



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

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The Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C. **Amen.**

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. **Amen.**

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. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: In The Garden

Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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.

⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.]

¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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

¹ 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.

¹² How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³ I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵ Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹ 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, 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation p. 205

**We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind—
slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.**

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31-35

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "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. ³³

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.' 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Jesu, Jesu (#708)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

A brief silence.

Gracious host, you knelt to wash your disciples' feet. Cleanse us from pride and self-centeredness, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, the earth is yours and everything in it. Awaken us to care for all you have made and conserve the rich diversity of your good creation.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, guide the world's leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Where they wield power unjustly, confront them. Where they are indifferent to suffering, awaken their conscience.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely or in captivity, comfort the grieving, and relieve those in pain. Draw near to all who suffer (especially).

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed redeemer, we give you thanks for this community of faith, and for all who gather around your table of grace. Unite us in love for you and for one another.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for peace throughout the world: in our nation, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, and all war-torn areas. We pray for our military and their families.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors. At the last, gather us with them at your heavenly banquet.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name.. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

P: Holy God, gracious and merciful

C: **You bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

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.

Preface

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion

First Holy Communicant: Xavier Wilson

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord God, in a wonderful sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with The Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Stay With Me (*hymn repeats slowly 5 times*) (#348)

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 88 (*read together*)

¹ O Lord, my God, my Savior, by day and night I cry to you.

² Let my prayer enter into your presence; incline your ear to my lamentation.

³ For I am full of trouble; my life is at the brink of the grave.

⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I have become like one who has no strength;

⁵ lost among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.

⁶ You have laid me in the depths of the pit, in dark places, and in the abyss.

⁷ Your anger weighs upon me heavily, and all your great waves overwhelm me.

⁸ You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them; I am in prison and cannot get free.

⁹ My sight has failed me because of trouble; Lord, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.

¹⁰ Do you work wonders for the dead? Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

¹¹ Will your lovingkindness be declared in the grave, your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

¹² Will your wonders be known in the dark or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?

¹³ But as for me, O Lord, I cry to you for help; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

¹⁴ Lord, why have you rejected me? Why have you hidden your face from me?

¹⁵ Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; I have borne your terrors and am helpless.

¹⁶ Your blazing anger has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me;

¹⁷ they surround me all day long like a flood; they encompass me on every side.

¹⁸ My friend and my neighbor you have put always from me, and darkness is my only companion.

*There is no Benediction this evening, the service continues tomorrow evening with Good Friday Tenebrae.
Please leave the Sanctuary silently.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday Morning Worship Service
	10:30 am	Band Rehearsal
	10:45 am	Sunday School/CIA
	11:15 am	Youth Chime/Vocal Choir
	11:30 am	Bell Choir (<i>every other Sunday</i>)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Band Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Ongoing		Shelf Stable Milk Collection Diaper Collection for Pantry, Holy Communion, Berlin
Friday, April 3rd	11:30 am	Good Friday Unity Service and Procession First United Methodist
Friday, April 3rd	7:00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sunday, April 5th	6:30 am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship Service at New Brooklyn United Methodist
Sunday, April 5th	9:30 am	Easter Sunday Worship Service
Tuesday, April 7th	7:00 pm	Bible Study in the Parish House
Saturday, April 11th	11:30 am	Community Luncheon in the Ed. Building
Wednesday, April 15th	7:00 pm	Grief Gathering in the Parish House Tea Room
Saturday, April 18th	9:00 am	Council Retreat in the Parish House
Sunday, April 19th	2:00 pm	Faith250 Workshop

Please note: All activities, dates and times are subject to change.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers for healing:

Jen Bailey	Tracey Drew	Ed Kagen	Renate Murray	Carol Taylor
Krystal Booras	Indie Fisher	Tracey Kelly	Erica Polito	Henry Tesone
Michael Botti	Stephanie Friant	Carl Knopp	Samantha Reed	Bill Todt
Brian Byrnes	Rhea Fryor	Deb Kuhn	Kimberly Rickert	George Vaneman, Sr.
Meadow Cantoral	Ashley Fuhrman	Donna Leek	Ashley Rosser	George Van Wagner
Randy Cantoral	Bob Garner	Bob Lindamood	Dorcas Schellhas	Beverly Warming
Janet Cappuccio	Angela Guedes	Tim McCarthy	Jean Schlotz	Mary White
Joe Condoli	Stan Harmer	Joanne McVelli	Finn Schureman	Helen Yezusko
Sandra DeRitis	Michelle Walk Hewitt	Melanie Miles	Gladys Sheppard	Bob Zielsdorf
Helen Dominic	Valerie Hoffmann	Kent Montford	Frank Siderio III	
Frank Donovan	Makenzie Jack	Sue Murphy	Eric Sprengel	
Marie Lentine Douglas	Quincy Jones	Bill Murray	Bill Steel	

Please notify the office if you want to add or remove a person from this list.

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IN THE GARDEN

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1. I come to the gar-den a - lone, While the dew is still on the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Tho' the night a-round me be



ros - es; And the voice I hear, Fall-ing on my ear; The
sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy That He gave to me, With -
fall - ing, But He bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe, His

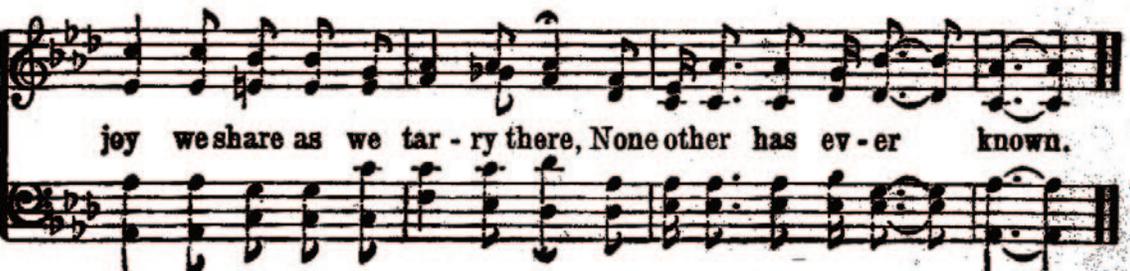
CHORUS



Son of God dis - clos - es.
in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
voice to me is call - ing.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the

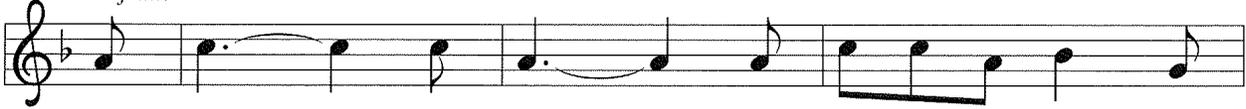


joy we share as we tar - ry there, None other has ev - er known.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

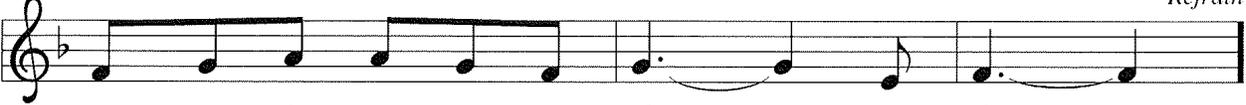


us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000, alt.
Music: Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
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Stay with Me

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Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody with lyrics: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and". The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with block chords and moving lines.

pray. Watch and pray.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The upper staff continues the melody with lyrics: "pray. Watch and pray.". The lower staff continues the accompaniment. The system concludes with a double bar line.

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Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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STAY WITH ME
PM

Hymn repeats slowly 5 times.