

## Saved By Grace Lutheran Church Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024



We are a Biblical church giving God's Word first place in our faith and life. We are a Lutheran church that proclaims forgiveness for all through Jesus Christ. We are a Christian church that gathers to praise God, to be strengthened by His Word, and to reach out to those around us in Christian love.



(Member Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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**Welcome!** We are glad you can join us for our services on this Maundy Thursday. May God bless the hearing of his Word!

**Maundy Thursday:** The name for this day comes from our Lord's instruction to His disciples in John 13, "A new commandment I give, that you love one another." We recall that Jesus washed his disciples feet, in a simple action that taught the disciples, and the church, that Christ's lordliness is shown forth in His humble service for us. The fruit of this service is the forgiveness of sins, given so richly in the Sacrament of the Altar, where in fulfillment of Christ's command and promise we "Do This" and receive the forgiveness of sins in His true Body and Blood given for us to eat and drink in the bread and wine.

Tonight's service will have these three parts:

Vespers  
The Lord's Supper.  
The Stripping of the Altar

In the stripping of the altar we travel with the Lord to the Garden where we see His humiliation for us at the hands of His enemies. The stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday is a stunning visual reminder of Christ's emptying of Himself for us. This symbolic action is accompanied by the singing of Kingo's great passion hymn "Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth" and David's hymn of His Lord's suffering, Psalm 22. Following the final collect of thanks all may remain for silent prayer and then depart in quiet peace and joy.

**Our communion practice:** It is our practice to commune members of Saved By Grace. If you are a guest, we ask that you please speak with Pastor Bartels before communing.

### Holy Week/Easter Schedule

- **Friday** - 7 PM Good Friday Tenebrae
- **Sunday, March 31**  
10 AM, Easter Festival Service of Word and Sacrament