

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule
9:00 – Traditional
11:15 – Contemporary style
3rd Sunday of the month at
10:15—
Service of the Word for
Wholeness

A Service of Worship on Maundy Thursday 7pm — March 28, 2024

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus's death and resurrection. Tonight, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"

Charles Callahan

GATHERING

P: We gather this Maundy Thursday in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In the past God spoke through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

C: but in the last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom God appointed heir of all things, and through whom God made the universe.

P: Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name.

C: Praise the Lord!

GATHERING HYMN *“Lord Whose Love in Humble Service”* v. 1, 3, 4 **ELW 712**

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

INSTRUCTION FOR WORSHIP

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. 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 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.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Richard Devore

A: The first reading is from the book of Exodus, the twelfth chapter.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

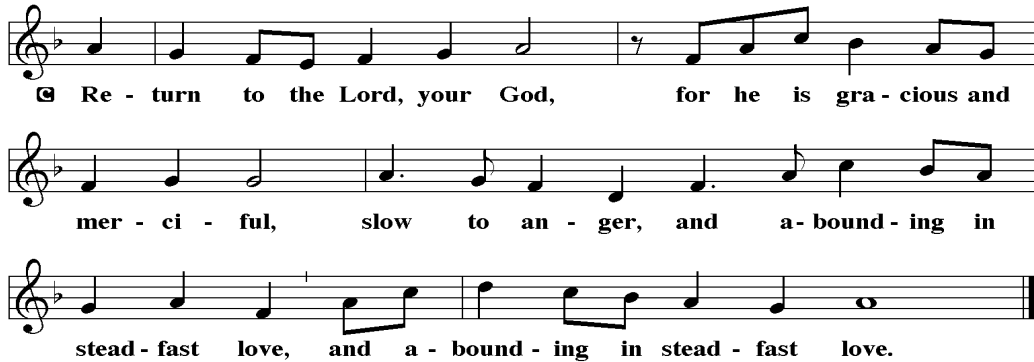
A: The second reading is from the first letter to the Corinthians, the eleventh chapter.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ^{31b}Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will

look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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| 1 Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound. | 2 With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return. |
| 3 Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one. | 5 Let us forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness. |

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Richard Devore

A: Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are forgotten. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human institutions that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to all people celebrating communion today. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

C: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP READING *Deuteronomy 5:29*

(The Lord said to Moses,) “If only they had such a mind as this, to fear me and to keep all my commandments always, so that it might go well with them and with their children forever!”

OFFERING *“There in God’s Garden”* Michael Burkhardt

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:

C: 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. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION *“Lamb of God, Pure and Spotless”* David Cherwien

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together, let us pray:

C: 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. Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

As Psalm 22 is spoken, the chancel is stripped in remembrance of Jesus Christ being stripped, tortured, and executed.

PSALM 22

Chris Steinmayer

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For

dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

*There is no sending blessing. The omission of this blessing
at the end of the liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday
indicate their continuity with each other.*

*We thank you for worshiping with us today
and look forward to continuing this worship with you tomorrow.*