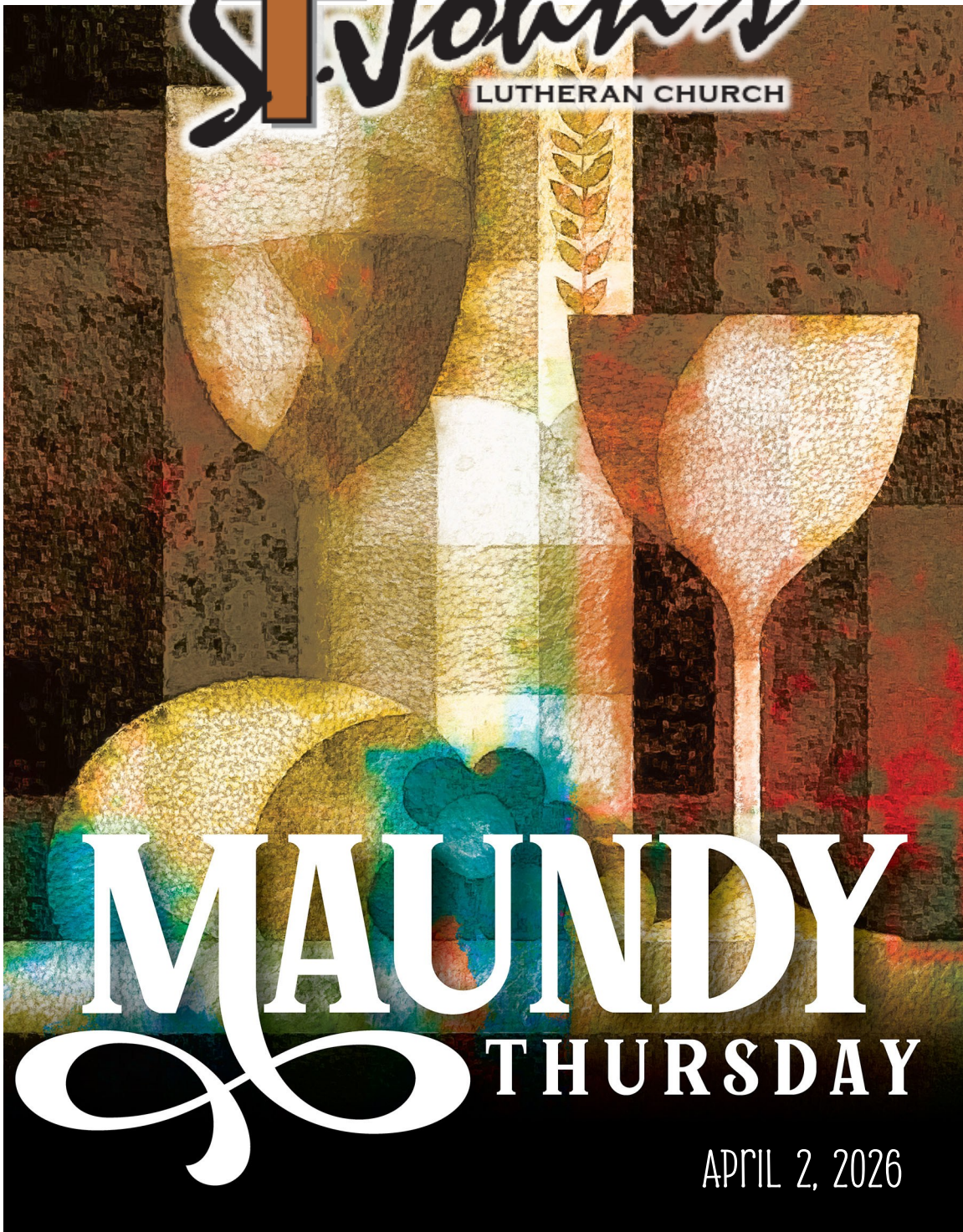




**St. John's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2, 2026

*Worship Services: Saturdays at 5:00pm • Sundays at 9:45am*

*Parish Education: Sunday School - Grades Pre-K to 6th - 8:30am • Adult Forum - 8:30am  
Confirmation - Grades 7 & 8 - Wednesdays 6:30pm*

*Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm • Fri 9am-12pm*

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**Enter in silence**  
*Please stand as you are able*

**P:** Welcome to worship on this Maundy Thursday evening. A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

**C:** **A meal of bread and wine.**

**A:** The Lord calls us to this supper.

**C:** **The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.**

**P:** As we break the bread and share the cup,

**C:** **our understanding may fail us.**

**A:** But we will never forget Christ's example.

**C:** **We must never forget the full extent of his love.**

### **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.

**A:** 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.

**P:** 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.**

### **Gathering Hymn W&P 104 Now in This Banquet**

#### **Greeting**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray the Prayer of the Day together. Holy God,

**C:** **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. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**A:** The **First Reading** for Maundy Thursday comes from the Book of Exodus Chapter 12 selected verses 1-4, 11-14

**A:** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

- A:** Our Psalm tonight is **Psalm 116** verses 1-2 and 12-19  
<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**  
<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?  
<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**  
<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.  
<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**  
<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of  
the LORD.**  
<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,  
<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**A:** The **Second Reading** comes from 1st Corinthians Chapter 11 verses 23-26

**A:** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John in the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C:** **Glory to you O God. Gospel: John 13:1-5, 12-17, 33-35**

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 348 Stay With Me (sing through three times)

## Apostle's Creed

**P:** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's 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,  
he is seated at the right hand of  
the Father, and he will come 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

**P:** Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** ...God of grace,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

### The Peace

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### Dialogue

**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 our thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Eucharistic Prayer

**P:** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**P:** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

**P:** Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*Please be seated.*

## Communion is served

## Prayer after Communion

**A:** 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.**

## Benediction

**P:** Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Pastor & Assisting Minister process to back of sanctuary.  
Altar Guild assembles at back of church to go forward at their appointed time.  
Please be seated*

## Stripping of the Altar      Psalm 27

**P:** <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

*Communion elements removed*

**A:** <sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.

*Pulpit Parament & Altar Parament removed*

**P:** <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up  
against me, yet I will be confident.

*Bowl from Baptismal Font is removed – Font is draped in black*

**A:** <sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of  
the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.

*Communion tables draped in black*

**P:** <sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under  
the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.  
<sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his  
tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

***Pulpit is draped in black***

- A:** <sup>7</sup> Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!  
<sup>8</sup> 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me.

***Altar draped in black –  
Altar cross draped in black***

- P:** Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!  
<sup>10</sup> If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.  
<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.  
<sup>12</sup> Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen  
against me, and they are breathing out violence.

***Wooden candlesticks exit with the candles lit***

- A:** <sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
<sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

- P:** Let us depart in silence and in peace.

***All leave in silence***



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