

Holy Thursday Service

April 2, 2026

Congregational Responses and Prayers are in ***bold italic print***

† Congregation Standing (*as you are able*)

Prelude

Announcements and Instructions

† Call to Worship

Pastor Bart

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has prepared a feast of love.

† Hymn #292 (UMH)

“Wondrous Love”

Confession and Pardon

Pastor Bart

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.

Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Hebrew Bible Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

Eldon Callen, CLM

Psalms Reading

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH #837)

Eldon Callen, CLM

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Eldon Callen, CLM

† Gospel Lesson

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Pastor Bart

Homily

“Mandatum Novem”

Pastor Bart

SERVICE OF TABLE

The Apostles' Creed

Eldon Callen, CLM

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again 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.

Invitation

Eldon Callen, CLM

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us pass the peace with our neighbor since we have already confessed our sin before God.

Invitation to Give

Eldon Callen, CLM

Offertory

† The Doxology

UMH #95

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

UMH #17A

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

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. Amen.

Sharing of the Sacrament

Come to the Upper Room and be with Christ. Kneel or stand at the chancel rail. See the Lord at the table. Take your time and be in prayer as you come to the Sacrament.

† Hymn #290 (UMH)

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

During the sing of this Hymn, we will strip the Chancel to prepare for the Good Friday Service. All are invited to come and help in this moment. The cross on the altar will be covered in a dark cloth to symbolize the death of Jesus.

† Benediction

Eldon Callen, CLM

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever. Amen.

Leave in Silence