

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



*Maundy*  
**THURSDAY**

*Maundy is derived from the Latin, mandatum, from which we get the English word mandate. Jesus gives us the mandate or commandment “to love one another.”*

***Maundy Thursday Worship***  
**Thursday, March 28, 2024, 6:30 PM**  
**Pastors Sarah Tadé & Adam Roberts**

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

ACCOMPANIST

Carol Vought, Organist

GATHERING IN SILENCE FOR QUIETING OF OUR HEARTS

STUDENTS SING(3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade) *“Merciful God: A Ritual Song for Lent”*

Linda Staples, Pianist

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

L: 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, so that we observed these holy days, reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**C: 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.**

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

OPENING SONG *“Love Consecrates the Humble Act”* ELW #360

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

**Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14**

Pew Bible p. 51

Reader: Milo Miller

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19 *(please read responsively, in Pew Bible or on screens)*

Readers: Rose Meyer & Tera Elness

Pew Bible p. 491-492

SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Pew Bible p. 932

Reader: Macy Boeck

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand)

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

GOSPEL READING

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

Pew Bible 876

The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 13. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Sarah

SONG

*“I Come with Joy”*

ELW #482

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, Your **mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Please be aware of the cold and flu season. Greet one another with a wave of your hand or an elbow bump*

OFFERING

*We give, because God gives to us! Our ministries share God’s love.*

OFFERING RESPONSE

*“Change My Heart O God”*

ELW #801

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of institution

Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Song-*Lamb of God* v1&3 ELW #336

*“First Communicants and their families will commune first at the Altar. The bread used this evening was made by the students and Dr. Mary Olson.*

Congregation Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

# ACOLYTES EXTINGUISH THE ALTAR CANDLES

## 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.*

## THE READING OF PSALM 22

Reader: Mark Brodin

## PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE

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

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**Acolytes:** Miranda Peterson, Mackenzi Meyeraan

**Readers :** Milo Miller, Macy Boeck, Rose Myers

**Communion Assistants:** Natalie Burmeister, Bella Borer, Theora Ahnupkana

**Technology:** Jen Anderson, Lindsey Cartwright, Eugene Hanchett

Welcome to this HOLY week of worship where we wait and watch 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!

**God's Blessings** on our students who are partaking in Holy Communion for the first time this evening: *Macy Boeck, Reese Carlson, Hadley Dardis, Jaxon Edwards, Lawson Fast, Tirion Foreman, Ally Hodkin, Elliot Lohse, Megan Marsh, Elijah Mattson, Nicholas Mau, Carter Mesner, Milo Miller, Noah Muske, Rose Myers, Ethan Peterson, Jaelynn Peterson, Karter Pribyl, and Carson Soderholm.*



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Good Friday 6:30 PM Worship Service
- Easter Saturday Chapel Service 5:30 PM
- Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord
  - 7:00 AM Sunrise Service led by Youth w/Holy Communion
  - 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast put on by Youth
  - 8:00 AM Bethany Lutheran Easter Worship
  - 9:00 AM Festival Easter Worship w/Holy Communion