



the good news is..

even Judas gets
his feet washed

Maundy Thursday

APRIL 2, 2026



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Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion

April 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM*

*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

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.

Welcome to Trinity- We are glad you are here!

If you are new to Trinity please complete the Welcome Card located in the pews so we can follow-up with you.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Seating for People with Limited Mobility is reserved throughout the Sanctuary. Just look for the blue accessibility signs or ask your Usher.

We love having small children in worship!

- 1) ***Activity Bags*** are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.
- 2) ***The Child Care Room*** is available for those needing a space to change or feed little ones, located next to the nursery. Nursery space is available but won't be staffed. The nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the education wing and just outside the north sanctuary door. Ushers are available to direct you if needed.



GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

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 even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

***Hymn**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

***Prayer of the Day**

P 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.**

Children's Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

WORD

First reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For 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."

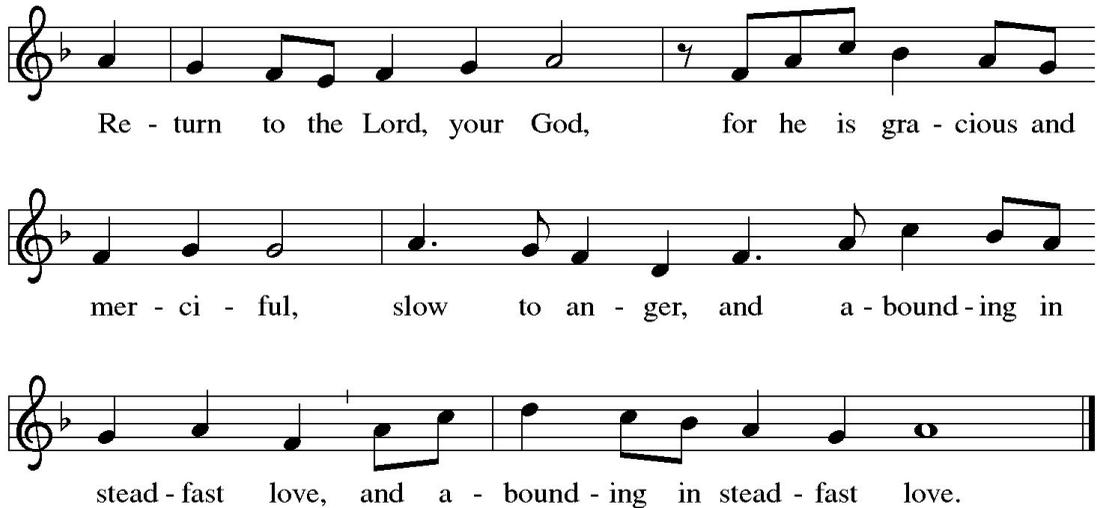
²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 142



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*Gospel: John 13:1-35

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

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

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, ‘The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ ¹⁹ I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”

²¹ After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. ²³ One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining close to his heart; ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?” ²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.” ²⁸ Now no one knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival,” or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If 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.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*

ELW 358

***Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Welcome to the Table Recognition

MEAL

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



Offertory

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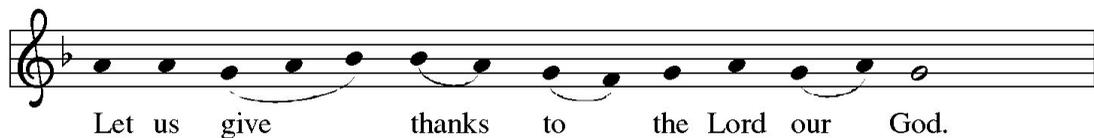
**Praise God, whose blessing gives us life,
Like morning's gentle dew.
We will trust you through the wilderness
And walk the way with you.
To the God who calls His servants
Neighbor, stranger, friend made fair;
Christ is present in the water,
In the fire, the earth, the air.
May we live to love in all we do,
And grant our neighbor rest;
All creation praises God on high,
Now may these gifts be blest.**

Sung to the tune "Thaxted" ELW 880
Written by Colby Gochanour

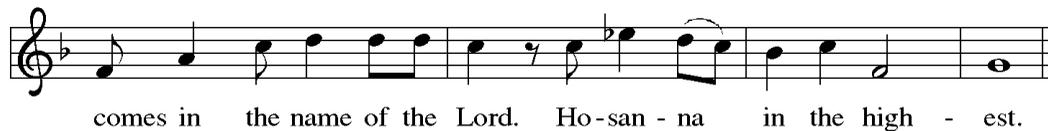
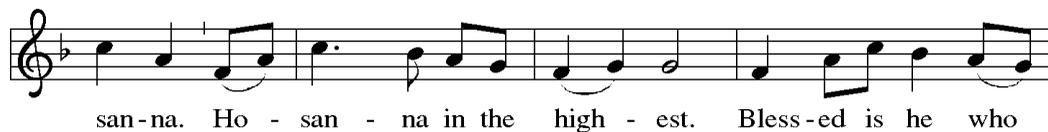
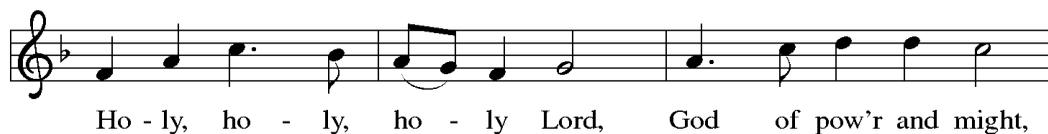
*Offering Prayer

P Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

C 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.

Invitation to the Table

Communion

All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary where you may kneel at the rail. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns*What Feast of Love*

ELW 487

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

Prayer after Communion

P Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament
you strengthen us with the saving power
of your suffering, death, and resurrection.
May this sacrament of your body and blood
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption
will show forth in the way we live,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.**Closing Hymn:***My Song Is Love Unknown*

ELW 343

*Vs. 1-4***Draping of the Altar**

***A Reception
for those celebrating their First Communion
will follow the service in the Gathering Space.
Please join us!***

Maundy Thursday

What does the name mean?

The term “Maundy” comes from the Latin “mandatum;” it is from a verb that means “to give” or “to order” — command. After Jesus and the disciples finished the Last Supper and walked toward Gethsemane, Jesus taught them a new commandment — “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34).

The Last Supper

On the first Maundy Thursday, after they had eaten, Jesus gave the disciples his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins. Called Holy Communion or the Eucharist, Lutherans believe this to be one of two sacraments — gifts from God. Most worship services focus on the meal and communion as a way to commemorate this day.

Foot washing

The story of the Last Supper in John’s Gospel records a remarkable event that is not mentioned in the other Gospels — to illustrate humility, Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another. Some Lutheran congregations incorporate this act of humility into their Maundy Thursday services.

Stripping of the altar

After the Eucharist is celebrated it is customary to “strip the altar,” which symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life.

From Living Lutheran- The Three Days (April 2013)



First Communion

The following students have completed the *Welcome to the Table* First Communion Instruction and will be joining the congregation at the Lord's Supper.

Payton Brierly

Hunter Nelson

James Kirby

Kinzey Lingbeek

Margo Miller

Kason Peterson

Lanie Ruge

Good Friday Events

A Community Cross Walk will be held this year on Good Friday as we remember Jesus' journey to the cross. Folks from area churches will gather at **Noon on April 3** outside of First United Methodist Church, 119 S. Georgia Ave., and will walk through downtown Mason City stopping at various "stations" to hear readings from Scripture. We will conclude at St. Paul Lutheran Church with a brief worship in the sanctuary followed by refreshments in their fellowship hall. All are invited to this community event.

GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC & CANTATA—APRIL 3 AT 6:30 P.M.

Featuring Trinity's musicians and ensembles.

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Easter Worship Services

Easter Vigil Service - Saturday, April 4

***5:00 PM Worship Service**

A service of light with readings and hymns celebrating Easter
Holy Communion will be celebrated

Easter Sunday—Sunday, April 5

***9:00AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services**

With special music and brass ensemble
Holy Communion will be celebrated

*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

*All designated Easter offerings at Trinity this year will be shared evenly with
the Beacon Warming Shelter in Mason City and Lutheran World Relief.*

*Designated offerings include those dollars that are received thru member's Easter Offering envelope, the
Easter online giving tab, and all gifts marked "Easter."*

Thank you for your generosity to these partner ministries.