

A wooden chalice and a loaf of bread are positioned on a wooden surface. The chalice is on the left, and the bread is on the right, partially cut open to show its interior. The background is a solid dark brown color.

Maundy THURSDAY

Abiding Savior
Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday
Worship Service

April 17, 2025

4 & 6:30 PM

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The word Maundy is taken from the Latin word ‘mandatum’, which means command or commandment. On Thursday evening just before He went to the Garden of Gethsemane and was arrested, Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples. According to John 13:34, Jesus told His disciples (and us, too), “A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

On this very special night, “On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread,” Jesus prepared His disciples for His death and all that was to come by celebrating the Passover with them. At this time Jesus gave us a very precious gift—Himself in the Lord's Supper.

**Stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

Sonata Opus 14 by Muczynski
Elizabeth Spang - Flute | Janelle Schauer - Piano

WELCOME

***INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Our Lord Jesus knelt to wash the feet of his disciples. Let us come before God to confess our need for cleansing.

{Silence for reflection and self-examination}

P God of love and mercy,

C You know the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts; you know our coming in and our going out. We confess to you all our sins – those things done and left undone. We have not loved one another as you have loved us. We have not served others as you have served us. Hear our cry, O Lord. Accept our repentance. Cleanse us, restore us, and lead us that we may love and serve in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was sent to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW #471, all verses

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees;

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

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When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;

Let us praise God together on our knees;

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

***APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SCRIPTURE | Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

***GOSPEL VERSE**

Return to God

Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;

Come seek the tender faithfulness of God. Repeat

***GOSPEL** | John 13:1-17, 31-35

C Glory to you, O Lord. *(spoken)*

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ. *(spoken)*

SERMON

Pastor Ryan Brodin

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW #712, verses 1, 2 & 4

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Ushers will come around and collect offering. During the offering time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe in the front of the church. All the offerings received in the globe go to support our Companion Congregation in Makungu, Tanzania. Adults are encouraged to give their spare change to the children around them to be brought forward.

OFFERTORY | SPECIAL MUSIC

4:00 PM | *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* by Keveren | Elizabeth Spang & Janelle Schauer

6:30 PM | *O Love* by Elaine Hagenberg | Adult Choir

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Gracious God,

C **You gave us the gift of your dear Son, who humbled himself as a servant before us. Receive the gifts we offer as signs of our whole lives returned to you in humble service to our neighbor, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Children of God are welcomed for Communion. As you come forward, please kneel at the railing. There you will receive a wafer. You will also be offered grape juice and/or wine (the wine red, the grape juice is white).

- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request*
- *If you prefer to remain in your seat to receive communion, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you*
- *Children are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Sonatina 2nd Movement by Guarneri

Elizabeth Spang & Janelle Schauer

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

P Let us pray. Lord God, on this day you have left us a sacrament which gives us the benefits of your suffering and death. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

INTRODUCTION TO STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR {6:30 PM service}

Psalm 22

Aaron D. Miller

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them. ***Refrain***

They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm, and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.
“Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver; let God rescue him if God delights in him.” ***Refrain***

Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help. Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me. ***Refrain***

They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion. I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax. My 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. Pack of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet. ***Refrain***

I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat. They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots. But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid! Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of the wild bulls you have rescued me. I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you. ***Refrain***

You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel. For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hid from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them. From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord. The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of the nations shall bow before God. For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations. ***Refrain***

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord, Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come. They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"
Refrain

We leave in silence

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WELCOME

Living in *God's love*, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church is a *welcoming* and *caring* family that *nurtures* spiritual growth, *shares* our Christian faith, and *serves* all creation.

Abiding Savior Pastoral and Musical Staff

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Alex & Josh Ertz

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Choir Director

Dr. Mary Larew

Organist

Janelle Schauer

Abiding Savior Worship Schedule

Blended Worship | Sundays | 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Sunday School | Sundays 9:00 AM | Mod #1

Power Up | Wednesdays | 5:30—6:30 PM | Mod #1

Youth Activities | Wednesdays | 6:30—8:00 PM

Women's Bible Study | Thursdays | 10:00 AM | Coffee House

Men's Bible Study | Tuesdays | 8:30 AM | Fellowship Hall*

*every other Tuesday of the month

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