

Maundy Thursday
April 6, 2023
Our Savior's Lutheran, ELCA

Prelude

Welcome and Invitation

Welcome to this service of remembrance and Promise. Tonight we will be with each other, as Jesus was with his first disciples on their last night together. We will share a meal together as they did, and we will be reminded once more of Jesus' betrayal by those he loved most.

Song

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread.

For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed: Christ's own body,
blessed and broken, cup o'er-flowing, life out-poured, given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.

Holy Word and Holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. Christ's own body,
blessed and broken, cup o'er-flowing, life out-poured, given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved. In our living and our dying,
we become what we receive: Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'er-flowing,
life out-poured, given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

Lessons

Psalm 95: 6-7

Jeremiah 23: 1-4

John 10: 1-4, 11

Sermon

Song “Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling” # 608

Confession/Forgiveness

L: Now as the season of Lent comes to an end, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (the gift of silence)

L: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Like a wondering sheep, I have gone astray. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen

C: Because of Jesus Christ, God does have mercy on you, forgives you all your sin, and brings you back to the fold of everlasting life. Amen.

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Sharing the peace of the Shepherd...

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Prayer

The Shepherd's Story Continues...

Lord's Prayer

The Sheep are Fed...

(Silent Meditation and Prayer...during the meal)

After the Meal

L: Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice...and follow me."

C: Yes, we know...we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

L: But will you follow wherever he leads you?

C: Yes, we will follow!

L: Will you love your enemies?

C: Yes, we will!

L: Will you pray for those who treat you poorly?

C: Yes, we will!

L: Will you follow him to the cross...leave all that you have...all that you have accomplished...all that you have worked so hard for...all that you love...and die with him?

C: (SILENT REFLECTION)

L: Jesus said, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you...I will be your shepherd forever."

Song

“O God, Why Are You Silent” A Lament

O God, why are you silent? I cannot hear your voice;
The proud and strong and violent all claim you and rejoice;
You promised you would hold me with tenderness and care
Draw near, O love, enfold me, and ease the pain I bear.
Now lost within my grieving, I fall and lose my way,
My fragile, faint believing so swiftly swept away
O God of pain and sorrow, my compass and my guide
I cannot face the morrow without you by my side.

Psalm 22 Stripping of the Altar

**Note: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are all regarded as one worship service.
Tonight, Christ is stripped of his power and glory, and is now in the hands of his captors.**

All are asked to leave in Silence.

Holy Week Schedule

Good Friday Worship	April 7	6:00pm	Tenebrae Service of Shadow and Darkness
Saturday Easter Vigil	April 8	4:00pm	
Easter Day Worship	April 9	9:30am	The Resurrection of Our Lord