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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thank you for worshipping with us at Northdale Lutheran! We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Here are a few suggestions to maximize your online worship experience:

- ❖ Participate! Stand, sit, read and sing where appropriate throughout the service.
- ❖ Remove distractions. Turn off your cell phone and remove other distractions from your worship area.
- ❖ Check In to Northdale Lutheran Church on Facebook. Let others know you have chosen to worship God through this turmoil.
- ❖ Check in with other members. Send a message to someone you would normally talk to at Church and see how they are coping. Social distancing doesn't mean we stop caring about other people.
- ❖ Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.

WORSHIP THEME

The Lord gives his supper as spiritual nourishment for his people to strengthen them for their fight against the devil.



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE NOTES

THE DAY

Just as Ash Wednesday begins Lent, so Maundy Thursday marks the end of Lent proper and the beginning of the Three Holy Days of Christendom (the *Triduum*). The theme of the celebration is the Lord's new command (*mandatus*, Latin, became *Maundy* in Old English) to his disciples of all time to love each other as he has loved them. The institution of the Lord's Supper sets forth the depths of Jesus' love and gives power to the church to live out his command. As with Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday occupies a unique place in the church calendar. It is a festival in which reconciliation is solemnly expressed and in which the congregation makes its transition from preparation for the celebration of the mystery of the Passion and Resurrection to the celebration itself.



THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Normally in our Maundy Thursday Service, the altar is stripped after our celebration of the Lord's Supper. The post communion action of stripping the altar has its roots in the early Church. The congregation sings a hymn or a Psalm is read as the communion vessels, cross, and candles are carried from the chancel. Once the communion vessels and appointments are removed, the altar, which represents the body of Christ, becomes the focus. The altar is stripped of its vestments in token of the abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane. The altar is left completely bare for Good Friday. Today because of our worship restrictions, we will read the Psalm but the altar will be stripped before tomorrow's service.



THE DISMISSAL

The service concludes after the reading of Psalm 88. There is no closing blessing or closing hymn. Rather, the services of the Three Days flow into one another as the congregation leaves to reassemble on Good Friday for our service of Tenebrae. There will be no announcements after our worship today. We look forward to worshipping with you tomorrow.

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN, CWS #717, "WHEN YOU WOKE THAT THURSDAY MORNING"



1 When you woke that Thurs-day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, long - ing
3 What was there that you could give them that would
4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, all one
5 One day all the Church will cap - ture that bright



Teach - er, faith - ful Friend, Thoughts of
with tor - ment - ed heart To be
nev - er be out - spent, What great
bod - y, you the head, When we
vis - ion glo - ri - ous, And your



self and safe - ty scorn - ing, know - ing
with your dear ones on - ly for a
gift that would out - live them, what last
meet, by you in - vit - ed, you are
saints will know the rap - ture that your



how the day would end; Lamb of
qui - et hour a - part; Sin - less
will and tes - ta - ment? "Show me
with us, as you said. One with
heart de - sired for us, When the



God, fore - told for ag - es, now at last the
Lamb and fall - en crea - tures, one last pas - chal
and the world you love me, know me as the
you and one an - oth - er in a u - ni -
longed - for peace and un - ion of the great - est



hour had come When but One could pay sin's
meal to eat, One last les - son as their
Lamb of God; Do this in re - mem - brance
ty sub - lime, See in us your sis - ter,
and the least Meet in joy ous, blest com -



wag - es: you as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
teach - er, wash - ing your dis - ci - ples' feet.
of me, eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
broth - er, one in ev - 'ry place and time.
mun - ion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.

The hymn writer Jaroslav Vajda vividly recounts the events of Maundy Thursday as they may have looked from the perspective of our Savior.

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SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 26:26-28

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

²⁷Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

***SERMON THEME:**

Spiritual Strength for our Personal Battle

**To underscore the end of the Lenten time of preparation, and to recall Jesus' discourse with his disciples at the beginning of the first Maundy Thursday (John 13-14), the sermon is placed at the beginning of the service. The placement of the sermon provides a powerful preamble to the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" and the confession of sins which follows.*

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION (CW, PAGE 156)

M: What does God tell me about myself in his Word?

C: He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

M: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or not troubled by them?

C: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

M: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

C: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

M: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

C: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

M: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

C: In Holy Communion, he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

M: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

C: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink

from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

M: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

C: **I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.**

CONFESSION

M: Having examined ourselves, we confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. In what I have done and left undone, I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them and beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

ABSOLUTION

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, he forgives us our sins and calls us from the darkness of our sin to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Be Seated

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 12:1-14

God gives his people instructions concerning the first Passover and their subsequent annual celebration of the day when God delivered them from the slavery of Egypt. The blood of the lamb over the doorpost pointed ahead to the blood of Jesus, the True Lamb, shed for all sins.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover.

¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

*The Word of God

“The reading of the Lessons is a highlight of a service. The spiritually hungry have come to be fed and nurtured and to drink from the waters of life. Knowing that ‘faith comes from hearing the message,’ God’s people listen intently with attention aroused to be blessed by the hearing of God’s Word.” Christian Worship Manual

PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 116*

- M: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
- C: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**
- M: The LORD is gracious and righteous; when I was in great need, he saved me.
- C: For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**
- M: How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?
- C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

THE SECOND LESSON: I CORINTHIANS 11:23-28

In this sacrament, Jesus shows us the full extent of his love for us. He gives us the flesh and blood of God, the solution for sin..

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷So then, 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. ²⁸Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 13:1-15, 34

There on Golgotha—there on the sacrament of the altar—we see the full extent of God’s love for us. Jesus as Christ loved us with service and sacrifice, so he commands us to love one another.

M: The Gospel according to John chapter 13.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

⁷Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

⁸“No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

⁹“Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

¹⁰Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one

another's feet. ¹⁵¹ have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you...

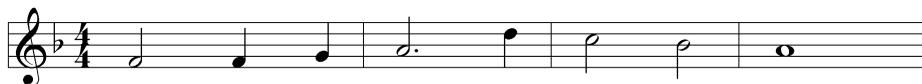
³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY, CW #136, "TWAS ON THAT DARK, THAT DOLEFUL NIGHT"



1 'Twas on that dark, that dole - ful night
2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan,
3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin;
4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end,
5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate;



When pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose
He took the bread and blessed and broke.
Re - ceive and eat the liv - ing food."
In mem - 'ry of your dy - ing friend;
We show your death; we sing your name



A - gainst the Son, our God's de - light,
What love through all his ac - tions ran!
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:
Meet at my ta - ble and re - cord
Till you re - turn and we shall eat



And friends be - trayed him to his foes.
What won - drous words of grace he spoke!
"Tis the new cov - 'nant in my blood."
The love of your de - part - ed Lord."
The mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.

Online giving is now set up and available through our membership software entitled Breeze. You can give through Breeze two ways: 1) You can give by texting "Give" to (813) 652-0408. 2). You can go to <https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online>. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.

If electronic giving isn't for you, you are invited to mail your offerings to the church.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

C: **We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.**

M: For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

C: **We give you humble and hearty thanks.**

M: As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,

C: **We also give you thanks.**

M: Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.

C: **We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,

C: **But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.**

M: O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

C: Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

C: Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen.

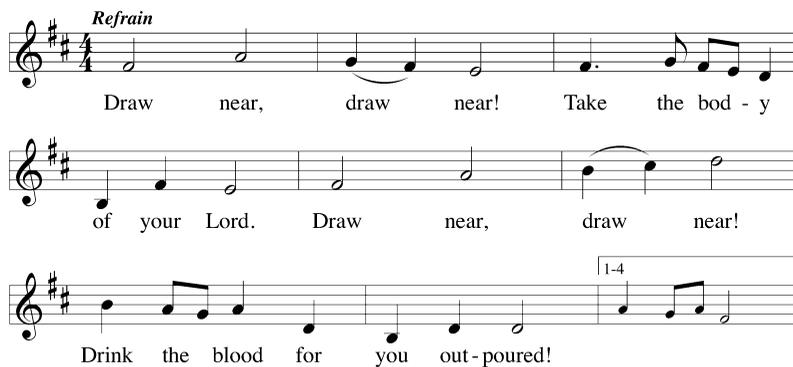
LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BE SEATED

HYMN, CWS #740, "DRAW NEAR"

Refrain



Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y
of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!
Drink the blood for you out-poured!

To verses | *Last time*



Verses



- 1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
- 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
- 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
- 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out-poured.
Has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood, With
He gave his life for great - est and for least, Him -
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends, Gives
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow, In

To Refrain



souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
self the of - f'ring and him - self the Priest.
all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
this great feast of love be with us now.

This paraphrase of an ancient Communion hymn is set in responsorial fashion.

PLEASE STAND

FINAL PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 88 will be read in place of the stripping of the altar. The altar will be stripped outside of this service before our worship tomorrow evening. When the Psalm is finished, the congregation is normally allowed to remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly. Today, the service will conclude after the Psalm is read. There will be no announcements after our worship today. We look forward to worshipping with you tomorrow.

Lord, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you.

²May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.

³I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death.

⁴I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like one without strength.

⁵I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care.

⁶You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths.

⁷Your wrath lies heavily on me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.

⁸You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them. I am confined and cannot escape; ⁹my eyes are dim with grief.

I call to you, Lord, every day; I spread out my hands to you.

¹⁰Do you show your wonders to the dead? Do their spirits rise up and praise you?

¹¹Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in Destruction?

- ¹²Are your wonders known in the place of darkness, or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?
¹³But I cry to you for help, Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you.
¹⁴Why, Lord, do you reject me and hide your face from me?
¹⁵From my youth I have suffered and been close to death; I have borne your terrors and am in despair.
¹⁶Your wrath has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me.
¹⁷All day long they surround me like a flood; they have completely engulfed me.
¹⁸You have taken from me friend and neighbor—darkness is my closest friend.

Copies of today's sermon and last week's sermon can be found on our website at www.northdalelutheran.org. We also e-mail out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please e-mail Pastor Vann at pastor@northdalelutheran.org and let him know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.

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April 10, 2020 Online Good Friday Worship, 6:30 p.m.

April 12, 2020 Online Easter Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Online Bible Study 10:15 a.m.

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