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Maundy Thursday – April 2, 2026 – 7:00 PM

PRELUDE: *"In the Garden"* Craig Curry, Tune: GARDEN by C. Austin Miles

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: *"Here is Bread"* ELW #483

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION – Laying on of Hands by Pastor

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON Exodus 12:1-14

PSALM Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *"Return to the Lord"* ELW pg. 142

GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31b-35

SERMON Pastor Erma Wolf

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"* ELW #484

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION God of grace. Hear our prayer.

HYMN: *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* ELW #186

THE 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 God thanks and praise.

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

ELW PG. 144

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.**

COMMUNION SONG: *"Lamb of God, You Take Away the Sin of the World"* ELW pg. 146

COMMUNION MUSIC: *"Nothing But the Blood with At the Cross"* Robert Lowry,
arranged by Cindy Berry

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR & READING OF PSALM 22

BETHANY BELLS WITH ELINA PLAYING PIANO: *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* Joel Raney,
Johann Sebastian Back, & Hans Leo Hassler

At the conclusion of music, the congregation leaves in silence.

***Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2:
Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am
or can be found on YouTube®
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Please note these additional opportunities to worship this Holy Week:

Good Friday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5, 9:00 a.m.

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days. (Sundays & Seasons Copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

Maundy Thursday is the fourth day of Holy Week and celebrated as the institution of the Lord's Supper.

Also on Easter Sunday, April 5, will be an egg hunt for children ages 10 and under – rain or shine! There will also be a Fellowship Time in the Parlor for those not hunting eggs!

Our worship leaders tonight are:

Pastors Erma Wolf

Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

Many thanks to our volunteers this evening:

Reader-Judy Hiemstra;

Greeter- People of Bethany

Ushers-Kent Baker;

Communion servers: Onalee Wright, Kristin Bensen, Jody Vollmer, and Deb Mechler