

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.*

My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed:
He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood
dwelleth in Me and I in Him. *(John 6:55-56)*

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

Jesus washes the disciples' feet.

Hymn of the Day **602**

“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”
St. 2: Women and Children
St. 3: Soloist or Choir
St. 4: Men

Sermon

The Rite of First Communion *(7 pm service only)*

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.

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior” *(Soloist or Choir St. 1 and 3)* **640**

“Eat This Bread” *(Soloist or Choir sings verses; All sing Refrain)* **638**

“Upon the Cross Extended” **453**

Closing Hymn **452**

“O Perfect Life of Love”

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 17, 2025, 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 **445**

“When You Woke That Thursday Morning”
Soloist or Choir sings stanza 2

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.

Hymn During the Distribution of Absolution **616**

“Baptismal Waters Cover Me”

Salutation and Collect for Maundy Thursday

Old Testament Reading **Exodus 24:3-11**

The Lord Confirms the Covenant with Blood

Gradual *sung by the choir or soloist*

He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered:
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
He hath given meat unto them that fear Him:
He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

(Ps. 111:4-5)