



REFLECTIONS
on
REPENTANCE

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 17, 2025

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: CW 101

“Behold the Lamb of God”

LENT

101

Behold the Lamb of God



1 Be - hold the Lamb of God For guilt - y sin - ners
2 Be - hold the Lamb of God! In - to the sa - cred
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God! All hail, in - car - nate
4 Be - hold the Lamb of God! Wor - thy is he a -



slain; Let it not be in vain That you have died!
flood Of your most pre-cious blood My soul I cast.
Word! O ev - er - last - ing Lord, Purge out our leav'n.
lone To sit up - on the throne Of God a - bove,



You for my Sav - ior let me take; My on - ly
Wash me and make me pure and clean; Up - hold me
Clothe us with god - li - ness and good; Feed us with
One with the An - cient of all days, One with the



ref - uge let me make Your pierc - ed side.
through life's chang - ing scene Till all is past.
your ce - les - tial food, Man - na from heav'n.
Com - fort - er in praise, All light, all love!

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, abr., alt.

Tune: ECCE AGNUS (66 64 884) *Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen und Kirchenlieder*, Dresden, 1593, adapt.

Invocation (*please stand*)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Confession of Sins *(spoken responsively)*

P: It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of His love. *(John 13:1)*

C: The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. *(Exodus 12:13)*

P: Tonight we remember the love of Christ and His blood shed for us, as we seek His forgiveness.

(A time for reflection and silent confession.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess to You and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P: We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

C: We are truly sorry for our sins, and trusting in our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray: Lord, have mercy on us.

Announcement of Forgiveness

P: Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, shed His blood for you that you might be forgiven. By the power of God's promise and according to His command, as God's called servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. (spoken)

P: Our Lord, who has forgiven us and reconciled us to Himself through Christ our Lord, has also promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and extend to one another the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Brothers and sisters, I forgive you just as, in Christ, God has forgiven me. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions. Peace be with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion You give us Your true body and blood as a remembrance of Your suffering and death on the cross

C: Grant us so firmly to believe Your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

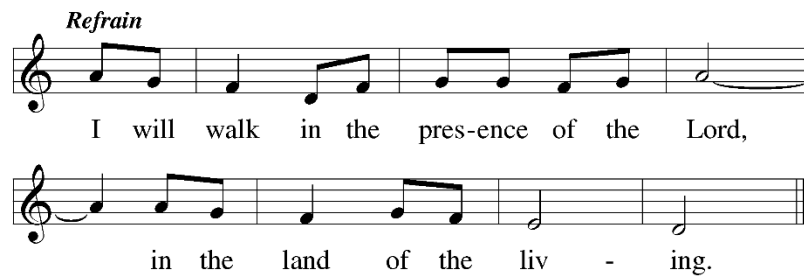
First Lesson:**Exodus 12:1-14**

¹The LORD told Moses and Aaron this in the land of Egypt: ²This month is to be the beginning of your calendar. It is to be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the entire Israelite community that on the tenth day of this month, they are to take a lamb or a young goat for themselves, according to their fathers' households, one lamb per household. ⁴But if the household is too small for a whole lamb, then that person and his neighbor next door to him must select one, based on the number of people. Determine what size lamb is needed according to how much each person will eat. ⁵Your lamb must be unblemished, a year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or the goats. ⁶You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month. Then the whole assembly of the Israelite community is to slaughter the lambs at sunset. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat the lamb. ⁸That night they shall eat the meat that has been roasted over a fire, along with unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over a fire—with its head, its legs, and its internal organs. ¹⁰You shall not leave any of it until the morning. Whatever remains until the morning, you shall burn in the fire. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt ready for travel, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For on that night I will pass through the land of Egypt. I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. There will be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike down the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a memorial for you, and you are to celebrate it as a festival to the LORD. Throughout your generations you must celebrate it as a permanent regulation. (EHV)

PSALM 116

CW pg. 107

Refrain



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;*
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,*
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;*
when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain

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I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD*
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call on the name of the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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Second Lesson:

Hebrews 10:15-25

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies in Scripture to us, for first he said: ¹⁶ This is the covenant I will make with them after those days, says the Lord. I will put my laws on their hearts and I will write them on their mind. ¹⁷ Then he adds: And I will not remember their sins and their lawlessness any longer. ¹⁸ Now where these sins are forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. Confidence Through Christ ¹⁹ Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus. ²⁰ It is a new and living way he opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh. ²¹ We also have a great priest over the house of God. ²² So let us approach with a sincere heart, in the full confidence of faith, because our hearts have been sprinkled to take away a bad conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. ²⁵ Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (EHV)

Gospel:

Luke 22:7-20

⁷ The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it.” ⁹ They said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare it?” ¹⁰ He told them, “Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water

will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. ¹¹ Tell the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’ ¹² He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there.” ¹³ They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴ When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. ¹⁵ He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷ He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸ for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰ In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you. (EHV)

Hymn of the Day: *CWS 743*

“O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing”

HOLY COMMUNION

743 O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing



1 O gra-cious Lord, I firm-ly am be-liev-ing
 2 Lord, I have sinned, a thou-sand times of-fend-ing;
 3 You see my sin, yet seat me at your ta-ble;
 4 O Lamb of God, my faith-ful, lov-ing Sav-ior,
 5 Heav-en-ly Bread, my life and ben-e-dic-tion,



Your bound-less love will bless each faith-ful soul,
 My thank-less thoughts and words and deeds e-raise,
 Lord, as a guest, I sure-ly am the least:
 You I em-brace in faith and ho-ly love;
 This cup you give can take a-way each ill.



As from this al-tar we are here re-ceive-ing
 To me your hand of mer-cy now ex-tend-ing,
 Un-clean, un-fit, of wor-thy deeds un-a-ble—
 Grant me the strength to show by my be-hav-ior
 Come and re-lieve my soul from all af-flic-tion;



Your bod-y and your blood to make us whole,
 O God, my Sav-ior, I im-plore your grace,
 My heart pre-pare for this most ho-ly feast,
 A life now hid-den in your reign a-bove,
 Calm ev-'ry sigh un-til my heart is still,



Your bod-y and your blood to make us whole.
 O God, my Sav-ior, I im-plore your grace.
 My heart pre-pare for this most ho-ly feast.
 A life now hid-den in your reign a-bove.
 Calm ev-'ry sigh un-til my heart is still.

¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God. Renew an unwavering spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence. Do not take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Sustain me with a willing spirit. ¹³ I will teach rebels your ways, and sinners will turn to you.

Renewed Through the Gospel

SOLO:

“This Do In Remembrance of Me”

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

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.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER:

Preface *(spoken responsively)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the cross. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he has given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated

The Distribution

Distribution Hymns: *CW 311*
CWS 742

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”
“What Is This Bread?”

311 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; Leave be - hind all
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, And with lov - ing
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther cost nor
 4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, Filled with joy most
 5 Hu - man rea - son, though it pon - ders, Can - not fath - om



gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day - light's splen - dor;
 rev - 'rence greet him, For with words of life im - mor - tal
 pain will mea - sure, But the price - less gifts of heav - en
 deep and ho - ly, As with trem - bling awe and won - der
 these great won - ders, That Christ's bod - y must be bound - less



There with joy your prais - es ren - der Un - to
 He is knock - ing at your por - tal. O - pen
 God to us has free - ly giv - en. Though the
 On your might - y work I pon - der, How by that
 Since the souls it feeds are count - less, And that



him whose grace un - bound - ed Has this won - drous
 wide the gates be - fore him, Say - ing, as you
 wealth of earth were prof - fered, Naught would buy the
 mys - ter - y sur - round - ed, Depths that no one
 he his blood is giv - ing With the wine we



sup - per found - ed. Though he reigns a - bove most
 there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -
 are re - ceiv - ing. These great mys - ter - ies un -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive you, That I nev - er - more will leave you.
 riv - en, And his blood, for you once giv - en.
 bid - den Se - crets that with you are hid - den.
 sound - ed Are by God a - lone ex - pound - ed.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You have left your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forgo all joy and gladness
 And to shed your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
 Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
 Jesus, Joy of me desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring—
 At your feet I cry, my Maker:
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven
 For our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you,
 Let me gladly here obey you.
 By your love I am invited;
 Be your love with love requited.
 By this supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace you give me
 As your guest in heav'n receive me.

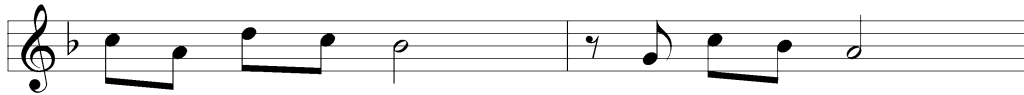
HOLY COMMUNION

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What Is This Bread?



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from	the	dead:	This	bread	we	break.
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	he	should	Un -	der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom -	ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -	lieve



This	life	we	take	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	his	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	you	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pre -	sent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	his



lease.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

Song of Peace & Thanksgiving

Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Prayer

P: O God the Father, source of goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

Blessing

Hymn: *CW 100*

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

LENT

100

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what
4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,
God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send
you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;
Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you



None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,
To gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"
I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,
Shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,
the Fa - ther said, "And free my chil - dren from their dread
what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,
shall ev - er be A cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,



That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes
Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes
De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong
Your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I'll trea - sure in



and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,
are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share
you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave
my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."
The fruit of your sal - va - tion."
Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
Your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON (87 87 887 887) Wolfgang Dachstein, c. 1487–1553.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 88

Psalm 88 is sung by Pastor Sitzman. During the singing of the psalm, the altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday.

Officiants:

Accompanist: Miller Sordahl
Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman
Soloist: Ken Vagt

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Good Friday

1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m., Sunrise Worship (IC/CC)

10:15 a.m., Easter Breakfast