



St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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**April 2, 2026
Maundy Thursday Worship
7PM
Serve. Support. Share.**

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church! We are glad you are worshiping with us as God comes to us through His Word to bring new life in Christ. If you have questions or would like more information, please speak with an elder, usher, or pastor. Guests are invited to complete an attendance card in the pew and place it in the offering plate on your way out.

✠ MAUNDY THURSDAY ✠

"Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Matthew 26:26-29

✠ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE I ✠

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

Choral Prelude

"When You Prayed Beneath the Trees" - Larson

Opening Hymn LSB 445

"When You Woke that Thursday Morning"

Tune: Jesus Refuge of the Weary

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Psalms 116:12-19 (antiphon: v. 17)

P: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

C: and call on the name of the LORD.

P: What shall I render | to the LORD

C: for all his benefits to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation

C: and call on the name of the LORD,

P: I will pay my vows to the LORD

C: in the presence of all his people.

P: Precious in the sight of the LORD

C: is the death of his saints.

P: O LORD, I am your servant;

C: I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.

You have loosed my bonds.

P: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

C: and call on the name of the LORD.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

All: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament

Exodus 24:3-11

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11-22

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:17-30

Nicene Creed

Sermon Hymn LSB 617 "O Lord We Praise Thee"

Sermon

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Words of our Lord LSB 162

Pax Domini LSB 163

Agnus Dei LSB 163

Distribution Hymns

Hymn LSB 446 **"Jesus, Greatest at the Table"**

Hymn LSB 618 **"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"**

Hymn LSB 621, st 1-3 **"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray . . .

C: Amen.

Benediction

Choral Anthem "Gethsemane" -Sateren

Stripping of the Altar

After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane; betrayal by Judas; arrest, mock trial, painful beating; the trudge to Golgotha and execution. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world.

Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

The missal stand holds our worship books which guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand.

Jesus' offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine in this Holy Mystery. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of the Lord's Supper.

Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here our Lord Jesus serves us as both Host and Meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade—materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, our altar is stripped of its coverings.

Psalm 22

Silent Prayer

As you leave the church, please do so in silence

SPRO Stewards

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Good Friday Worship

12pm-3pm – Tre Ore Service

7pm – Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday Worship

8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Holy Communion

“Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed” will be the shout that begins these festive worship experiences. Easter, often called the “Queen of Feasts,” reminds us that without the resurrection our hope is empty and our faith is an illusion. Victory and life will be the dominant themes proclaimed through Word and song.

Easter Sunday Continental Breakfast

Everyone is welcome between services in the church lounge.