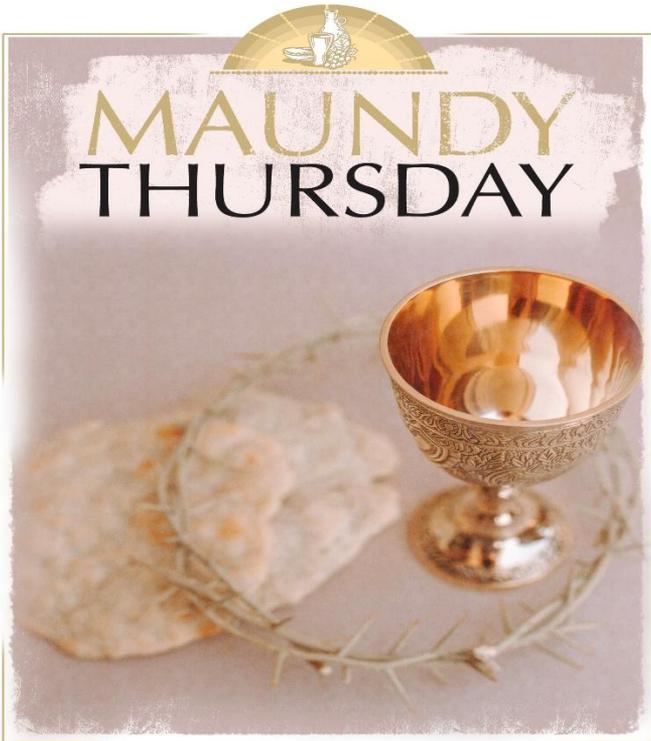


**The American Lutheran Church
of Windom
Bethany Lutheran Church**



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, April 17, 2025, 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 (3rd-6th Grade)

“You are Holy(Prince of Peace)”

Angie Erickson, 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

Genesis 3:1-7

Pew Bible p. 2

Reader: Colin Joyce

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

Readers: Kyla Derickson, Claire Mesner

Pew Bible p. 491-492

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Pew Bible p. 932

Reader: Cadence Ralston

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 6:51-59**

Pew Bible 868

The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 6. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

SERMON

Pastor Adam

SONG

“I Am the Bread of Life”

ELW #485

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 REPSONSE

“Come, Let Us Eat”

ELW #491

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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. 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: James Erickson

PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE

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

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Acolytes: Brynley Spielman, Olivia Joyce

Readers : Colin Joyce, Kyla Derickson, Claire Mesner, Cadence Ralston, James Erickson

Communion Assistants: Tera Elness, Lori Mickelson, Makayla Whiting, Suchin Kruse-Sayavong

Technology: Lindsey Cartwright, Penelope Roberts, Corbin Anderson

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: *Johan Anderson, Brody Bunting, Teigen Burmeister, Kyla Derickson, Calvin Elston, Colin Joyce, Shayla Jurgens, Izzi Klinkenborg, Tucker Knutson, Madden Masters, Claire Mesner, Addy Mickelson, & Cadence Ralston.*



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