

**The American Lutheran Church
of Windom
Bethany Lutheran Church**



**Maundy
Thursday**

Maundy Thursday Worship
Thursday, April 9th, 2020, 6:00 pm
Pastors Sarah Tadé & Adam Roberts

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELL

Carol Vought, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this Holy week of worship that begins the Three Days of waiting and watching with Jesus as he gives his life in love for the world. There is no benediction to close this evening's worship, as our worship continues throughout this night, and into tomorrow as our Lord is buried and all is silent until the early hours of the morning on the first day of the week! Good News awaits!! May these days bring new awareness to the wonder of what God has done for us in Jesus!

Today's **bulletin** may be found on our website on the homepage under the worship video or under the BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER TAB located in the top menu bar.

Holy Week Services will be on our Facebook page American Lutheran Church-Windom and our church website www.alcofwindom.com on Maundy Thursday April 9th at 6 PM, Good Friday April 10th at 6 PM, and Easter Sunday April 12th at 7:30 AM. Worship will still be broadcast over KDOM radio FM 103.1 and on Cable TV Channel 3.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L. Let all the peoples worship, and call upon the name of the Lord.

C. But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?

L. And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

C. And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

L. And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

C. But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"

L. So faith comes from what is heard,

C. and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

OPENING SONG **"Love Consecrates the Humblest Act"** ELW #360

Love consecrates the humblest act

And haloes mercy's deeds;

It sheds a benediction sweet

And hallows human needs.

*When in the shadow of the cross
Christ knelt and washed the feet
Of his disciples, he gave us
A sign of love complete.*

*Love serves and willing stoops to serve;
What Christ in love so true
Has freely done for one and all,
Let us now gladly do!*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord Jesus, do not be far away. Our Helper, come to us quickly. Deliver us and save us from all that would cause us to take the road that seems easy. Send us with your steadfast, faithful love to all who look for hope and help. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION..... ELW Pg. 142 (setting 3)

*“Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful;
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14: 32-51

Pew Bible p. 827

Response: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Introduction to the reading: *Jesus and his disciples had just finished eating the Passover meal. Jesus had predicted they would all desert and deny him, but Peter and all the others said they would not. They would be willing to die with him.*

32 They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” **33** He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. **34** And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” **35** And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. **36** He said, “Abba,[a] Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” **37** He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? **38** Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;[b] the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” **39** And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. **40** And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. **41** He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **42** Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

43 Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. **44** Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” **45** So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. **46** Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. **47** But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. **48** Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? **49** Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” **50** All of them deserted him and fled. **51** A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Response after: **Praise to you, O Lord.**

SERMON

Pastor Sarah

SONG OF THE DAY

“Lamb of God”

ELW #336

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: *O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.*

*Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*2 Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scored him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of
God. Refrain:*

*3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. Refrain:*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

VIRTUAL OFFERING

*We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God's love.
While we are not together in person, or collecting a regular
offering, the ministry of our congregation continues! **We have
been blessed by many who have sent in offerings so far.** We
are hoping not to fall behind in meeting our expenses. Visit our
website (alcofwindom.com) Check out Giving Plus, electronic / on-
line giving by clicking on our GIVE TAB found in the top menu bar,
or mail in your offering to PO Box 188, Windom*

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

**We cannot repay you Lord Jesus, for all you have done for us, but
accept these offerings as tokens of our gratitude and sorrow for all
you suffered. May they be a force for good in the world, a blessing to
your needy children everywhere. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Alternate version

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power; and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The Altar, which is the symbol of Christ in our midst, will now be stripped bare. All ornaments are removed or covered: Jesus will be abandoned by his disciples: the powers of darkness will be upon him.

PSALM 88

- 1** O Lord, God of my salvation,
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,
- 2** let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry.
- 3** For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
- 4** I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;
I am like those who have no help,
- 5** like those forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
- 6** You have put me in the depths of the Pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
- 7** Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves. *Selah*
- 8** You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a thing of horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
- 9** my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call on you, O Lord;
I spread out my hands to you.

10 Do you work wonders for the dead?

Do the shades rise up to praise you?*Selah*

11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,

or your faithfulness in Abaddon?

12 Are your wonders known in the darkness,

or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But I, O Lord, cry out to you;

in the morning my prayer comes before you.

14 O Lord, why do you cast me off?

Why do you hide your face from me?

15 Wretched and close to death from my youth up,

I suffer your terrors; I am desperate. [a]

16 Your wrath has swept over me;

your dread assaults destroy me.

17 They surround me like a flood all day long;

from all sides they close in on me.

18 You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;

my companions are in darkness.

+We leave in silence as we make our way to the Cross of Good Friday. +

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CARRYING TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME INTO DAILY LIFE: Today, Jesus says to the disciples "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake". The Lord is suffering, and will suffer more. He asks his followers to share this moment with him. They are not able. We too are in a time where the world is suffering. Where do you see Jesus in this present time? "Remain here and keep awake" Could God be using the pandemic to wake us up to be the Church in new ways?

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