Joe & Verna Sorensen – Thanking God for His many blessings

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

<u>WELCOME</u>... Whoever you are... Wherever you have come from ... we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

<u>Messiah Lutheran Church celebrates the Lord's Supper as a visible expression of our unity in the faith</u> <u>and a confession of our Lord's death until He returns (1 Cor. 11:23-29).</u>

Those who desire to commune with us must:

1) be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

2) believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;

3) believe that they receive, with the bread and the wine, the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sin (1 Cor. 10:16);

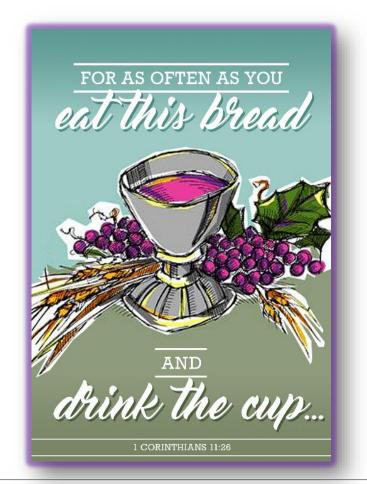
4) sincerely desire to amend their sinful way of life.

Please announce your intention to receive the Lord's Supper to the pastor or one of our elders before communing.

<u>Upcoming Events</u> –

March 29th - Good Friday at 6:30 pm

March 31st - Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at 7:30 am Continental Breakfast at 8:30 am Festival Service at 10:30 am



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Serving us this Maundy Thursday – March 28, 2024

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Gianni Betancourt
Reader:	Kathlin Jauregui
Ushers:	OPEN
Greeter:	Lindy Eschenko & Sue Theis

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AV:	Rutledge Family
Reader:	Sharon Loren
Ushers:	OPEN
Greeter:	Verna Sorensen

Our Response to God Last Week Worship Attendance – Palm Sunday: 112 - Sunday School: 24 - Midweek: 36

February 2024 Contributions			
General Fund	\$53,967.30	Building Fund	\$1,045.00
Renovation Fund	\$0.00	FLC Rental	\$5,225.00