

LARGE PRINT EDITION



THE THREE DAYS

Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026 + 7:00 pm

*The service of Christ:
footwashing and meal*

All Are Welcome! Mt Carmel at 100 – Past Present Promise 1926 - 2026

Christ is the servant who washes our feet

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to begin the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death to life. 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

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

C. Gounod

At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders.

GATHERING HYMN

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

(hymn) **Gather 610**

vs. 1 all; vs. 2-3 women;

vs. 4-5 men; vs. 6 all

- 1 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus
bound.**
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.**
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.**
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek, be ours God's holy peace.**
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.**
- 6 No race nor creed can love exclude, if honored be God's name;
Our family embraces all whose Father is the same.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly is invited to stand or kneel; and all may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Friends in Christ,
in this Lenten season ...

P Most merciful God,

C 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.**

P God, who is rich in mercy loved us....

C Amen.

Individual Forgiveness

P In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ,
I forgive you all your sin.

The person may respond: Amen.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING *The passover of the Lord* Exodus 12:1-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was

used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ 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 lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

¹⁴ 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.

... The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (ICEL)

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (116:13)

A I am filled with love, for the Lord hears me;

C the Lord bends to my voice whenever I call.

A What gift can ever repay God's gift to me?

C I raise the cup of freedom as I call on God's name!

I fulfill my vows to you, Lord, standing before your assembly.

A Lord, you hate to see your faithful ones die.

C I beg you, Lord, hear me: it is I, the servant you love,

I, the child of your servant. You freed me from death's grip.

A I bring a gift of thanks, as I call on your name.

C I fulfill my vows to you, Lord,

standing before your assembly,

in the courts of your house, within the heart of Jerusalem.

SECOND READING

Proclaim the Lord's death until he comes 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

Paul writes to the church in Corinth:

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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's

death until he comes.

...The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

After a brief COMMENTARY, the gospel is proclaimed..

GOSPEL

The service of Christ: footwashing and meal John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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.

The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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?
¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON IN ACTION – FOOTWASHING

The assembly is invited forward. To stations are provided. Please be seated for foot washing or stand at the handwashing station.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ACS 966

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

**1 Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.**

REFRAIN

**By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**2 Loaves were broken, words were spoken
in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light. REFRAIN**

REFRAIN

**By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"**

REFRAIN

**4 By the loaves you break and give us,
send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care. REFRAIN**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.

after each petition:

....hear us, O God,

C Your mercy is great.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

RECONCILING PEACE

P In Jesus Christ God has made peace with us.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Please leave your offerings in the plates as they are passed, at the usher desk or give online. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel. Thank you for your generosity.

"Feed Me, Lord"

P. Riebergen

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C **God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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 right to give our thanks and praise.**

P ...and join their unending hymn:

(setting 3, p. 144)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna .
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1789)

**C Our Father who art 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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

"Lamb of God"

setting 3; page 146

**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.**

*Worshippers are invited to kneel in the pews after receiving the Lord's
Supper.*

silence for reflection concludes the communion

SENDING

We are sent to be God's hands in the world

*The assembly is seated. The evening service concludes with the stripping
of the altar in descending darkness. The sacramental elements and
vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the
worship space as a sign of Jesus' abandonment.*

HYMN

(hymn) ELW 347

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

and in REFRAIN sing

(hymn) ELW 348

“Stay with Me”

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

REFRAIN

**Stay with me, remain here with me,
watch and pray. Watch and pray.
Stay with me, remain here with me,
watch and pray. Watch and pray.**

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul
sustained! Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to
bear the cross.**

REFRAIN

- 3 Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

REFRAIN

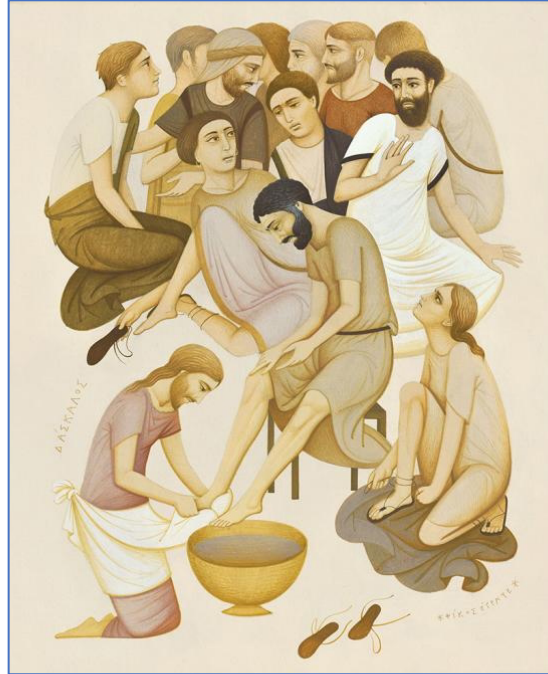
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb, where they laid his breathless clay;
all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris’n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.**

REFRAIN

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SILENCE



SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Dave Olson, *assisting minister*

Jim Evans, *reader*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Erika Ruser, Julie Larson, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

....., *confirmation sacristan*

Justin Fischer, Dave Samletzka, *ushers*

....., *bus ministry*

....., *hospitality*

This service is being streamed live on the internet.

**Gather with us again tomorrow night at 7pm
as the Great Three Days continue
in this 2,026th year of our salvation,
and of our ministry, the 100th.**

THE GREAT THREE DAYS

Holy Week – What three days?

Each and every Sunday in worship the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On several key days at the center of the church year, however, worship takes a particular shape. These central days have come to be known as the Three Days, recalling Jesus' own words to his disciples that we would be handed over to death, and that "after three days he will rise again" (Mark 10:34). The Three Days encompass the time from Maundy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Day. The services – or more accurately, service – of these days unfolds as a single movement. The shape of this single liturgy which continues over a period of days, parallels the passion events in Jerusalem, with significant periods of time spent in recess to attend to individual prayer and the tasks of daily life. With those tasks completed, the community reassembles to continue its Three Days celebration.

Maundy Thursday

The Great Three Days begin Thursday, April 2 as Lenten discipline concludes with Maundy Thursday worship at 7 pm. The story of Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper begins this festival week and individual absolution this day concludes Lent. We'll celebrate the end of Lent and celebrate our pre-confirmation daily prayer milestone this year.

Good Friday

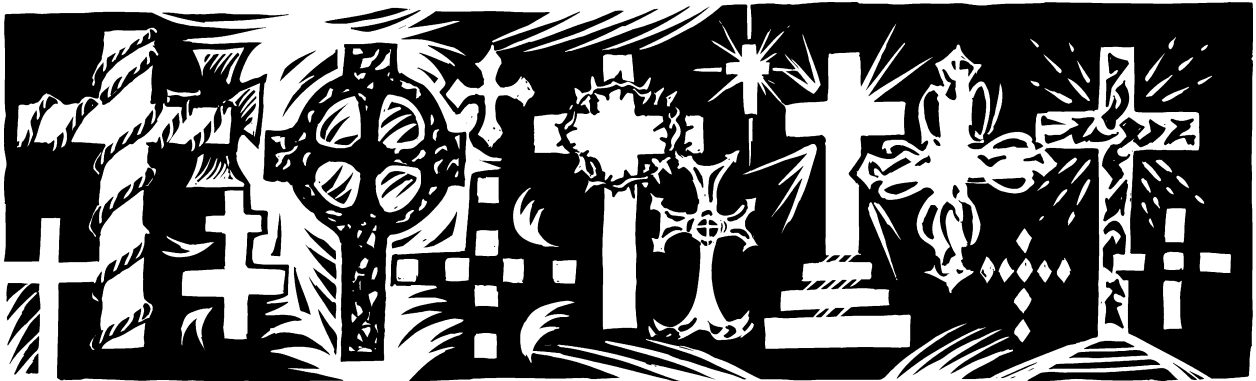
Good Friday, April 3, worship at 7pm

Prayer around the Cross (Adoration of the Crucified) continues the journey through the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. At the heart of this service is the passion reading according to John, which celebrates Christ's triumph of the cross. As Jesus draws all people to himself, we pray for the whole world for which Christ died. Finally, we honor the cross as the sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation. With all God's people we are invited to bow before this mystery of faith. Christ has died, so that

we may live. We'll gather around the same cross we've prayed around on Wednesday evenings through Lent.

Easter 2026

Fifty days of Go and Tell: We proclaim the Lord's resurrection. God has acted! Jesus Christ is raised from the dead. Easter is not one day, but fifty. For fifty days, a week of weeks – 7 times 7 – our Alleluias proclaim the resurrection. Fifty days for telling. "You are witnesses..." "Go and tell..." Share the good news with all who will listen: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Processions, Easter melodies, and more will accompany our Alleluias.



WELCOME

Everyone is welcome. We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

Welcome to the Holy Baptism. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org for more information or to join.



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