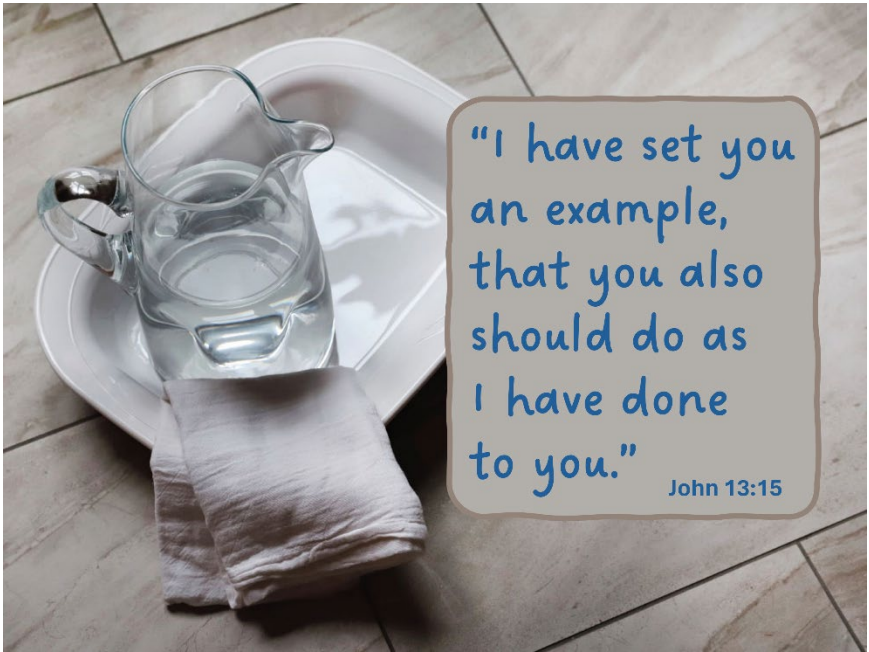


Welcome to worship at  
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

# Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024



"I have set you  
an example,  
that you also  
should do as  
I have done  
to you."

John 13:15

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.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor  
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry  
Lindsey Waltermyer, Grace band leader**

**We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!**

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and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you  
with God's love and grace.**

Welcome

Prelude *At the Midnight Hour*

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*Please rise as you are able.*

**Call to Worship**

“Even now, declares the Lord,  
return to me with all your heart.” (Joel 2:12)

**Roll up your sleeves.**

Let down your guard.

**Come in from the storm.**

Make yourself at home.

**Pull up to the table.**

Release the tension in your jaw. Take a deep breath. Return to  
God with all your heart.

**May it be so.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's  
call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us  
from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we  
were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of  
forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night  
let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the

celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

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

Most merciful God,  
**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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, 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 as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn    *Where Charity and Love Prevail*    ELW #359

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading**

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Scott Geiser

A reading from the book of Exodus

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

<sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Here ends the reading.

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Scott Geiser

A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Here ends the reading.

*Please rise as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

<sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For

I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

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

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Message

Pastor Scott

*Please rise as you are able.*

Hymn of the Day *A New Commandment*

WOV #664

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried:  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

## Lord's Prayer

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

**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.*

## Communion

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Table, open to everyone. The usher will direct you when to come forward. Communion glasses are found on the stand at the front of the line to your right. Take an empty glass if you are choosing to commune with wine or a pre-filled glass (with grape juice) if you will be communing with grape juice. Receive your bread from the pastor, gluten-free bread from the plate, and the wine, or blessing over the grape juice from the lay assistant. There are two wine stations, so please, choose the open station. Persons not*



*communing may receive a personal blessing (simply keep your hands down at your sides or folded across your heart).*

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

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.

**Amen.**

Stripping of the Altar      Psalm 22      Carolyn Fleming, soprano  
Lee Wesner, baritone

*Tonight there is no benediction as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are considered one continuing worship.*

*Please leave in silence.*

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## Announcements

### Today

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Usher: Rick Solazzo;  
Lector: Scott Geiser; Acolyte: Faye Weidner; Communion  
Assistant: Barbara Repa

**Friday** Head Usher: George Trowbridge; Usher: Jim Gross;  
Acolyte: Ron Fegley

**Sunday** Head Usher: Stee Weidner; Ushers: Marty Hauser, Ryan  
Waltermeyer and Georgann Geiser; Lector: Miller Quigley;  
Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: Elsa Lucas;  
Communion Assistants: Donna Kehs and Erica Lucas

**Altar Guild** members serving this month: Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Sharon Wise.

**The Nursery room** is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship services as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment; toys and books are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

## Calendar

**Holy Week continues** with the Good Friday Tenebrae service tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM. The Easter communion service will be held this Sunday at 9:00 AM with a brunch following worship.

**Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM** This event will include the egg hunt, a story and craft and games. Following the activities, we will have a light lunch of hotdogs, snacks and drinks. This event will be held rain or shine – outdoors, weather permitting, or moved inside if needed.

**The church office** will close on Good Friday at noon. The staff will observe the Easter holiday on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Resources

**The Peer Support Ministry** webpage on the church's website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) has recently been updated with resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

**Mental Health and Wellness** Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. NAMI has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELC has links with helpful information available on our website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

**NAMI Help Line** 1-800-950-6242 and is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text "Helpline" to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

**PA Addiction Helpline** 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Online live chat offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

## Prayer Requests

**Long-term:** Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

**Shut-in:** Penny Frymoyer

**Military:** Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods, Danny Foust

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Toni Rath	Katy Mahon-Miller	Matt Hall
Luann Hanley	Carol Estes	William Trotter
Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard	Pat Fryer
Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer	Betty Lou Shadle
Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini	Raul Castro
Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch	Wilma Lahr
Melissa	Bernadette Phillips	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Joan Wagner	Robert Ganovsky
Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus	Eric & Wendy Hess
Sue Care	Deb Matthews	Marceline
Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson	Chris Fatzinger
Hank Droneberg	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
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Verdie Smith	Mabel Gaugler	Sandy Wesner
Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann	Joan Price
Betty Seroski	Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell
Virginia Specht	Tom Fleagle	Mary Alice Mack
Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen
Chuck Beck	Diane DeLong	Ally Musser & family
Rich Freed	Marlyn Bieleski	Susie Moyer
Joe	Lee Wesner	Joe
Charla Vandegrift	Herbert Vandegrift	Casey Flack

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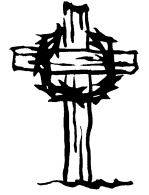


# Send

## Sent to serve

Jesus showed his disciples how to serve people when he washed their feet.

**Trace around your foot, and inside it draw a picture of one way you can serve other people.**




# gather

**Welcome to worship.** Today is Maundy Thursday. Tonight begins *The Three Days* that end with Easter. “Maundy” comes from a Latin word that means *commandment*. On this special day, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment.

**Use the key below to figure out Jesus’ new commandment.**

_____	_____	another,
♥	1	
as	_____	have
	👁	
_____	d	_____.
♥		U
		John 13:34

 Jesus, help us to serve people, just like you did. Amen

## This week

Clean out a closet and donate any too-small shoes to a local social service agency.

**CODE:**   ♥ = Love   1 = one   👁 = I   U = you

## Feet and food

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Before Jesus and his disciples began eating their last supper together, Jesus got up from the table and knelt to wash the feet of each of the disciples. When he finished he said, "Just as I have washed your feet, you can wash each other's feet. Do as I have done to you." The disciples were surprised when Jesus washed their feet, because that was a job that was usually done by a servant.



**Draw a bowl of water and a towel for Jesus.  
Draw 2 sandals for each of the disciples.**

## The last supper

Jesus and his friends gathered around a table to celebrate the holy day of Passover with a special meal. We remember this last supper every time we gather around the table to celebrate Holy Communion together.



**Draw a picture of the table from which your pastor serves Holy Communion. Place the bread and wine on the table. Draw you and your family as they receive communion. Do you stand or kneel?**



Try washing each other's feet at home before a meal.

## Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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## A New Commandment



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

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