



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2, 2026

7:00 pm

Faith Lutheran Church
1187 County Road 128
Fremont, Ohio 43420
Pastor Tim L. Miller

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

April 2, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Prelude:

Hymns of the Cross

arr. Janet Linker

Welcome

On Ash Wednesday we confessed our sins and came forward to receive the mark of ashes on our foreheads, a symbol of our sorrow and repentance. In the same way tonight we confess our sins and have the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands as a sign of God's personal forgiveness.

Hymn:

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Lord of mercies and God of all Consolation, come to the aid of your people. Turn us from our sin that we might live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may listen to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the love and grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

C: Amen.

P: God of love and mercy,

C: you know the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts. You know our coming in and our going out. We confess to you all our sins – those things done and left undone. We have not loved one another as you have loved us. We have not served others as you have served us. Hear our cry, O Lord; accept our repentance. Cleanse us, restore us, and lead us that we may love and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ was sent to die for us, to take our sins upon himself that we might be reconciled with God. All who desire the sign of reconciliation are invited to come forward.

(Personal Absolution)

P: Do you believe the word of forgiveness I speak to you comes from God?
Yes, I believe.

P: In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven.

(We continue after all have received the sign of the cross in oil.)

P: God does not desire the eternal death of anyone, but that we turn away from the darkness of our sins to live in his light. Rejoice in the Lord, as God delights in you, and let peace reign in your heart.

C: Amen.

Hymn:

They Crucified My Lord

ELW 350

Share the Word

Bible Reading:

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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 other.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹ 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. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After 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? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

^{31b} “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little 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.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

***Hymn:**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

ELW 347

Prayers

R: On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

A brief silence.

R: Gracious host, you knelt to wash your disciples’ feet. Cleanse us from pride and self-centeredness, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

R: Creator God, the earth is yours and everything in it. Awaken us to care for all you have made and conserve the rich diversity of your good creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

R: God of the nations, guide the world’s leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Where they wield power unjustly, confront them. Where they are indifferent to suffering, awaken their conscience. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

R: Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely or in captivity, comfort the grieving, and relieve those in pain. Draw near to all who suffer, *especially those we name at this time (Pause for 10 seconds for people to be named)*. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

R: Blessed redeemer, we give you thanks for this community of faith, and for all who gather around your table of grace. Unite us in love for you and for one another. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

R: Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors. At the last, gather us with them at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

R: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share the Meal

Offertory:

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life,

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Offering Prayer

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension, and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Distribution

Communion will be distributed as continuous communion.

Communion Hymn:

ELW 359 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Sr. Choir: *According to Thy Gracious Word*

G. Peterson

Post Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Stripping the Altar/Reading of Psalm 22

The altar and chancel are stripped of all adornments to symbolize the humiliation of Christ as he was stripped of his garments and his dignity.

(The congregation is asked to depart in silence.)

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Assisting in Worship Tonight:

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller **Organist:** Parm Boyer

Sr. Choir Director: Darla Brown

Greeters: Paeth Family **Lector:** Angi LaFave-Miller

Communion Assistants: Amy Wagner & Barb Kocsis

Acolyte: Karly Paeth **Counters:** M. Reiselt* & R. Brown

Worship this Holy Week:

Good Friday: 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunrise Service: 7:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Fellowship Time: 9:15 a.m.

Easter Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion