



# St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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## HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

*“For THE MANY Means for You”*

**April 02, 2026**

**For the convenience of all worshipers at St. John, we have:**

- **Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals**
- **A Quiet Room** for families needing to take their child(ren) out of Worship, located at the back (left side) of Church, with a large window and speakers, so that families may still see and hear the Worship Service
- **Restrooms** located at the back of the Church in the Narthex
- **Activity bags for children** which are available in the Narthex, hanging on “Ginny the Giraffe”. Children may take home the pictures they color.  
Please return books, crayons, and bags to “Ginny”.

*(Please ask an Usher to direct you to any of the above)*

### **AS WE GATHER**

We have been reflecting a great deal on the phrase “for us.” Tonight, though, we will hear about the phrase “for the many” as Jesus gives His Own Body and Blood for the Forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26–28). Jesus and the Disciples are celebrating the Passover, but Jesus does something new. We hear echoes of how Moses and the Elders saw God (Exodus 24:3–11), recognizing that the sacrifices of old will not satisfy (Hebrews 9:11–22). When Jesus says the phrase “for the many,” He is clearly pointing the Disciples to the fact that His Death was not only for them alone but for the sins of the world. Because you are a part of “the many,” this still holds true.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HANDBELL CHOIR: *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*

HYMN *“When You Woke That Thursday Morning”* LSB 445

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: I will go to the Altar of God,

**All: to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: Our Help is in the Name of the Lord,

**All: Who made Heaven and Earth.**

## CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS

Pastor: During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s Call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this special Night when He Instituted this Blessed Meal for our Salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God’s wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had Mercy on us. For our Benefit He Became Man so that He might Fulfill for us the Whole Will and Law of God and, to Deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the Faith and in Holy Living, our Lord Jesus Christ took Bread, broke it, and gave it to His Disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I Became Man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a Pledge of this, I give you My Body to eat."

In the same way also He took the Cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this Cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you for the Forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had Mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into Death, shedding My Blood to obtain Grace and Forgiveness of sins, and to Comfort and Establish the New Covenant, which gives Forgiveness and Everlasting Salvation. As a Pledge of this, I give you My Blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this Bread and drinks this Cup, confidently believing this Word and Promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has Eternal Life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Christ, showing His Death—that He was Delivered for our offenses and raised for our Justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His Commandment, love one another as He has Loved us. As our Lord on this Night exemplified this Love by washing His Disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all One Bread and One Body, even as we are all partakers of this One Bread and drink from the One Cup. For just as the One Cup is filled with wine of many grapes and One Bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are One Body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the Almighty and Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us Forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*



Pastor: O Almighty God, Merciful Father,

**All: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your Boundless Mercy and for the sake of the Holy, Innocent, Bitter Sufferings and Death of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be Gracious and Merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: God be Merciful to you and Strengthen your Faith.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Do you believe that the Forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**All: Yes.**

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe.

In the Stead and by the Command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Now may the God of Peace Himself Sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He Who calls you is Faithful; He will surely do it.

**All: Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 116:1-4; antiphon: v.5*

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and Righteous; our God is Merciful. I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**All: Because He inclined His Ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

Pastor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish

**All: Then I called on the Name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!" Gracious is the LORD, and Righteous; our God is Merciful.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, in this Wondrous Sacrament You have left us a Remembrance of Your Passion. Grant that we may so receive the Sacred Mystery of Your Body and Blood that the Fruits of Your Redemption may continually be Manifest in us; for You Live and Reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 24:3-11*

*ESV 76*

Pastor: The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the twenty-fourth chapter.

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the Words of the LORD and all the Just Decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the Words that the LORD has Spoken we will do." <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the Words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an Altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the Altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has Spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the Blood of the Covenant

that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these Words.”<sup>9</sup> Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the Elders of Israel went up,<sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His Feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very Heaven for clearness.<sup>11</sup> And He did not lay His Hand on the Chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 116:12-19**

Pastor: What shall I render to the LORD for all His Benefits to me?

**All: I will lift up the Cup of Salvation and call on the Name of the LORD,**

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His People.

**All: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His Saints.**

Pastor: O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the child of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**All: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the Name of the LORD.**

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His People,

**All: in the Courts of the House of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the Beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **EPISTLE Hebrews 9:11-22**

*ESV 1193*

<sup>11</sup>When Christ appeared as a High Priest of the Good Things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect Tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>He entered once for all into the Holy Places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His Own Blood, thus securing an Eternal Redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the Blood of Christ, Who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to

serve the Living God. <sup>15</sup>Therefore He is the Mediator of a New Covenant, so that those who are Called may receive the Promised Eternal Inheritance, since a Death has occurred that Redeems them from the transgressions committed under the First Covenant. <sup>16</sup>For where a Will is involved, the death of the one Who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup>For a Will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup>Therefore not even the First Covenant was inaugurated without Blood. <sup>19</sup>For when every Commandment of the Law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup>saying, "This is the Blood of the Covenant that God Commanded for you." <sup>21</sup>And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup>Indeed, under the Law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 26:17-30*

*ESV 989*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-sixth chapter.

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the Disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will You have us prepare for You to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with My Disciples.'" <sup>19</sup>And the Disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, He reclined at table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, He said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

<sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray Him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so." <sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took Bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the Disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My Body." <sup>27</sup>And He took a Cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink

of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is My Blood of the Covenant, which is Poured out for the many for the Forgiveness of Sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's Kingdom." <sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**SERIES HYMN**    *"O Love, How Deep"*    Vs 1-5    **LSB 544**

**OFFERING**    *(received and brought to the Altar)*

**OFFERTORY**    **LSB 159**

**All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His Benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and will call on the Name of the Lord.  
I will take the Cup of Salvation,  
and will call on the Name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord,  
now in the presence of all His People,  
in the Courts of the Lord's House,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**All: I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of One Substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was Incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He Suffered and was Buried. And the third day He Rose again according to the**

**Scriptures and Ascended into Heaven and Sits at the Right Hand of the Father. And He will Come Again with Glory to Judge both the living and the dead, Whose Kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets.**

**And I believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** As brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus, let us go to our Heavenly Father in confident prayer. Almighty God, You have Called Your Church to witness that, in Christ, You have Reconciled us to Yourself.

**All:** **Grant that, by Your Holy Spirit, we be emboldened to proclaim the Good News of our Savior so that all who hear it may receive the Gift of Salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Pastor:** O Lord God, in Holy Baptism You have granted us the Remission of sins.

**All:** **Make us ready to receive the Holy Body and Blood of Christ for the Forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts so that we may give thanks to You now and forever.**

**Pastor:** Lord, keep all nations under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land and around the world so that we may work together for peace and be a blessing to one another.

**All:** **Grant that we choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation.**



Pastor: O Father of Mercies and God of all Comfort, our only Help in time of need, look with favor upon all who are ill, alone, imprisoned, or in personal distress, [*especially* . . .]. Hear their prayers.

**All: For Jesus' sake, Restore, Surround, Free, and give Comfort to them.**

Pastor: Into Your Hands, Heavenly Father, we commit all for whom we pray for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

#### **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**



Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who accomplished the Salvation of humankind by the Tree of the Cross that, where Death Arose, there Life also might Rise Again and that the serpent who overcame by the Tree of the Garden might likewise by the Tree of the Cross be overcome. Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the Company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

#### **SANCTUS** (*sung*)

LSB 161

**All: 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.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of Heaven and Earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You Created and sent Your Only-Begotten Son into our Flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the Salvation Accomplished for us by the All-Availing Sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the Cross. Gathered in the Name and the Remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to Forgive, Renew, and Strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His Own Testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the Earth to celebrate with all the faithful the Victory Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all Glory, Honor, and Worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took Bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the Disciples and said: *“Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way also He took the Cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *“Drink of this, all of you; this Cup is the New Testament in My  $\text{✠}$  Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

## PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen. (sung)

LSB 163

## AGNUS DEI (sung)

LSB 163

All: 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.



## DISTRIBUTION:

All who Commune receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, each one must take seriously the responsibility to examine oneself:

- To acknowledge oneself as a sinner and repent of one's sins.
- To trust Jesus as one's Savior for forgiveness and submit to Him as Lord.
- To believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, that His true Body and Blood are received in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.
- To ask the Holy Spirit to assist in living a moral and obedient life to glorify God.

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*Receive the Wafer, then receive the Wine, either from the Common cup, or the Cup you brought.*

*If you have selected the Individual Cup, please discard the cup in the container on the side aisle as you return down the outside aisle to your pew.]*



HANDBELL CHOIR: "The Power of the Cross"



Pastor: <sup>5</sup>To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

**All: <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

Pastor: <sup>7</sup>All who see Me mock Me; they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;

**All: <sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!”**

Pastor: <sup>9</sup>Yet You are He Who took Me from the womb; You made Me Trust You at My mother’s breasts.

**All: <sup>10</sup>On You was I Cast from My Birth, and from My mother’s womb You have been My God.**

Pastor: <sup>11</sup>Be not far from Me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

**All: <sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass Me; strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;**

Pastor: <sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at Me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

**All: <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all My Bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it is melted within My Breast;**

Pastor: <sup>15</sup>My Strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My Tongue sticks to My jaws; You lay Me in the dust of death.

**All: <sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass Me; a company of evildoers encircles Me; they have pierced My Hands and Feet.**

Pastor: <sup>17</sup>I can count all My Bones— they stare and gloat over Me;

**All: <sup>18</sup>they divide My Garments among them, and for My Clothing they cast lots.**

Pastor: <sup>19</sup>But You, O LORD, do not be far off! O You My Help, come quickly to My aid!

**All: <sup>20</sup>Deliver My Soul from the sword, My Precious Life from the power of the dog!**

Pastor: <sup>21</sup>Save Me from the mouth of the lion! You have Rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!

**All: <sup>22</sup>I will tell of Your Name to My Brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:**

Pastor: <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

**All: <sup>24</sup>For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His Face from Him, but has heard, when He cried to Him.**

Pastor: <sup>25</sup>From You comes My praise in the great congregation; My vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

**All: <sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!**

Pastor: <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the Earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

**All: <sup>28</sup>For Kingship belongs to the LORD, and He Rules over the nations.**

Pastor: <sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the Earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**All: <sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the LORD to the coming generation; <sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim His Righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.**

*All leave the church in silence.*

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## THOSE WHO SERVE

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Peter Brandstrom

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Betty Johnson

**Altar Guild:**

Pat Mueller

## UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### April 03: Good Friday

- Worship Service at 6:30pm
  - The full Scripture report of Jesus' Condemnation, Suffering and Death

### April 04: Easter Saturday – Alleluia!! He Is Risen!!

- Worship Service at 3:00pm

### April 05: Easter Sunday – Alleluia!! He Is Risen!!

- Easter Breakfast at 8:30am -  
*(Registration for breakfast is appreciated)*
- Easter Worship Service at 10:00am

