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*"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Welcome to Northdale Lutheran!** We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:

- ❖ Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- ❖ Snacks and drinks are available for everyone after the second service.
- ❖ Help us be more welcoming by signing the guest registers in each row.

**Please Note:** To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience:

- ❖ A Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship.
- ❖ In the entryway, Busy Bags are provided for all the children during worship. There are coloring books, toys and snacks provided in each of the bags.



# MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE NOTES

## THE DAY

Just as Ash Wednesday begins Lent, so Maundy Thursday marks the end of Lent proper and the beginning of the Three Holy Days of Christendom (the *Triduum*). The theme of the celebration is the Lord's new command (*mandatus*, Latin, became *Maundy* in Old English) to his disciples of all time to love each other as he has loved them. The institution of the Lord's Supper sets forth the depths of Jesus' love and gives power to the church to live out his command. As with Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday occupies a unique place in the church calendar. It is a festival in which reconciliation is solemnly expressed and in which the congregation makes its transition from preparation for the celebration of the mystery of the Passion and Resurrection to the celebration itself.



TRIDUUM

## THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The post communion action of stripping the altar has its roots in the early Church. The congregation sings a hymn or a Psalm as the communion vessels, cross, and candles are carried from the chancel. Once the communion vessels and appointments are removed, the altar, which represents the body of Christ, becomes the focus. The altar is stripped of its vestments in token of the abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane. The altar is left completely bare for Good Friday.



## THE DISMISSAL

The service concludes after the stripping of the altar. There is no closing blessing or closing hymn. Rather, the services of the Three Days flow into one another as the congregation leaves to reassemble on Good Friday for our service of Tenebrae. Dismiss yourself when you are finished with your prayers and meditation

## Notes for worship:

- ❖ All hymns from *Christian Worship (CW)* are in the red hymnals in front of you unless printed in this service folder.
- ❖ All hymns from *Christian Worship Supplement (CWS)* are in the blue hymn books on the end of each of the pews.
- ❖ Everything else will be printed in the worship folder.

# CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN, CWS #717, "WHEN YOU WOKE THAT THURSDAY MORNING"

## SERMON TEXT: HEBREWS 8:6-13

But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

<sup>7</sup>For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. <sup>8</sup>But God found fault with the people and said:

"The days are coming, declares the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

<sup>9</sup>It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they did not remain faithful to my covenant,  
and I turned away from them,  
declares the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel  
after that time, declares the Lord.

I will put my laws in their minds  
and write them on their hearts.



I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.  
<sup>11</sup>No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest.

<sup>12</sup>For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more."

<sup>13</sup>By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

**\*SERMON THEME:**

***Jesus Our Great High Priest Gives us a New Covenant that is  
Better By Far***

*\*To underscore the end of the Lenten time of preparation, and to recall Jesus' discourse with his disciples at the beginning of the first Maundy Thursday (John 13-14), the sermon is placed at the beginning of the service. The placement of the sermon provides a powerful preamble to the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" and the confession of sins which follows.*

PLEASE STAND

**PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION (CW, PAGE 156)**

**M:** What does God tell my about myself in his Word?

**C:** **He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.**

**M:** What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or not troubled by them?

**C:** **I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?**

M: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

**C: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.**

M: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

**C: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.**

M: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

**C: In Holy Communion, he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.**

M: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

**C: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."**

M: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

**C: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.**

## **CONFESSION**

M: Having examined ourselves, we confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. In what I have done and left undone, I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them and beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

## ABSOLUTION

*(The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" [The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?]. See John 20:21-23.)*

**M:** The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, he forgives us our sins and calls us from the darkness of our sin to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen

*Be Seated*



# THE WORD OF GOD\*



## THE FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 12:1-14

*God gives his people instructions concerning the first Passover and their subsequent annual celebration of the day when God delivered them from the slavery of Egypt. The blood of the lamb over the doorpost pointed ahead to the blood of Jesus, the True Lamb, shed for all sins.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup>If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup>The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup>Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup>Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup>That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. <sup>10</sup>Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover.

<sup>12</sup>“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I

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### **\*The Word of God**

*“The reading of the Lessons is a highlight of a service. The spiritually hungry have come to be fed and nurtured and to drink from the waters of life. Knowing that ‘faith comes from hearing the message,’ God’s people listen intently with attention aroused to be blessed by the hearing of God’s Word.” Christian Worship Manual*

see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 116***

**M:** I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

**C:** **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

**M:** The LORD is gracious and righteous; when I was in great need, he saved me.

**C:** **For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

**M:** How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?

**C:** **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28**

*In the Lord's Supper, God gives to us the very body and blood of Jesus to cleanse of our sin and nourish us spiritually.*

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup>So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

*PLEASE STAND*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 13:1-15, 34

*Here is Mark's account of the first Maundy Thursday evening when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper.*

**M:** The Gospel according to John chapter 13.

**C:** **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup>The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup>Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup>so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup>After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup>"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

<sup>9</sup>"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

<sup>12</sup>When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup>"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one

another's feet. <sup>15</sup>I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**, CW #714, "THE LAMB"

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

*Please sign the Friendship Register in each of the pews and pass it to those sitting next to you.*

*Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.*

*PLEASE STAND*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

C: **We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.**

M: For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

**C: We give you humble and hearty thanks.**

M: As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,

**C: We also give you thanks.**

M: Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.

**C: We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,

**C: But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.**

M: O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

**C: Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

**C: Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen.**

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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 forever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Northdale Lutheran practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of Northdale Lutheran or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament today. If you have questions about becoming a member to partake of the sacrament, please speak to pastor after worship.*



### PREFACE

*(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.)*

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*

Tune: MUNICH



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In  
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -



in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*(Jesus took bread and gave thanks [Matthew 26:26].)*

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*(As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.)*

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen**

# LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



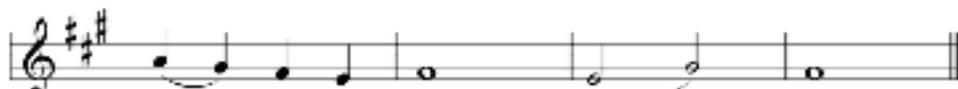
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

*BE SEATED*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.)*

**GUESTS:** SO THAT THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE PASTOR BEFORE COMMUNING WITH US.

**MEMBERS:** WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE "PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION" ON PAGE 156 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*CWS #740, "DRAW NEAR"*

*PLEASE STAND*

## **FINAL PRAYER**

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*During the stripping of the altar, Psalm 88 will be read. When the Psalm is finished, the congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.*

Lord, you are the God who saves me;  
day and night I cry out to you.

<sup>2</sup>May my prayer come before you;  
turn your ear to my cry.

<sup>3</sup>I am overwhelmed with troubles  
and my life draws near to death.

<sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go down to the pit;  
I am like one without strength.

<sup>5</sup>I am set apart with the dead,  
like the slain who lie in the grave,  
whom you remember no more,  
who are cut off from your care.

<sup>6</sup>You have put me in the lowest pit,  
in the darkest depths.

<sup>7</sup>Your wrath lies heavily on me;  
you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.

<sup>8</sup>You have taken from me my closest friends  
and have made me repulsive to them.

I am confined and cannot escape;  
<sup>9</sup>my eyes are dim with grief.

I call to you, Lord, every day;  
I spread out my hands to you.

<sup>10</sup>Do you show your wonders to the dead?  
Do their spirits rise up and praise you?

<sup>11</sup>Is your love declared in the grave,  
your faithfulness in Destruction ?

<sup>12</sup>Are your wonders known in the place of darkness,  
or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?

<sup>13</sup>But I cry to you for help, Lord;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

<sup>14</sup>Why, Lord, do you reject me  
and hide your face from me?

- <sup>15</sup>From my youth I have suffered and been close to death;  
I have borne your terrors and am in despair.
- <sup>16</sup>Your wrath has swept over me;  
your terrors have destroyed me.
- <sup>17</sup>All day long they surround me like a flood;  
they have completely engulfed me.
- <sup>18</sup>You have taken from me friend and neighbor—  
darkness is my closest friend.

*Copies of today's sermon and last week's sermon can be found on the table in the narthex on the way out of church. You can also find them on our website at [www.northdalelutheran.org](http://www.northdalelutheran.org). In addition, all of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website. We also e-mail out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please e-mail Pastor Vann at [pastorvann@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pastorvann@tampabay.rr.com) and let him know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.*



**Please join us for the rest of our Holy Week Worship Opportunities!**

**March 30, 2018** Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.

**April 1, 2018** Easter Sunday Worship

Sunrise Worship 8:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast 9:15 a.m.

Festival Worship 10:30 a.m.

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