

Maundy Thursday
Immanuel Lutheran Church Wadena, MN

PRELUDE

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 Maundy Thursday, 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.

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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

ELW 347

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**

P: Let us pray ... Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal, your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

READINGS

Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

SERMON

(John 13: 1-17, 31b-35)

Pastor Nate Loer

HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

ELW 779

FOOT WASHING (6:30p)

In John 13, Jesus washes the feet of His disciples during His last evening with them. After performing this act of loving service, Jesus calls His disciples to love and serve one another. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death. Those receiving communion for the first time this evening will come forward at this time to have their feet washed and to receive a towel calling them to be servants as well.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR/PSALM 22


The removal of everything that adorns the altar is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the hands of the soldiers. Psalm 22, read during the stripping of the altar, rehearses the theme of humiliation as well as other themes related to Christ's passion.

THE CROWN OF THORNS ENTERS

THE CHRIST CANDLE EXITS

THE CONGREGATION LEAVES IN SILENCE

As you leave the sanctuary following the service, please respect those around you as they may be using this time for quiet reflection,

Holy Week Schedule		GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 Worship Service: 6:30 pm <i>(YouTube LIVE)</i>
		EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5 Worship Services: 8:30 am <i>(YouTube LIVE)</i> 9:30 am Radio Broadcast 10:00 am

Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

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1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

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