

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

"He Gave of Himself"

Opening Prayer Opening Hymn: *"When You Woke That Thursday Morning"* 445 vs. 1-3

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: Our Lord met with His disciples **C:** *They gathered to celebrate the Passover*

P: The room was prepared for the Passover meal **C:** *The Lord prayed, the Lord chanted, the Lord shared the History of the Father's love for His people.*

P: Jesus took the bread, which had been "buried", and said to His disciples, **C:** *This is my Body, given for you.*

P: Jesus took the Cup of Redemption and proclaimed **C:** *This is my blood of the New covenant which is poured out for you.*

P: Jesus fulfilled the Passover meal **C:** *He then provided to us His Supper, the Supper in which we receive His Body and Blood".*

P: The Lord Himself came as the Pascal Lamb **C:** *The Lamb whose blood brought forgiveness; led the "angel of death" to pass over us all.*

Confession: *Gracious Lord, God of all mankind; we confess that we are daily sinful in our thoughts, words, actions, and desires. We confess that we are not humble, gracious, compassionate, or giving way too often. We confess that we willingly, deliberately, carelessly, and openly defy Your will and desires. We confess that we are silent, ashamed, inadequate, and poor in our ability to witness for You in many situations. We ask, for Jesus' sake, Your mercy and grace be shown to us in granting us Your forgiveness and cleansing. Amen.*

Absolution: The Almighty Father has heard your confession, accepted your confession, and willingly and joyfully announces His forgiveness to you. As your pastor, called and ordained; in His name and by His command; I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalmody: *Psalm 67*

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us. **C:** *That your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.*

P: May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You. **C:** *May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You rule the people justly and guide the nations of the earth.*

P: May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You. **C:** *Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.*

P: God will bless us **C:** *And all the ends of the earth will fear Him.*

All: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be forever. Amen.*

Collect: Gracious Lord, on this night Jesus met, worshiped, and instituted His Supper and gave to His disciples His Sacrament. We ask gracious Lord that You touch us with Your grace, enlighten us with Your Spirit, provide us Your righteousness and strengthen us to serve You and fellow believers. Envelop us this night in Your truth; secure us in Your hope, and lead us with the desire to share with others the wonder of what You have done for all mankind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **C: Amen.**

Hymn: “*Let the Vineyards be fruitful Lord*” 955

Luther’s Explanation to the Sacrament of the Altar:

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Jesus Himself for us Christians to eat and drink.

P: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these works. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life salvation.

Epistle Lesson: *I Corinthians 11: 23-30 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: “The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.*

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord, eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

Choir: “*And When It Was Evening*”

P: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “Forgiveness of Sins”.

Holy Gospel: *Luke 22: 7-22 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." "Where do You want us to prepare for it?" they asked.*

He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there."

They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. But the hand of him who is going to betray Me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays Him."

Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed* (Back of Hymnal)

Hymn: *"When You Woke that Thursday Morning"* 445 vs. 4,5

Children's Sermon **Sermon** *"He Gave of Himself"*

Offerings brought to the Altar **Prayers** **Lord's Prayer**

P: Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

C: Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Blessing of the Elements

Distribution Hymns: *"Your Table I Approach"* 628, *"O Jesus Blessed Lord to Thee"* 632

Closing Prayer: *Luther's Evening Prayer*

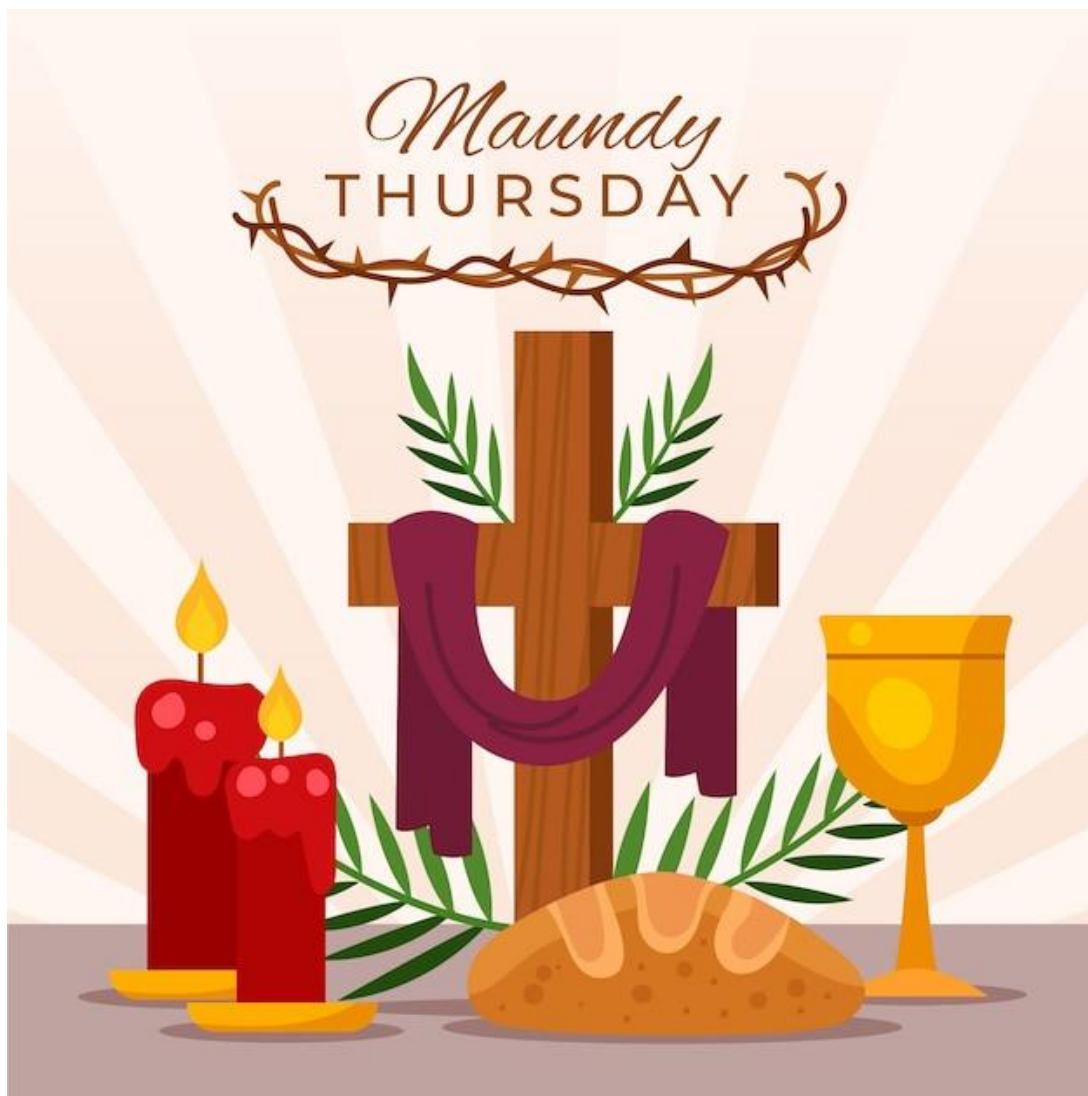
I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benediction – Choir *"Be at Peace"*

Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor

Karen Whitehead, Organist

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