

Epistle**1 Corinthians 11:23-32**

The Apostle Paul catechizes on the Lord's Supper.

Tract *sung by the choir or soloist for the Gospel procession.*

He has caused His wondrous works to be re-|membered; *
 the LORD is gracious and |merciful.
 He provides food for those who |fear Him; *
 He remembers His covenant for- |ever.
 My flesh is true food, and My blood is |true drink. *
 Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me,
 and |I in him. *(Ps. 111:4-5; John 6:55-56)*

Holy Gospel**John 13:1-15, 34-35**

Jesus washes the disciples' feet.

Hymn of the Day**446**

"Jesus, Greatest at the Table"

Sermon**Nicene Creed****Offertory and Communion Liturgy****p. 176ff.****Distribution Hymns**

Hymns during the distribution aid in meditation and reinforce both the themes of the day and what Christ accomplished for us in His Passion. You are encouraged to bring your hymnal with you to the communion rail so that you might sing the hymns as you wait to receive Christ's body and blood.

"When You Woke That Thursday Morning" **445**
 "When Jesus Died to Save Us" **Sung by the Cantate Choir**
 "O Perfect Life of Love" **452**
Choir sings stanza 3 (7 pm only)
 "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died" **429**

Closing Hymn**426**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

The Stripping of the Altar *(7 pm service only)*

As a sign of the total humiliation of Christ in His suffering and death, the altar and chancel are stripped of all appointments in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday. Psalm 22, the psalm our Lord prayed from the cross, will be sung as the vessels and sacred appointments are removed.

Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023, at 2:30 and 7:00

Divine Service Setting Two
Lutheran Service Book p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper. We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a rare guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender

Hymn of Invocation**444**

"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

*Choir sings stanza 2 (7pm only)***Confessional Address Precedes the Confession of Sins, p. 167**

The pastors will absolve all baptized penitents individually at the kneeling stations. Penitents approach the kneelers down the side aisle as directed.

All baptized Christians of every age are welcome to come forward for individual absolution. This practice reminds us of how our Lord absolved His baptized disciples in the act of washing their feet. Meditate upon Psalm 116 during the distribution of the absolution.

The Rite of First Communion *(7 pm service only)***Salutation and Collect for Maundy Thursday****Old Testament Reading****Exodus 12:1-14**

The Institution of the Passover

Gradual *sung by the choir or soloist*

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