



***Maundy Thursday* - SERVANT**

**Thursday, April 17, 2025**

*I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15*

## Invocation and Call to Worship

P: As the disciples gathered together with Jesus in an upper room, we now gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

**C: Who stand by night in the house of the Lord. (Psalm 134:1)**

P: The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

**C: None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. (Psalm 34:22)**

P: For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,

**C: And to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)**

P: Having loved his own who were in the world,

**C: He loved them to the end. (John 13:1)**

P: What a friend we have in Jesus

**C: All our sins and griefs to bear!**

**Opening Hymn ...** "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"  
(Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend LM)

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, sin and shame accuse, yet you invite us to confess our sins and receive your forgiveness. Hear us now as we confess our sins.

**C: Like the disciples, we gather here with hearts full of betrayal.**

P: Our sinful thoughts, words and deeds have betrayed you, O Lord.

**C: Like the disciples, we gather here with minds full of arguments.**

P: Our relationships have been marred by fighting, pride and disputes.

**C: Like the disciples, we gather here having denied you in many ways.**

P: Our sinful lives and actions have denied that we know Jesus.

**C: Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on how the servant-love of Jesus, washes away our sin).*

P: Friends: Though our sin betrays Jesus, he never betrays us.

Though we argue about our own greatness, Jesus is greater than our pride. Though we deny him through our sin, Jesus forgives you of all of your sins. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, you are forgiven and cleansed, redeemed and a new

creation. Take heart in the servant-love of your friend, Jesus!

**C: What a friend we have in Jesus!**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Lord Jesus, we marvel at your servant heart. You came not to be served, but to serve. You came to wash the feet of your followers and feed us with your very body and blood. Having been served by you, enable us to now serve like you. Grant us humble hearts ready to wash feet as you have commanded us to do. We pray this in the name of our servant friend, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading ... Psalm 145:15-17**

**Epistle Reading ... Philippians 2:5-11**

**Gospel Reading ... John 13:3-16**

**Sermon Hymn ... "What Wondrous Love Is This"**  
(Wondrous Love 12 9 66 12 9)

**Sermon**

**Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards**

**Prayers**

P: O love, how deep, how broad, how high. And this love has come to us through our servant-friend, Jesus. Hear us now, Lord, as we pray. Cleanse us from our sin and wash away all our iniquity through your precious blood shed for us on the cross.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Feed us with your very body and blood so that we are strengthened and nourished for life and faith in you.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Teach us to love and serve others just as you have loved and served us. **C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Keep us vigilant and awake in our faith so that we remain watchful for your coming. **C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Prepare us for this Holy Week as we recall your Passion and crucifixion, your burial and glorious resurrection after three days.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Send us out to be witnesses of your love and service, your Good News and promise to make all things new.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Empower us to love like you love, serve like you serve, care like you care and be a friend like you are our friend.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Jesus, draw us ever closer to friendship with you.

**C: What a servant you are. Amen.**

### **Nicene Creed**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Words of Our Lord**

### **Distribution / Communion Hymns**

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” *LSB* 637

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” *LSB* 625

### **Benediction**

P: Jesus invited his disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane with him, saying “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me” (Matthew 26:38). Let us watch for Jesus as we journey on toward the cross and toward the empty tomb. The Lord bless you and keep you as his dear friend. Amen.

**C: What a friend we have in Jesus!**

### **The Stripping of the Altar**

*(Leave in silence.)*

**April 18** - Good Friday Services 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM

**April 20** – Easter Sunday Services 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

*(Easter Breakfast in Gym 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM)*