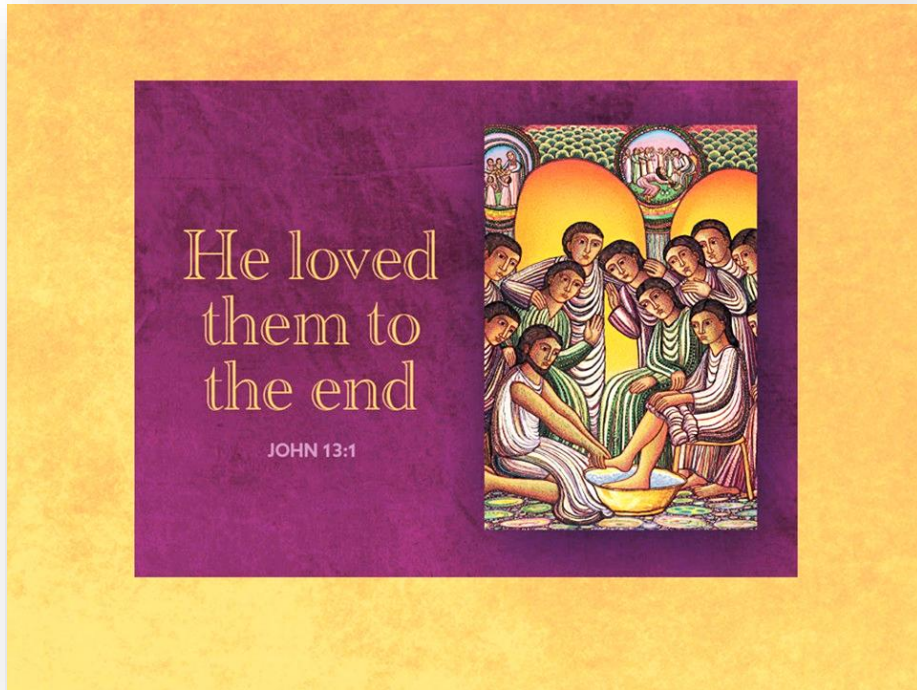


***Maundy Thursday***

April 17, 2025



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney

## PRELUDE

*Kristen Weikum, Organist, Ginny Ahrlin, Pianist*

*Take a moment to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Even among Jesus' closest disciples, not all were clean. On this night of all nights, we confess the ways we disappoint, deny, and even betray Jesus, our Teacher and Lord. Our confession of sin is made in the sure knowledge that Jesus is able to wash us in forgiveness and love.

## CORPORATE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

*Time for silent reflection*

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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, whom with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 116: 1-2, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23 – 26

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, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 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.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL LESSON John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### SERMON

*Pastor Liz Cheney*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### *A New Commandment*



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS

Sung Response

### *Jesus Remember Me*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Wherever you are in your journey. Jesus welcomes you as a guest to his table. All are welcome to taste this saving goodness at the Lord's Table. Apple juice is available in the center of the trays and may be substituted for the wine. Gluten free wafers are also available. God's welcoming and forgiving grace is for you! All are welcome!*

**\*FIRST COMMUNION** First Communion families will commune first as families: then the congregation will be invited forward to commune.

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

***Let Us Break Bread Together***

**ELW 471**

***Come to the Table***

**ELW 481**



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

*Beth Getman, Violinist*

*Exit in silence ~*

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: 12pm, tomorrow.

EASTER BREAKFAST: 8am – 9:30am. EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30am.

*Congratulations on this special day, your First Communion*



**Good Friday Service**

Tomorrow

April 18<sup>TH</sup> at 12PM

*Easter Breakfast*

Join us for a special  
breakfast anytime from  
8am until Worship begins  
at 9:30.

*Easter Sunday Service*

April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

With Holy Communion

All are welcome

