

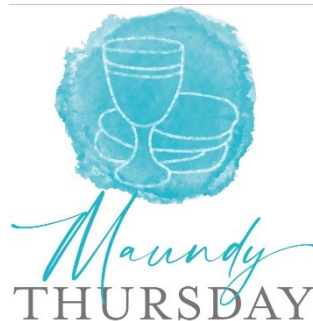


# Service of Worship

## Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

Welcome to Advent Lutheran Church! Our hope tonight is that you will experience God's love in Word, Sacrament, and Song through the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. Everything you need for tonight's worship service is printed in this bulletin.



This community welcomes you – wherever you are on your spiritual journey. Are you a visitor? Come back again! Are you looking for a church home? All are invited to become part of the Advent community. If you join us in person or on our Facebook livestream; if you are here for an hour, a season, or a lifetime, you are welcome at Advent. The church may be cozy, but the table is long. There's a place for you here!

Need more information about who and what we are? Fill out a green contact/prayer card, add a comment on Facebook, email the church, or visit our website - [www.adventlc.us](http://www.adventlc.us) - or make an appointment with Pastor Alex. We'd love to know how we can be in ministry together!

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

**We keep the following persons in prayer**



*Douglas M. Bennett* (brother of Shelley Bennett)

*David Church* (friend of Advent)

*Anthony Goveia* (nephew of Ismay Lovell)

*Ellie Holsopple* (member)

*Rev. Patricia Johnson* (friend of the Stalls)

*Jenny Jones* (friend of the Falksens)

*Kathryn "Kate" Juhl* (member)

*Pam Juhl* (mother of Peter and Kate Juhl)

*Rev. Elizabeth Platz* (first woman in North America ordained  
by a Lutheran church body)

*Wayne Theye* (friend of the Falksens)

*Gail Wickre* (mother of Sarah Wickre)

*Becky Wilfinger* (friend of Marilyn Falksen)

*Edwina Wyatt-Knowles* (friend of Nancy Jairrels)

# FORGIVENESS

*This evening our Lenten observance 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.*

*The assembly gathers in silence.*

## OPENING HYMN

## Great God, Your Love has Called Us

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1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,  
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,  
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems  
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

## WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross (signified with this ✝), the sign marked at baptism:*

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 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## LAYING ON OF HANDS IN FORGIVENESS

*People may come forward and kneel for the laying on of hands.*

*The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn.*

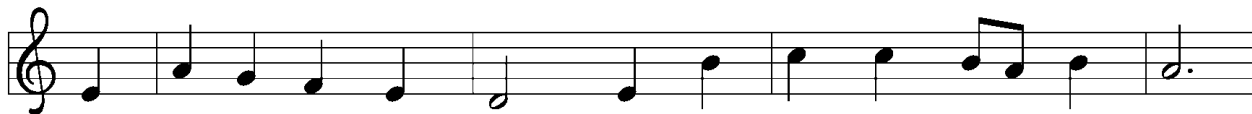
P In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive all your sins.

R **Amen.**

*During the Laying on of Hands, the assembly sings:*



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. (*Pause for a moment of silent prayer.*) 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.

C Amen.

### READING: John 13: 1-17, 31-35

Jesus at the Last Supper from the Gospel of John, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter. (*The Message Translation*)

It was suppertime. The Devil by now had Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, firmly in his grip, all set for the betrayal. Jesus knew that the Father had put him in complete charge of everything, that he came from God and was on his way back to God. So he got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron. When he got to Simon Peter, Peter said, “Master, *you* wash *my* feet?” Jesus answered, “You don’t understand now what I’m doing, but it will be clear enough to you later.” Peter persisted, “You’re not going to wash my feet—ever!” Jesus said, “If I don’t wash you, you can’t be part of what I’m doing.” “Master!” said Peter. “Not only my feet, then. Wash my hands! Wash my head!” Jesus said, “If you’ve had a bath in the morning, you only need your feet washed now and you’re clean from head to toe. My concern, you understand, is holiness, not hygiene. So now you’re clean. But not every one of you.” (He knew who was betraying him. That’s why he said, “Not every one of you.”)

After he had finished washing their feet, he took his robe, put it back on, and went back to his place at the table. Then he said, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You address me as ‘Teacher’ and ‘Master,’ and rightly so. That is what I am. So if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other’s feet. I’ve laid down a pattern for you. What I’ve done, you do. I’m only pointing out the obvious. A servant is not ranked above his master; an employee doesn’t give orders to the employer. If you understand what I’m telling you, act like it—and live a blessed life.

When [Judas] had left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is seen for who he is, and God seen for who he is in him. The moment God is seen in him, God’s glory will be on display. In glorifying him, he himself is glorified – glory all around! Children, I am with you for only a short time longer. You are going to look high and low for me. But just as I told the Jews, I’m telling you: ‘Where I go, you are not able to come.’ Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.”

Please be seated.

## INVITATION TO FOOT WASHING

People may come forward to have their feet washed. As the presiding minister washes feet, we sing:

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love

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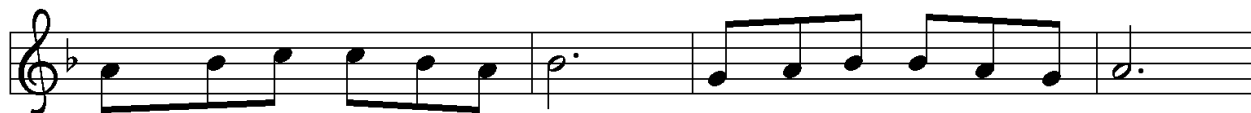
*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

*Refrain*



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, atr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY REFLECTIONS

The Rev. Alex Stall Jr.

### MEAL

#### OFFERING

*We will not pass the collection plate at this service. A plate is available in the Welcome Center for those who wish to place a gift.*

*Our gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.*

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

#### DIALOGUE

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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Supper here at Advent. Wine and white grape juice are available by individual cup. Gluten-free communion hosts are also available upon request. If you do not commune, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. We ask that you please maintain a safe distance as we commune. Hand sanitizer is available at the usher's stand.*

- P Come now to the Lord's Table, for all is ready!

*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

**ELW 471**

*(Please see graphic next page)*



**MAUNDY**  
*Thursday*



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## TENEBRAE

*Tenebrae is a Latin word for “shadows” and our Maundy Thursday service concludes with the slow extinguishing of seven candles, symbolizing the deserting of everyone during the final hours before Jesus’ crucifixion.*

*“During medieval times, an elaborate ritual developed in which all the adornments of the sanctuary were removed. Special focus was placed on the altar, as if the altar was itself the body of Jesus being stripped before the crucifixion... ‘Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help,’ says Psalm 22. Finally a bare altar stands naked in an empty chancel in a stripped church. We are being made ready for Good Friday.” (from The Three-Day Feast, Worship Matters)*



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing  
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -  
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you



feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and  
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry  
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in



life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.  
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.  
 praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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*The first candle is extinguished. One minute of silence.*

### Mark 14:17-21

<sup>12</sup> On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”<sup>13</sup> So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him,<sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’<sup>15</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”<sup>16</sup> So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.<sup>17</sup> When it was evening, he came with the twelve.<sup>18</sup> And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”<sup>19</sup> They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

“Surely, not I?” <sup>20</sup> He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

*One more candle is extinguished. One minute of silence.*

### Mark 14:26-31

<sup>26</sup> When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup> And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’” <sup>28</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” <sup>29</sup> Peter said to him, “Even though all fall away, I will not.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” <sup>31</sup> But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

*One more candle is extinguished. One minute of silence.*

### Mark 14:32-42

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup> He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want.” <sup>37</sup> He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? <sup>38</sup> Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. <sup>41</sup> He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

### HYMN

### Stay With Me (Please sing 3 times)

ELW 348

The image shows a musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are: Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and. The word 'watch' is under a long note that spans the first two measures of the second phrase.



Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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*One more candle is extinguished. One minute of silence.*

### **Mark 14:43-52**

<sup>43</sup> Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. <sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup> So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. <sup>46</sup> Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup> But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? <sup>49</sup> Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” <sup>50</sup> All of them deserted him and fled. <sup>51</sup> A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, <sup>52</sup> but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

*One more candle is extinguished. One minute of silence.*

### **Mark 14:53-65**

<sup>53</sup> They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. <sup>54</sup> Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest, and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. <sup>56</sup> For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup> Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, <sup>58</sup> “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” <sup>59</sup> But even on this point their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” <sup>61</sup> But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the

Blessed One?”<sup>62</sup> Jesus said, “I am, and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”<sup>63</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses?<sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death.<sup>65</sup> Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him and beat him.

*One more candle is extinguished. One minute of silence.*

### **Mark 14:66-72**

<sup>66</sup> While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the female servants of the high priest came by.<sup>67</sup> When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.”<sup>68</sup> But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed.<sup>69</sup> And the female servant, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.”<sup>70</sup> But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean, and you talk like one.”<sup>71</sup> But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.”<sup>72</sup> At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

*The last candle is extinguished.*

*There is no SENDING or blessing like most other worship services; rather, a scattering.*

## *All depart quickly in silence.*

*Some may even choose to run out,  
or use different doors to exit.*



## We give thanks for those assisting with worship . . .

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## THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

<i>Friday, March 29</i>	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
<i>Saturday, March 30</i>	1:00 pm	Community Easter Egg Hunt
<i>Sunday, March 31</i>	7:00 am	Community Sunrise Service
	10:00 am	Easter Worship Celebration with Holy Communion





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