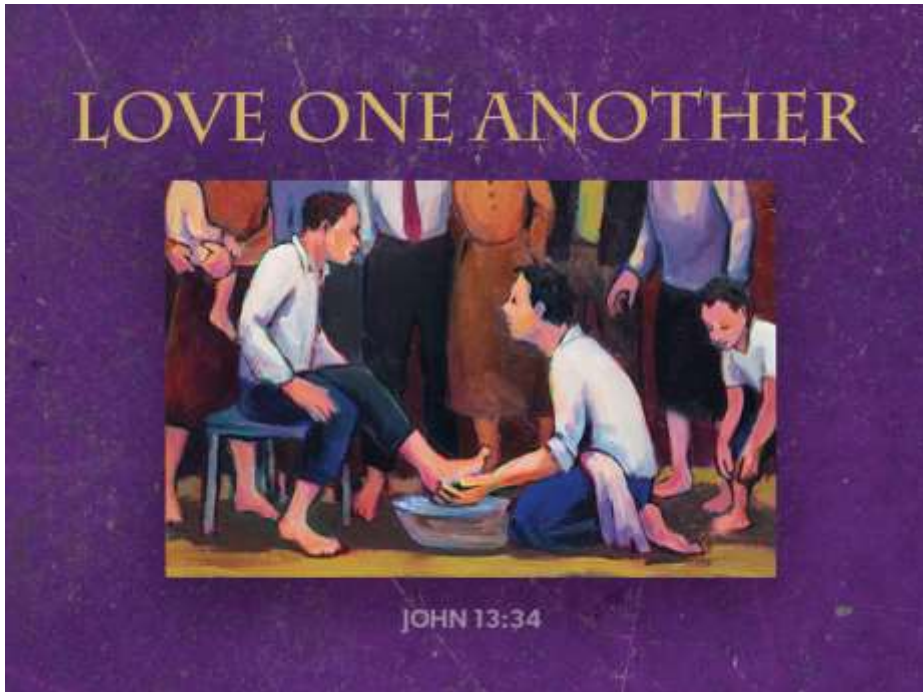


Maundy Thursday



March 28, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Today is Maundy Thursday: *Maundy* from the Latin word for “command.” As you hear Jesus’ “new commandment” (John 13:34), ponder what it means in a concrete way for your life.

Let us seek God’s presence through quiet meditation during the prelude.

PRELUDE

*"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you;
for this is the law and the prophets." - Matthew 7:12*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

In this service for Maundy Thursday, we remember that Jesus lived out the Golden Rule the night he was betrayed, but with a twist. He taught his disciples to do to others as he had done to them: washing their feet, forgiving their sins and loving them unconditionally.

HYMN “O God of Mercy, God of Light” (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #714

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116:3-6, 12-13

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

C **For this is the Law and the Prophets.**

P On the night he was betrayed Jesus served his disciples with perfect love.

C **He washed their feet.**

P He forgave their sins.

C **He loved them unconditionally.**

P Through his actions Jesus teaches us to do unto others as he has done to us.

C **Wash feet. Forgive. Love.**

P Do unto others as Jesus has done unto you.

C **For this is his perfect will.**

HYMN “O God of Mercy, God of Light” (vs. 3 & 4) ELW #714

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 “O God of Mercy, God of Light” (vs. 5 & 6) ELW #714

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

**C 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. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Leviticus 19:13-18

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-13

L ¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C ² for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

L ¹² How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

C ¹³ **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 13:1-7, 33-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 7th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 7:12

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ELW #359
(Alt. tune: ELW #772)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

Conclusion:

P Into your hands, Lord Jesus, we place all of our needs, knowing that you have served us perfectly, even to the point of death.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Take My Life, That I May Be" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #685

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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 FIRST COMMUNION

P At this time, we are delighted to invite forward those who participated in the First Communion classes. These individuals learned about communion and baked the bread for our communion today.

P Today we join with these young people and their families to again break bread in the presence of the risen Lord and have our eyes opened and our hearts burn with faith, with hope and with love.

C **We gladly join with you at the Lord's Table today, one in Christ through the mystery of this gift of life and the promise of God's most holy word.**

P Let us pray together.

C **Dear Lord,
throughout time your word told us of and promised us your steadfast love. In this sacred meal that we are about to celebrate, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, comes with forgiveness and new life in bread and wine and your word and Holy Spirit. May our hearts be opened to your presence and goodness. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We invite all those who are baptized to share this special meal of forgiveness and renewal. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafers and apple juice are available.

COMMUNION HYMNS	“Lamb of God”	page 154
	“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”	ELW #494
	“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”	ELW #337
	“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”	ELW #324

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.

SENDING

P The God of all grace, who loves you far more than you love yourself, bless you with every spiritual blessing as you do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

CLOSING HYMN “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” ELW #335

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

THE SERVICE ENDS IN SILENCE

Please leave in silence. Our services start on Thursday and end on Sunday, therefore no benediction on Thursday. We gather in silence on Friday and also depart in silence letting the message of the crucifixion help us prepare for our Sunday worship celebration.

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Stripping of the Altar

After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord, Events moved rapidly:

Prayer in Gethsemane
Betrayal by Judas
Arrest, mock trial, painful beating
The trudge to Golgotha and execution.

As his life was stripped from him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize his purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

Palms: Less than a week ago Jesus entered Jerusalem as a peaceful king. At the Last Supper he humbled himself before his followers and became a servant. Now the palms are removed from the sanctuary as Christ is betrayed by His loved ones, stripped of his dignity and treated as a common criminal.

Candles: Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.” The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world. As even creation was dark when he suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

Offering Plates: Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God’s greatest offering to the world and to us in sending his Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

The Missal Stand and Worship Book: Our worship book guides our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand and book.

Communion Vessels: Jesus’ offered Body and his shed Blood have been given to us in, with, and under the form of bread and wine. As he was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this sacrament.

Paraments: Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at his banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King’s body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.