

**Welcome to  
Grace Lutheran Church  
March 28, 2024  
Maundy Thursday**



**Preservice Music  
Welcome**

## The Call To Worship

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Lord, come tonight to set our hearts and minds on You, Your sacrifice, and our forgiveness.

**C: Lead us into a deeper appreciation of Your gift of love.**

P: Lead us to mourn at the injustice of Your trial and conviction.

**C: Lead us to cringe and weep at the abuse You endured at the hands of soldiers, the suffering on the road, and Your agony at Calvary.**

P: Lead us to Your death on the cross, the haste of the burial, and the hope of Sunday morning.

**C: Lead us to see ourselves in this story, because Lord, this is Your story of our salvation.**

P: Lead us to worship, to contemplate, and to give thanks to You.

**Hymn - "The Lamb" (547)**

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**C: Amen.**

*~Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: Our hearts are a battleground between faithfulness and betrayal. We are weak, but You are steadfast. Trusting in your unwavering love in Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from sin and death, we acknowledge our sin before You.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, how well You know our hearts,

**C: and still You love us; You have loved us to the end.**

P: We have denied You,

**C: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.**

P: We have betrayed You,

**C: and we have betrayed Your commandment to love one another.**

P: Pour Your Spirit of grace upon us.

**C: Teach us to love and serve You faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example You have set for us.**

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my

forgiveness but God's?

**C: Yes.**

P: Absolution.

## Prayer of the Day

**P:** God of humility and grace, gather us at Your table and fill us with Your grace. Help us live as people who serve and love. Guide us to be disciples who stay awake, even through dark and troubling times. Strengthen us to be disciples who are steadfast and true. In Jesus' name, we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 10:12-17

*“Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

*Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”*

## John 13: 1-14

*“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."*

**Worship Song - "You Are My All In All"**

**Message - The Blessing of "Is"**

**Prayers of the Church**

**The Lord's Supper**

**Preface**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Word's of Institution**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

**Song - "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"**

**Post Communion Prayer**

P: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Stripping of the Altar** - *On this night, the altar is stripped of all its linens, paraments, and vessels. This is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It points to the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. As the altar is being stripped, we listen to the words of Psalm 22.*

## **Psalm 22**

### **Closing Prayer**

P: O Lord our God, we rise from this table knowing a love beyond our deserving. Thank you for giving us a place at Your table; for serving us the bread of life; for offering to us, even to us, the cup of salvation. In humility and hope, we go now from this night to Your promised day. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

### **The Benediction**

P: Let us go forth in peace, in silence,  
C: **in the name of the Lord.**

*We leave the sanctuary in penitential silence.*

## **Good Friday Services**

3/29/24 - 1pm Prayer Gathering,  
1:30pm Worship

5:45 Prayer Gathering, 6:30pm Worship

## **Easter Breakfast**

8:30am

## **Easter Sunday Service**

10:00am