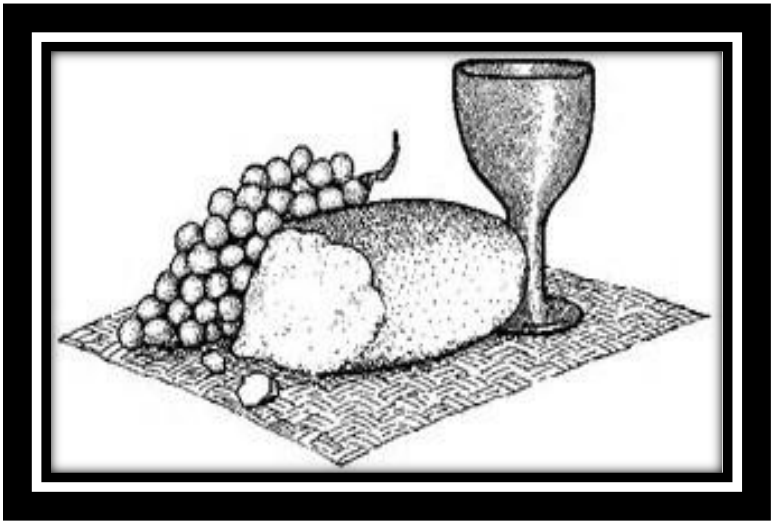


HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sermon Series: “LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY”



“FORGIVE US AS WE FORGIVE OTHERS”

Maundy Thursday

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209 Broad Street
Anderson, SC 29621

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

“Forgive Us As We Forgive Others”

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **“O Come And Mourn With Me Awhile”** -arr. Evelyn Morrison

GATHERING

***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 day/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.

We kneel as able. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

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.**

[we stand]

***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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

[we sit]

WORD**First Reading****Exodus 12:1-14**

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹This 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. ¹²I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The 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.
14 “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.

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32:1-11 (read responsively by whole verse)

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² **Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

⁸ **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ **Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.
Praise the LORD!

Second Reading

I Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ 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, ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[we stand]

Gospel Reading

John 13:1-17, 34-35

The gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you,

slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Message **“FORGIVE US AS WE FORGIVE OTHERS”**

***The Hymn** *“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”* **Hymn # 605**

***Prayers of Intercession**

United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy day/night for the needs of the world. [We kneel as able.]

A brief silence.

You call Your people to hand on what we receive from You. From all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give Your church hunger for Your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing Your word. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water You have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You redeemed Your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Jesus loved His followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed Him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank You for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until He comes again. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the One who loves us to the end. Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

*The Peace Is Shared

THE OFFERING

Offering (All offerings received during the Mid-week Lenten services will go to New Foundations Home for Children.)

Anthem ***"My Song Is Love Unknown"*** - setting by Donald Busarow
Amy Goodson & Nancy Korn

My song is love unknown. My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew His way and His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! Yet
they at these themselves displease and 'gainst Him rise.

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful He to suffering goes that He His foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine,
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine!
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend,
I all my days could gladly spend.

*Offertory Hymn

“Let the Vineyards”

Hymn #181

*Offering Prayer (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

*The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

L. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

L. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Words of Institution

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*The Lord’s Prayer

L. Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 ever. Amen.**

*Communion Hymn

“Lamb of God”

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The Communion

Invited to commune at this altar are all baptized believers. Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing. On the way up, you are to pick up a cup and bring it to the altar.

Prefilled cups in the center of the tray contain grape juice; otherwise wine will be dispensed at the altar into empty cups. Gluten free wafers are available as needed. Please notify the Pastor.

To have the elements brought to you for communion, please notify an Usher. It would be helpful if you would sit on the front pew or on the aisle.

As you go to the altar for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers into the water of the Baptismal Font and make a sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism.

*The Communion Blessing

Pastor Fischer

***Prayer after Communion**

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

For the 12:00 Noon Service:

(Silence is observed for meditation as candles are extinguished.)

There is no benediction. The omission of benedictions at the end of the liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other and with the Vigil of Easter.

All leave in silence to show the connection to Good Friday.

For the 7:00 p.m. Service:

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Stripping of the Altar is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldier's hands. As the linens, paraments, worship ornaments, and candles are removed, Psalm 22 will be sung by members of the choir.

PSALM 22 *(sung by Amy Goodson and Nancy Korn)*

¹My God, my God,
why have you for-'saken me?
Why so far from saving me so far
from the words' of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day,
But you' do not answer;
by night, but I ' find no rest.

³Yet you are the ' Holy One,
enthroned on the prais- 'es of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their ' trust in you,
they trusted,
and you ' rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you
and ' were delivered;
they trusted in you
and were not ' put to shame.

⁶But as for me,
I am a worm ' and not human,
scorned by all
and despised ' by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh ' at me to scorn;
they curl their lips;
they ' shake their heads.

⁸“Trust in the Lord;
let the ' Lord deliver;
let God rescue him
if God so de-'lights in him.”

⁹Yet you are the one
who drew me forth ' from the womb,
and kept me safe
on my 'mother's breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to you
ever since ' I was born;
you were my God when I was still
in my ' mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me,
for troub-' ble is near,
and there is no ' one to help.

¹²Many young bulls en-' circle me;
strong bulls of Ba-' shan
surround me.

¹³They open wide their ' jaws at me,
like a slashing and ' roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water;
all my bones are ' out of joint;
my heart within my breast
is ' melting wax.

- ¹⁵My strength is dried up
like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof
of my mouth; and you have laid me
in the ' dust of death.
- ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in,
a band of evildoers
circles round me; they pierce my hands ' and my feet.
- ¹⁷I can count ' all my bones
while they stare at ' me and gloat.
- ¹⁸They divide my gar-' ments
among them; for my clothing, ' they cast lots.
- ¹⁹But you, O Lord, be not ' far away;
O my help, hasten ' to my aid.
- ²⁰Deliver me ' from the sword,
my life from the power ' of the dog.
- ²¹Save me from the ' lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls
you have ' rescued me.
- ²²I will declare your name ' to my people;
in the midst of the assembly ' I will praise you.
- ²³You who fear the Lord, give praise!
All you of Jacob's ' line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord,
all you off-' spring of Israel.
- ²⁴For the Lord does not despise
nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the Lord's face
hid-'den from them;
but when they cry out,
the Lord hears them.

- ²⁵From you comes my praise
in the ' great assembly;
I will perform my vows
in the sight of those
who ' fear the Lord.
- ²⁶The poor shall eat ' and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the Lord
give praise!
May your hearts ' live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn ' to the Lord;
all the families of nations
shall bow ' before God.
- ²⁸For dominion belongs ' to the Lord,
who rules o-' ver the nations.
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth
shall bow ' down in worship;
all who go down to the dust,
though they be dead,
shall kneel be-' fore the Lord.
- ³⁰Their descendants
shall ' serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim
to genera-' tions to come.
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance
to a people ' yet unborn,
saying to them,
"The ' Lord has acted!"

All leave in silence to show the connection to Good Friday.

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Presiding Minister	Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Music Director	Jill Helgeson
Acolytes	(12:00 noon) Claude Calloway (7:00 p.m.) Cathy Rudisill
Lectors	(12:00 noon) Beth Cribbe (7:00 p.m.) Sandi Dickson
Assisting Ministers	(12:00 noon) Beth Cribbe (7:00 p.m.) Sandi Dickson
Ushers	(12:00 noon) Mike Oates, Robert Allen (7:00 p.m.) Mike Oates, Mike Cox

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for commandment. The overarching theme of the day is Jesus’ new mandate to “love one another even as I have loved you,” a love sharply focused by the contrast of the betrayal which followed. Jesus’ love is demonstrated both in His example of servanthood and in His gift of Himself in Holy Communion.

Friday, April 18 – **Good Friday Worship Services** 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.
Message: **“Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil”**

**WE WELCOME TO THE LORD’S
TABLE**



We welcome Riley Bernhardt to the altar today and Owen Oates tonight as they receive their First Communion.



APRIL 5, 2026

Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast to follow.

Worship Service with Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.

Note: There will not be any Adult or Children's Sunday School classes.

CROSS OF FLOWERS

Again, this year the cross will be outside in front of the church. Please remember to bring your flowers Easter Sunday morning from your garden or from the grocery store to cover the cross. This is a great opportunity for family photos. What a beautiful way to celebrate our risen Lord!

