MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

This evening our Lenten observances comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' 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.

Thank you to Pastor Matt Orendorff for leading us in worship this evening.

GATHERING

Prelude & Bell

Opening Hymn: *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* #351 Confession & Forgiveness pg. 239

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-36
Gospel Acclamation pg. 142 (Lent)
Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Message "A Maundy Thursday Guided Meditation" adapted from "When Darkness Reigns" by Greg Finn
Hymn of the Day: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" #347
Prayers of the Church: God of grace, hear our prayer.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144 Words of Institution The Lord's Prayer **Communion Distribution**

First Communion will be taken by our 5th Grade Youth tonight: Jamis Burnett, Jaelyn Flower and Gage Schultz

Communion Hymn: *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"* #708 Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

Stripping of the Altar (Psalm 22 is read)

The congregation sits in silence as linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles are removed from the altar and chancel.

At the conclusion of the service, please leave the sanctuary in silence, contemplating what Jesus has given for you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dick Ross, Judy Bluth, Jim Thraen, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Pastor Matt Orendorff for leading us in worship tonight. Good Friday Worship Friday, April 18 at 7:00pm at First Lutheran. Hosted by First, Faith, Federated and Trinity Cyrus.

- Easter Sunday Worship Sunday, April 20 at 11:00am with Holy Communion. Coffee/Fellowship prior to worship at 10:00am.
- Offerings can be placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary either prior to the start of the service or after the service as you leave. The "passing of the plate" will not be a part of the worship service at this time.
- King of Kings (Rated PG) will be playing at the Morris Theatre from April 11 through April 24. In this movie, renowned writer Charles Dickens shares the story of Jesus Christ with his son. Walter. As his father narrates the stirring tale, Walter becomes captivated with the events of the Jesus' life. All ages are encouraged to come and see this movie! Show times can be found on the theatre's website at www.morristheatre.net/blog/
- Nursery Available Our nursery room is staffed during worship and is located next to the church offices. Nursery room volunteers look forward to entertaining your little ones, but you are welcome to stay with your child if you prefer. The nursery room is equipped with an audio speaker that will allow you to hear what is happening during the worship service.
- **Pastoral Visits** If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the church without permission.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Ushers: Al Harris, Judy & Chance Buro Lector: Vicki Dalaaer **Communion:** *Vicki Dalager (bread)* **Communion Servers:** *Liz Harris, Doug Ehlers, Emilie Brusten* Acolytes: Ashlyn & Aubrey Williamson TV slides: Giana Feuchtenberger

Nursery: Pam Wiese

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger Accompanist: Suzanne Smith

Good Friday, April 18

Ushers: Steve Just, Lindy Ekola, Kellie Hentges Nursery: Jone Anderson Acolytes: Kenzie Just & Maddy Schneider

Video: Dave Jungst TV slides: Isaac Just



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