

# ***Abiding Peace Lutheran Church***

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## **Maundy Thursday**

April 2, 2026

7:30 p.m.

# Welcome to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church!



Abiding Peace Lutheran Church makes Christ known by welcoming all people to a supportive and accepting place to grow in faith and community and to serve the Lord as people created by God, saved by Christ, and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to the full inclusion and celebration of people of all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions, and to the work of racial equity.

In-person visitors are invited to share their contact information with the usher if they would like a follow-up with the pastor. Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We welcome children to worship and we encourage their participation, including their wiggles and child voices. There is a seating area at the back of the sanctuary with room for little ones to crawl around. If desired, there is also a nursery room available, accompanied by parents or guardians.

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**Holy Communion:** We commune at the altar rail. Please collect an individual cup from the usher when you come forward, or come forward at the end for the common cup. We offer either wine or juice and allergen-free bread. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, the usher can bring communion to you. You are also welcome to come forward with arms crossed for a blessing.

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## **Maundy Thursday**

### **WORDS FOR REFLECTION**

*This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

### **PRELUDE**

In Times like These

Ruth Caye Jones  
arr. Fred Bock

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

*All may stand and make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

*P* Beloved Community, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to follow him on the Palm Sunday Path, rejecting the forces of sin that pursue power over compassion and exert control instead of practicing self-sacrificing love. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. As our faith daily reminds us, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. This assurance grants us the confidence to stand open and honest before God. On this night we confess our sin against God's life-giving way, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

*P* Most merciful God,

***C* We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*P* In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***C* Amen.**

### LAYING ON OF HANDS

*As the congregation sings, people may come forward to the altar rail for the laying on of hands.*

*P* In obedience to Christ and in his name, I forgive you all your sins.

*R* Amen.

### HYMN

### Great God, Your Love Has Called Us ELW 358



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,  
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,  
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems  
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889–1953

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*P* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***C* And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P* Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love,

***C* on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others with the same love and humility demonstrated by your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re- turn to the Lord, your God, for God is gra- cious and mer- ci- ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### THE GOSPEL

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 another.*

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray him.

And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come

from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” 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.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you,

servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*P* The Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows. All stand and sing the Hymn of the Day.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed ELW 463



1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your  
 2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our  
 3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'ers from your fold; re - store them,  
 4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be



church might be for - ev - er one: help us at  
 sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all  
 too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the  
 one with all your church a - bove— one with your



ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and  
 clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to  
 faith your saints con - fessed of old, and to the church still  
 saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in



soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one  
 you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one  
 pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one  
 one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and



bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.  
 Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

*Please be seated.*

## FOOT WASHING

*In remembrance of Christ's service to his disciples, worshippers may remove their shoes and come forward to have their feet washed while the hymn is sung. Participation in this aspect of the service is entirely voluntary, and all may reflect on Christ's command to demonstrate our love by following his example of service with or without joining in the ritual.*

## HYMN

God Is Love ACS 1041

God is love. God is love; let us love one an -

oth-er as God first loved us. God is love.

God is love. God is love.

*Text and music: Mark Mummert, b. 1965, based on 1 John 4:11, 16, 19 Text and music © 2018 Augsburg Fortress.*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A 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.*

A Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors. When we too reach the end of our journeys on your path, gather us with them at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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.**

A 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.**

A 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. Where our voices can call them to your truth, strengthen us to speak. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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 who are in mourning, all on our prayer list, and those we name for you now (*pause for prayers to be offered in silence or aloud*). Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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.**

A 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.**

## **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**C And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People share the sign of peace.*

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*


## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.



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




**G** 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. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*P* God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In time of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 of 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 death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**C Amen.**

*P* Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**C Amen.**

*P* Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*P* Jesus, 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.**

*Please be seated.*

*P* All who are hungry, come!

**C The feast of grace is spread.**

*You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. Please hold your hand flat for the bread and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat.*



The image shows two lines of musical notation in a single system. The first line contains the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take away the" and the second line contains "sin of the world; have mercy on us." The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics placed directly below the notes. The first line ends with a bar line, and the second line continues the melody and lyrics.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men

**COMMUNION HYMN**

Stay Here **WOV 667**

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.  
 Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

Text: Matt. 26:38, 45; Taize Community. Music: STAY HERE. Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994. © 1984 Les Presses de Taize, admin, GIA Publications.

*Stand, if you are able.*

*P* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

A Lord Jesus,

**C in the gift of the 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. Amen.**

## **MOVING TOWARD THE CROSS**

John 17:1–5, 18:1

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed."

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

*Please be seated.*

## **THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*Psalm 22:1–11, 14–15, 19 chanted by Benjamin Schroeder and Aaron Hyndman*

*We depart in silence. The service continues tomorrow night.*



## ASSISTANTS SERVING IN WORSHIP

Usher / Acolyte / Greeter: Doug Laird

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Communion Assistant: Mary Kasakove

Soloist: Aaron Hyndman

Livestream: Ray Mueller

Altar Guild: Mary Kasakove

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