

† Maundy Thursday †



**“I’m Not the One, Am I?”
Matthew 26:1-56**

✠ The Divine Liturgy ✠
“Deeper Discipleship & Closer Communion with Jesus”
Saint Luke’s Lutheran Church | April 9, 2020

Introductory Words

Invocation

We gather to share the Lord’s Supper, remembering God’s rescue of his people from slavery and the final night of our Lord Jesus before his crucifixion. We gather in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ✠ **Amen.**

Psalm of the Day ✠ Psalm 116

I love the Lord, he hears my voice, ✠ **and I will call upon him as long as I live.**
The cords of death surround me ✠ **and the terrors of the grave are upon me.**
I call upon the name of the Lord: ✠ **“O Lord, I beg you, save my life!”**
The Lord is gracious and righteous; ✠ **yes, our God is compassionate.**
The Lord preserves the simple; ✠ **I was brought low, and he saved me.**
You have rescued my soul from death ✠ **and my feet from stumbling.**
I will walk before the Lord ✠ **in the land of the living.**
I will lift up the cup of salvation ✠ **and call upon the name of the Lord.**
Precious in the sight of the Lord ✠ **is the death of his faithful people.**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord Jesus be with you. ✠ **And also with you.** ✠ Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, lead us to remember the love of your Son, Jesus. Help us to embrace the giving of his body for us, that we might give of ourselves to each other. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. ✠ **Amen.**

✠ Jesus Is Anointed & Betrayed ✠ Matthew 26:1-16

Song ✠ *LSB 445 “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”*

† The Lord’s Supper †

Like Jesus and his first followers, we now share the Lord’s Supper together, remembering our communion and fellowship in him.

✠ Jesus Shares the Passover Bread & Wine ✠ Matthew 26:17-29

Sharing the Bread & Wine

LSB 637 “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 629 “What Is This Bread?”

† Jesus Goes to the Mount of Olives † Matthew 26:30

Song of the Day ✻ *LSB 436 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

♪ *Go to dark Gethsemane, you who feel the tempter's pow'r; your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one painful hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.* ♪

♪ *Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life in chains; he trusts in our God for all; so much pain his soul sustains! Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear your cross.* ♪

♪ *To his cross go make your climb, there to worship at his feet, it is here his kingdom's time, his self-sacrifice complete: "God forgive them," hear his cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.* ♪

† Praying & Watching With Jesus †

We watch and pray with Jesus as he prepares to lose his life so he can find true life through complete trust in his Father.

Choir ✻ *"I See a Rose"*

† Jesus Predicts the Failure of His Disciples † Matthew 26:31-35

(silence for prayer)

† Jesus Prays for the Father's Will † Matthew 26:36-39

Song ✻ *"Jesus In the Garden" by Poor Bishop Hooper*

♪ *In the garden he waits, for the very moment He has made. Like the face before a fist, like the eyes before a kiss, it's beautiful anguish.* ♪

♪ *In the garden he prays that this overflowing cup could pass away. And in this hour of need, if there were ever such a thing, out of fear I fall asleep.* ♪

♪ *In the garden he bleeds, but a glimpse of the coming sea. And every angel up above, cannot calm the sorrow, when a Father leaves His Son, oh the hour has come.* ♪

† Jesus Urges His Disciples to Wake Up † Matthew 26:40-44

(silence for prayer)

† Jesus Is Arrested † Matthew 26:45-50

Song ✻ *"Jesus Is Betrayed By Judas" by Poor Bishop Hooper*

♪ *Who is this that comes amidst the shadows in the night? Swords and spears and one man's kiss the weapons at their side. His words are empty, his lips no more. Do what you have come for, for this is your hour, this is the reign of darkness unmentioned, of darkness untamed.* ♪

♪ *Why do you march on him as though you have met your match? Twelve legions wait upon him but his Father holds them back. Choose wise the side you take up in this war, But do what you have come for, for this is your hour, this is the reign of darkness unmentioned, of darkness untamed.* ♪

♪ *You ask his name as though he is some thief you've longed to see. His answer short but shakes the air and drags you to your knees. He stood in the temple, he lived upon its floor. Do what you have come for, for this is your hour, this is the reign of darkness unmentioned, of darkness untamed. So over and over, his mercies can come, to fly the banner high and victorious.* ♪

† Jesus Refuses Violence † Matthew 26:51-56

Message

Song ✕ **LSB 449 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

Stripping of the Altar

As the altar is stripped of everything, we remember how Jesus was abandoned by his closest friends, stripped of all possessions, honor, and dignity, and given over to death. We remember our own abandonment of Jesus and pray that we might be restored to following him, even when faced with persecution and suffering.

Lord's Prayer (whispered)

Our Father in heaven, make your name holy, bring your Rule, make your will be done—on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive those in debt to us. Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For all authority, power, and glory are yours—now and forever. Amen.

Exit in Silence

We return tomorrow night as the journey of Jesus continues . . .

Holy Week Schedule

Apr 10 — Good Friday, 6:30 pm

Apr 11 — Holy Saturday, 6:30 pm

Apr 12 — Easter Festival, 9:30 am