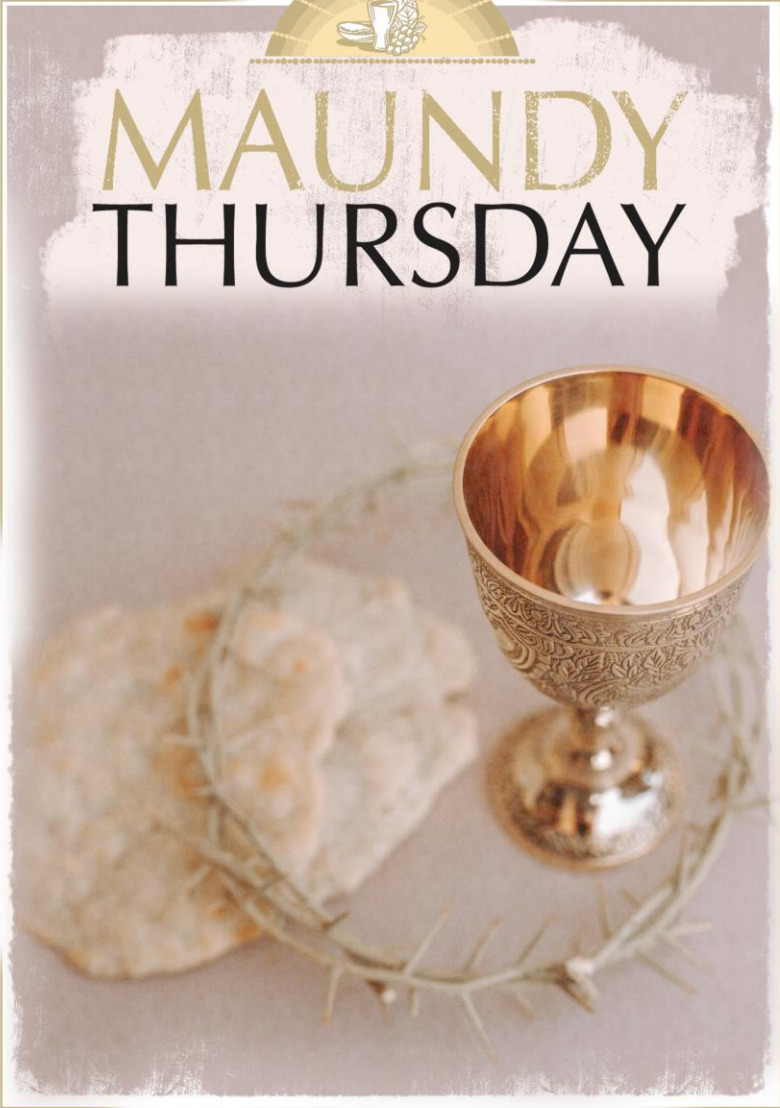




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Luther Memorial Church April 2, 2026

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OPENING PRAYER

(Pastor)

OPENING HYMN: 311 – *“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS (Pastor)

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Like all of Jesus’ disciples who on this night deserted Him and ran, we have not been always faithful to You, O Lord.

Congregation: We, who are sinful by nature, have neglected to love You with our whole heart or love our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: Because of our sin, we do not deserve Your love or Your forgiveness;

Congregation: Turn to us, Lord, and forgive us. Bring us back to You. Restore us again as Peter was restored to You even after denying You, and as You later came to the disciples who had forsaken You and declared Your peace to them. Amen.

All: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

THE ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: “Amen.”

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

Congregation: “Amen.”

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

PRAYER (Pastor)

Gracious God, as Moses long ago came into your presence and then ate and drank, so in the Lord’s Supper we look upon Your mercy, Your forgiveness, and Your making us one in the Body of Christ. Through this Sacrament, help us always to remember Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: “Amen.”

OT LESSON

EXODUS 24:3-11

³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.” ⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” ⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. *

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 CORINTHIANS 10:14-22

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵ I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? ¹⁹ What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²² Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

(Luther's 2nd Article Explanation)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

HYMN: 310 - *“Thy Table I Approach”*

THE SERMON:

MARK 14:12-26

¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³ And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” ²⁰ He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

²² And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.”

²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. *

RETURN TO THE TABLE

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary.

THE OFFERING HYMN (WS 788)

♪ Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

♪ We are yours – Your mercy sought us, Found us in death's dreadful way, To the fold in safety brought us, Nevermore from You to stray. Your own life was freely given As an off-ring on the cross For each sinner, now forgiven From eternal shame and loss.

♪ Blessed by You with gifts and graces, May we heed Your Spirit's call, Gladly in all times and places Give to You who gives us all. You have bought us; now no longer Can we claim to be our own; Ever free and ever stronger We shall serve You, Lord, a-lone.

PRAYER(S)

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, into whose hands You gave the awesome task of perfectly fulfilling Your holy Law, and yet offering Himself as the one and only sacrifice sufficient to redeem mankind. Into Your hands He commended His life so that from His hands we might receive eternal life.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Congregation: "Amen, Come, Lord Jesus."

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



In the early church, Communion was thought of so highly that no one except confirmed members of the church were allowed even to watch it. This practice was more strict than necessary, of course. But the early church did understand something that many today do not: that Communion was never intended for indiscriminate use by everyone, but was restricted to those who are properly prepared. If you have never communed with us before, and desire the benefits of the Lord's Supper, please set up an appointment with the pastor to discuss how you can prepare properly. **The Lord's Supper will be received standing or seated in the pews. You are asked to dispose of the empties in one of the disposals near the front of the sanctuary.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, as You call us to repentance and to prayer, with faith and hope we turn to You, the source of mercy and love. Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: “Amen.”

CLOSING HYMN: WS 755 - *“What Is This Bread?”*

1. What is this bread? Christ’s body risen from the dead; This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release. Oh, taste and see – the Lord is peace.

2. What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love, and so I sing: Oh, taste and see – the Lord is King.

3. So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod. My God, my God, Why have you not forsaken me? Oh, taste and see -- the Lord is free.

4. Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear. In mouth and soul He makes us whole – Christ, truly present in this meal. Oh, taste and see – the Lord is real.

5. Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe That I receive His very body and His blood. Oh, taste and see – the Lord is good.

6. How shall I love For Him who fully does forgive My sinful ways? Through all my days I’ll strive to honor Him with praise – Until the end, my life amend.

7. What shall I fear Though dangers threaten and be near? His promise sure, Makes me secure, He guides my life from year to year. So faithfully, God is with me.

8. I, too shall rise To join my Savior in the skies; When trumpets blast, And life is past – He will from death awaken me. Eternally, with Him I’ll be.

9. What can I say To ever thank Him for His grace? I’ll take my place among His saints, And Join my tongue in word and song. Oh, taste and see – praise God with me.

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this evening in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us and hope that you will return again. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

REMAINING HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Please note the following Holy Week Schedule:

Friday April 3rd – LM Good Friday 1:30pm; LH Good Friday 6:30pm

Sunday April 5th – LM Easter Breakfast 8:15-9:30am;

LM Worship 10am; LH Worship 2pm.

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HYMN SHEET

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Lord God, you do not desire the death of the sinner, but would have him turn from his evil way and live. I come to you confessing that I have sinned and deserve only Your anger and punishment. But I cling to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave himself for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may always believe this and never doubt. Grant that in this faith I may go to Your altar and receive the body and blood which Your Son has given for my salvation, and praise, laud and honor Your love and mercy all the days of my life. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

I give you thanks and praise, Almighty, everlasting god, heavenly Father, for this your divine love that has again enabled me to receive the body and blood of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. I humbly ask that you would fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit that through this Sacrament which I have received with both mouth and by faith that I may always retain and possess the treasures of Your grace, even the forgiveness of sins and unity with Christ and eternal life. Let this enable me to walk in the footsteps of my Lord Jesus, doubting nothing and trusting that you will give to me and all who trust in Him the crown of everlasting life. Hear me, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. Amen.

HYMN

JESUS CHRIST, OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

- 1. Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever; By His bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil Foe.**
- 2. As His pledge of love undying He, this precious food supplying, Gives His body with the bread And with the wine the blood He shed.**
- 3. Whoso to this Board repaireth May take heed how He prepareth; For if he does not believe, Then death for life he shall receive.**
- 4. Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food hath given And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death His only Son.**

5. Thou shalt hold with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distress, By hearts that long for peace
and rest.

6. Christ says: "Come, all ye that labor, And receive My grace and
favor; They who feel no want nor ill Need no physician's help nor
skill.

7. "Useless were for thee My Passion, If thy works thy weal could
fashion. This feast is not spread for thee If thine own Savior thou
wilt be."

8. If thy heart this truth professes And thy mouth thy sin
confesses, His dear guest thou here shalt be, And Christ Himself
shall banquet thee.

HYMN

THY TABLE I APPROACH

1. Thy table I approach, Dear Savior, hear my prayer; Oh, let no
unrepented sin Prove hurtful to me there!

2. Lo, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands; A
contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Thy hands.

3. Thy body and Thy blood, Once slain and shed for me, Are taken
here with mouth and soul, In blest reality.

4. Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery; God
can accomplish vastly more Than seemeth plain to thee.

5. Vouchsafe, O blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined May
ne'er about this Sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

6. Oh, may I never fail To thank Thee day and night For Thy true
body and true blood, O God, my Peace and Light!

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