



**April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026**  
**Maundy Thursday & First Communion**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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## CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING DIALOGUE

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † One God, who humbly pours out love for you, through Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

From the night of the last supper, to every night, and for all eternity,

**There is a place for us, united in Christ.**

In the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup,

**We shall be made whole, filled with God's love, forgiveness, and grace.**

In the mystery of the cross, and in death that leads to life,

**We know God is with us despite our brokenness and fears.**

For Christ comes to us, pouring out water, and with towel in hand.

**To show us what it looks like to humbly serve one another in love.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

On this night let us confess to God and one another as we enter the celebration of the Holy Three Days.

**Loving God, we have denied you and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another. Pour out your spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve faithfully, by the example you have set for us, in your son, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

People of God, hear the good news: God is abounding in steadfast love.

There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from

loving you. You are seen. You are heard. You are loved. In Christ † we are forgiven. Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone.

**Thanks be to God.**

# GATHERING HYMN

## Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Savior, on this night you poured out water to wash your disciples' feet. You poured out wine, and you broke bread. You poured out your very being through your love, so all may find life in you. Prepare our hearts to receive this gift again. Make us one at your table and send us out to love as you have loved us. **Amen.**

## **READING: Exodus 12:1-14**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>“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.**

## READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>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.” <sup>25</sup>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.” <sup>26</sup>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.**

### Spirit, Open My Heart

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Spirit, Open My Heart". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

## **GOSPEL: John 13:1-5, 12-15, 34-35**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>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**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *We Are Called (ELW720)*

*No downloads available*

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

As Christ humbly gave of himself, let us humbly give of ourselves.

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## ***GIVE THANKS***

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God,

Receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your Son. Give us grateful hearts, in the name of the one who poured himself out for all creation, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PREFACE & GREAT THANKSGIVING**

With-us God, it is right, and it is good, to give you thanks and praise. In this Lenten season, we come carrying dust and questions, longings and laments. We come having heard so much bad news that our hearts ache for something true, something steady, something good. So tell us again the story of love that refuses to let us go. Tell us again of manna in the wilderness, of water from the rock, of mercy that meets us on the road. Tell us the good news that sounds like welcome and feels like home. For when the world feels harsh and divided, you draw near. When hope feels fragile, you remain faithful. When we wander, you do not abandon us. Instead, you send us Jesus. In him, we see the good news alive in the world—love embodied, mercy made flesh, hope refusing to die. So remind us that you are still on the move, living even here, in the words that Jesus said.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

On this night, Jesus gathered with his friends—he washed their feet, he broke bread, he poured the cup, and he gave them a new commandment: to love one another as he has loved us. Here at this table, that same love is given for you. Here, Christ meets us—not in perfection, but in promise. So come to the table of grace. Come to the meal of forgiveness and new life.

### **FIRST COMMUNION PARTICIPANT**

Levi Hirn

### ***LAMB OF GOD (page 154)***

**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, grant us peace.**

# COMMUNION HYMNS

## For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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# One Bread, One Body

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.



1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,  
2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



*Refrain*

wom-an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath-ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, sr, b, 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY. John Foley, sr

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God,

We give thanks for your never-ending table. We give thanks that there is a place for us and for all people. May we be nourished by the goodness you have poured out for us. May we be empowered to care for others, guided by your love filling our hearts. In Jesus Christ we pray.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

May Christ who knelt to wash his disciples' feet teach you the way of humble love.

May Christ who gave us bread and cup feed you with grace, and fill you with his presence.

May Christ who walks the road to the cross strengthen you to follow, even through the shadows.

Go in quiet faith, to love, and to serve one another.

In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **ALTAR IS STRIPPED**

*Reading of Psalm 22*

*Depart in silence*

*Welcome to all! Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones.*

**To those who are visiting:** Welcome to St. John Immanuel and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex.

**Holy Communion.** All are welcome to Christ’s Table.

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**Holy Week 2026**

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service.**

**Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services.  
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast.**

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