



*Love One
Another*

*I give you a new
commandment,
that you love one
another just as I
have loved you.*

John 13:34

Maundy Thursday Worship at United Lutheran Church | April 2, 2026 | 7pm

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS*

**Please stand
as you are able.*

In preparation for worship we make confession of our sins to God asking for God's forgiveness for all our failures to live as God intends. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
(1 John 1:8-9)

P: 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, and remembering Christ's death and resurrection be reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

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.

P: 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 HYMN

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken see bulletin pg. 6

GREETING

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.**

Prayer of the Day:

The main thoughts of the day are collected, or summarized in this short prayer. The prayers for the season of the church year have come to us from the rich treasury of the church's heritage.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love,

C: on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment on our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

When We Gather at the Table

Cathedral Choir

Michael Marcotte, *director* with Yen Lee Loh, *piano*

~ WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

First Reading:

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt

that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

P : Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new cove-

nant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P : Word of God, word of life.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading:
In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

**Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

from Music Sourcebook S441

Leader: Love one another.
Assembly: Love one another.

Leader: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.

GOSPEL

John 13:1-17; 31b-35

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed

their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ³¹Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel:
The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

SERMON

Interim Pastor Rich Kramer

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

ELW Hymn #358

HAND WASHING

HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW Hymn #659

GREETING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

~ MEAL ~

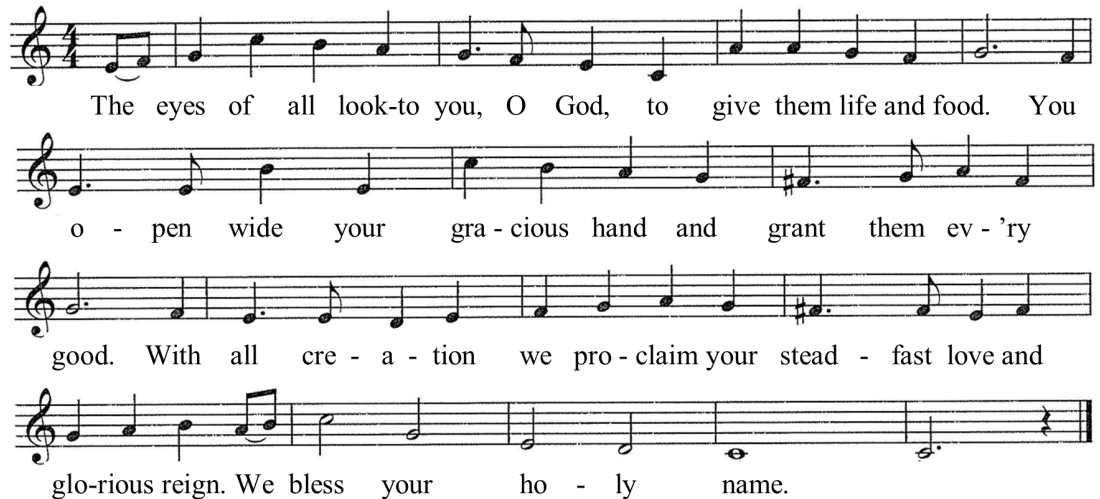
WELCOME TO THE TABLE FOR FIRST COMMUNION

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING SONG*

The Eyes of All
[verse 1]

from Unfailing Light Liturgy



The eyes of all look-to you, O God, to give them life and food. You
o - pen wide your gra - cious hand and grant them ev - 'ry
good. With all cre - a - tion we pro - claim your stead - fast love and
glo - rious reign. We bless your ho - ly name.

The Offering:

Another way of responding to God's Word is by giving ourselves and our money for the work of Christ's Church throughout the world.

**Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The opening dialogue between pastor and people that begins the Holy Communion part of the service. These words, dating from the second century, are likely the most ancient part of the Great Thanksgiving

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

LAMB OF GOD

from Unfailing Light Liturgy

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; _____ have mer-cy on us, _____ have mer-cy on us. world; grant _____ us peace, grant _____ us peace.

The Lamb of God
 This is our way of saying to God and to each other that it was Jesus who died for our sins as that perfect sacrifice, that perfect lamb that was slain for our life. It also focuses our attention on what we are about to receive in Holy Communion, which is Christ's true body and blood 'given and shed for the forgiveness of sins'. "The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Generous God, you have fed and renewed us in your holy meal. Send us into the world you love. Draw us to you and to our neighbors, that we may break the bonds of injustice, feed the hungry, and set the oppressed free. In Jesus' name we pray. **All: Amen.**

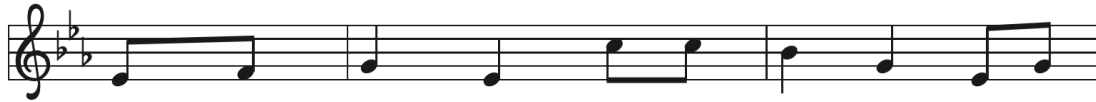
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READING

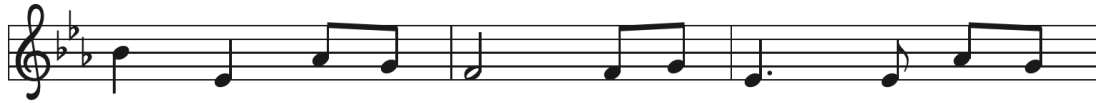
PSALM 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. ³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. ⁶But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. ⁷All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; ⁸"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver — let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" ⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. ¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. ¹¹Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. ¹²Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. ¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; ¹⁷I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! ²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! ²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. ³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD, ³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



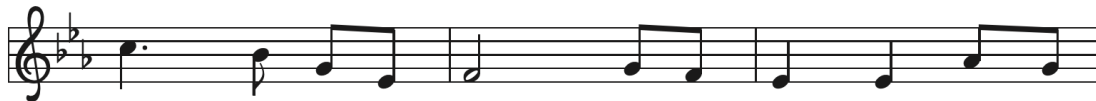
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



Refrain
 By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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Congratulations to those receiving their First Communion!

All First Communion students and their families are invited down to the fellowship hall following worship for some cake and fellowship.

Addison Bratvold
 Ariella Miller
 Beckett Kilgore
 Billy Lund
 Drew Hams



Carson Kuenzel
 Charlotte Haagenson
 Henry Hammer
 Sierra Bolonchuk
 Salome Rai

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH



Good Friday
Service of Tenebrae
 FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026
 7PM | SANCTUARY
 UNITED LUTHERAN

Tenebrae worship includes scripture reading and reflection on the Passion story in a solemn service of increasing darkness. The Cathedral Choir will share musical offerings.



NORTHERN PLAINS
 — BRASS —



United is pleased to welcome
Northern Plains Brass
 to our Easter Celebration
 services, April 5 at 9am & 11am!

Easter Sunday
Celebration at United

Sunday, April 5, 2026
Services at 9am and 11am

Worship includes Communion, full music ministry of the congregation & Northern Plains Brass

Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
 Serving from 8am - 9am and 10am - 11am



EASTER
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

YOUTH FUNDRAISER TOWARDS
 SERVICE TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA

APRIL 5 | serving from
 8am - 9am &
 10am - 11am




Alleluia Offering
Season of Easter
 April 5 - May 17, 2026

This Easter season, as a way of giving thanks to God, you are invited to give a special Alleluia Offering. An Alleluia Offering is an offering given in addition to our usual Sunday offering as a way of reflecting our joy in the new life given to us in Jesus' resurrection. Your gift will be an Alleluia of thanks!

Special Alleluia Offering envelopes are available on the ushers tables and you can place them in the offering plate or bring to the church office!

We are looking for a few extra helping hands to set-up Easter lilies and flowers on Saturday, April 4 at 9am. If you are interested in helping, please come to the sanctuary at 9am on April 4! Thank you!

Welcome visitors to
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH



Welcome to worship at United Lutheran Church, we are glad you are here.

Our Vision: The vision of United Lutheran is to be an embracing community of joy and hope, nurturing life transforming relationships with Jesus Christ, one another, and the world.

Our Mission: The mission statement of United Lutheran Church: We are United, proclaiming God's salvation by welcoming all to LIVE, LEARN, and SHARE the LOVE of Jesus Christ.

Our Welcome: United Lutheran Church embraces the gift of God's love for all creation. We rejoice in the way diversity informs, nurtures, and enriches the life and ministry we share. In a world that is often unloving, we are called by the Gospel to be workers for justice, peace, and healing. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational levels, family configurations, and economic realities. We commit to the ongoing work of Jesus' welcome for all.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Restrooms are located in the Fellowship Hall directly below the Sanctuary at the bottom of the stairs from the narthex. **Check out the calendar below for what's happening at United Lutheran Church.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Interim Pastor
Pr. Rich Kramer

**Director of Youth
and Family Ministry**
Molly Haagenon

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Worship Accompanist
Yen Lee Loh

Special Music
Cathedral Choir
Michael Marcotte, *dir.*
Yen Lee Loh, *piano*

Lector
Alli Osborn

Ushers
Linda Paulson
Katie Bratvold
Cobi DeLong
Matthew Denault

Communion Servers
Lanae Brown
Sage Hams
Lloyd Haagenon
Alli Osborn

Psalm 22 Reader
Rebecca HeigaardMcGurran

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion (SA)
- 8:00pm - Reception for First Communion students and families (FH)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

OFFICE CLOSED

- 7:00pm - Good Friday Service of Tenebrae (SA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- 9:00am - Easter Flower Set-up - helpers needed (SA)
- 11:00am - Memorial Service for Joan Evenson (Amundson Funeral Home)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

- 8am - 9am - Pancake Breakfast - Youth Fundraiser (FH)
- 9:00am - Easter Sunday Celebration Worship with Communion (SA)
- 10am - 11am - Pancake Breakfast - Youth Fundraiser (FH)
- 11:00am - Easter Sunday Celebration Worship with Communion (SA)

MONDAY, APRIL 6

CHURCH CLOSED

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- 9:00am - Quilters (FH)
- 11:00am - Staff Meeting (RM 106)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

- 10:30am - Coffee and Devos (LG)
- 5pm - 7pm - Spring Into Spring Event at Northern Air



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