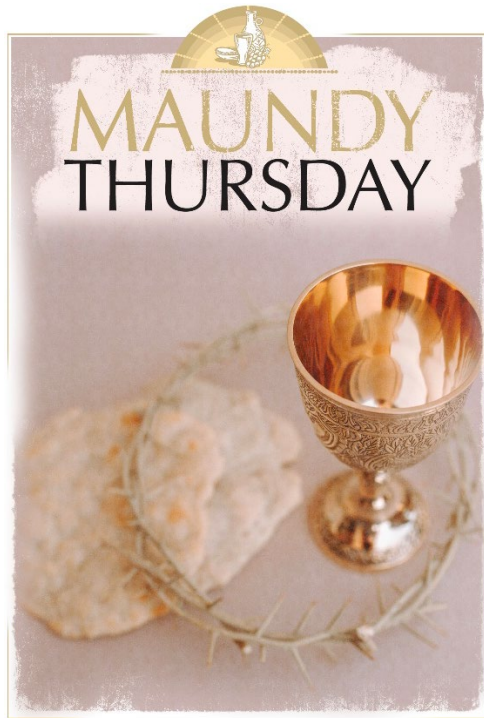


**Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2025**



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
Nicole Young, seminarian minister
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry
Lindsey Waltermeyer, 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

Nikki Young

Prelude

Gethsemane Tears

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Please rise as you are able.

Call to Worship

Nikki Young

"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

Nikki Young

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

Nikki Young

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 Maddie Hansley

A reading from the book of Exodus

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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.

¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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 Maddie Hansley
A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For 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 *Heaven Is Singing for Joy*

El cie-lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!,
 1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,

por-que en tu vi - da, y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.
 for in your life and mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.
 for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.
 for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.

Refrain / Estribillo

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to John **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now 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.

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

⁷Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus 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.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By 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

A moment of silence for reflection

Please rise as you are able.

Hymn of the Day *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* ELW #708

Apostles’ Creed

Pastor Scott

**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

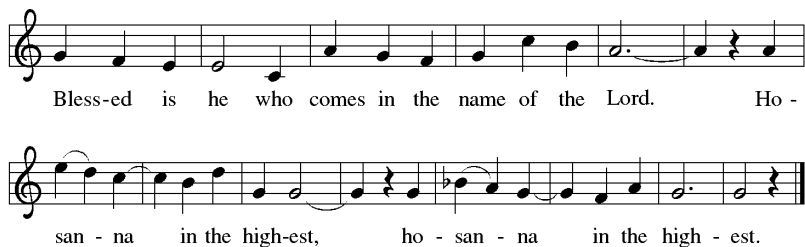
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

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.



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

Today: Head Usher: Scott Geiser, Usher: Faye Weidner, Lector: Maddie Hansley, Acolyte: Landon Woods, Communion Assistant: Barbara Repa

Good Friday Usher: Jim Gross, Usher: George Trowbridge, Acolyte: Elsa Lucas

Sunday Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Ushers: Bill Allen, Ryan Waltermeyer and Zach Quigley, Lector: Scott Geiser, Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott, Acolyte: Hannah Waltermeyer, Communion Assistants: Leslie Gates and Donna Kehs

Altar Guild members serving this month: Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart, Corrine Bartholomew and Judy Sloan.

The Nursery room is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship 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.

Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

Holy Week Continues

Good Friday, April 18th

Service at 7:00 PM

Easter Worship, April 20th

Communion service at 9:00 AM

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of Bill Bauer and Victor Battaglia
(Kathy Taylor's brother)

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

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Katy Mahon-Miller	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	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
Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Jessica Trout	Verdie Smith
Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann
Joan Price	Betty Seroski	Ralph Borneman
Lucille Powell	Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey
Arnold Amundsen	Chuck Beck	Ally Musser & family
Rich Freed	Joe	Joe
Casey Flack	Tim Mutter	Denton Quick
David Helfrich, Sr.	Tara Hauck	Patricia Kemp
Ron Seasholtz	Penny Garber	Hazel LeVan
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David Gottshall	Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge
Kate Brunick & family	Sue Lowry	Dave Pollock
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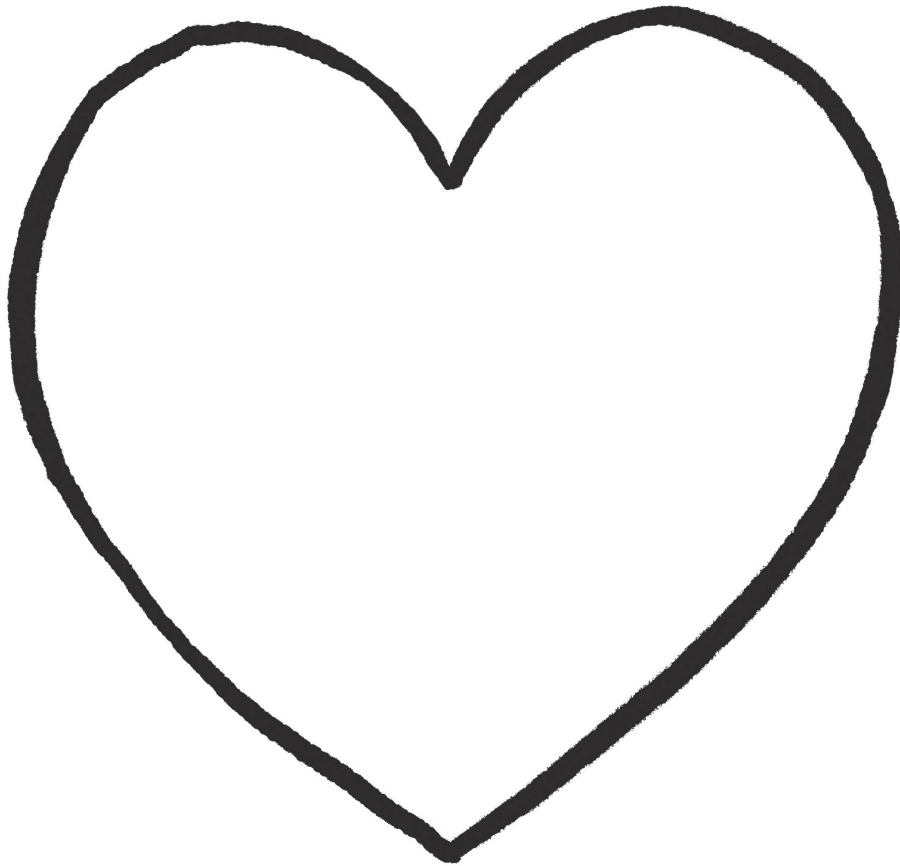
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Still Making History

Jesus calls us to love one another.

In the heart, draw a picture of one way that you can show someone you love them.

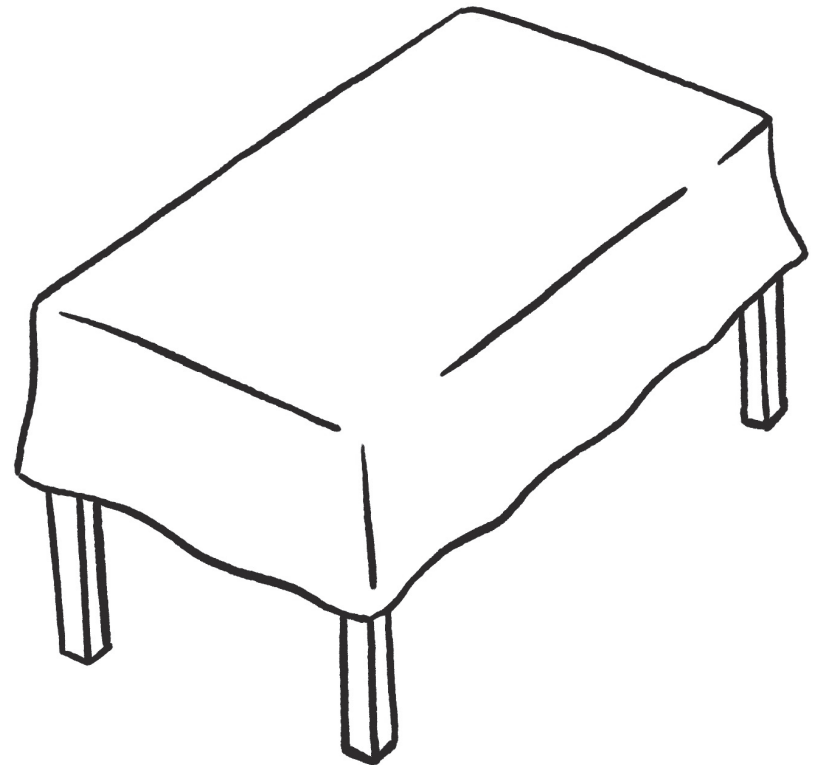


PRE-READER

Maundy Thursday

- Today is **Maundy Thursday**.
- Maundy Thursday is part of **Holy Week**.
- On Maundy Thursday, we learn about how Jesus calls us to **love one another**.

Tonight, Jesus sets a table of bread and wine—what a feast! Set the table by drawing some of your favorite foods.

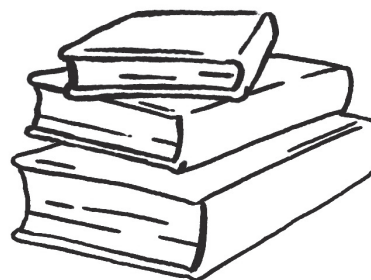




Jesus washed his disciples feet because he loved his friends and wanted to show them his love in a very caring way.

Jesus not only washes his disciples' feet, he tells us to wash each other's feet!

What items might you need to wash someone's feet? Circle them below:



It's All About Love!

Jesus calls us to love one another. What are some ways you can show your love? Write in one example next to each heart:



















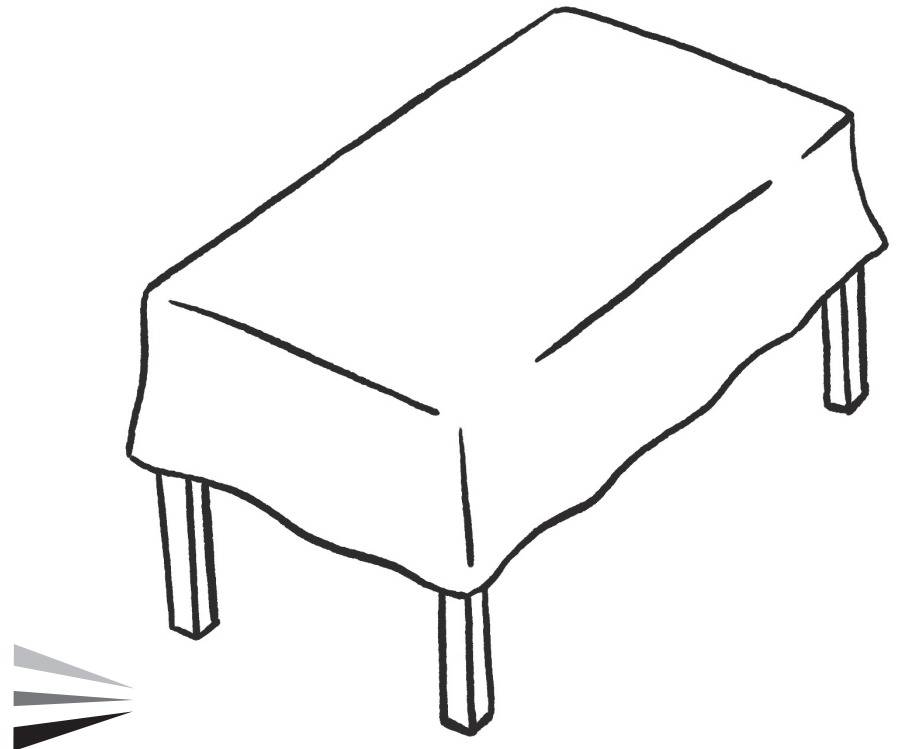
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Maundy Thursday

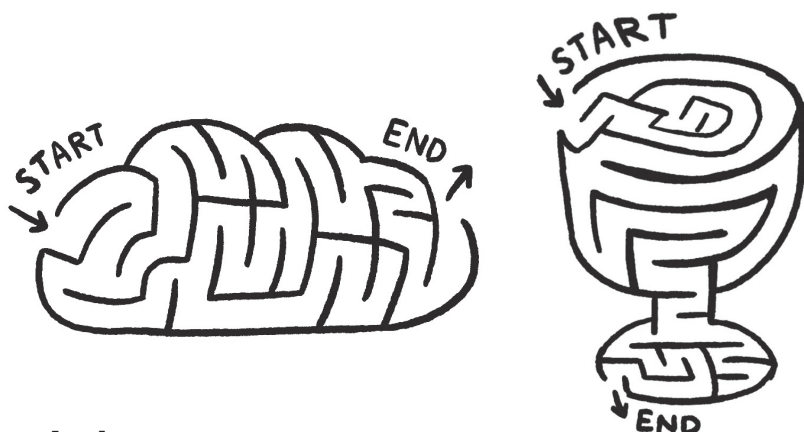
- Today is **Maundy Thursday**.
- Maundy Thursday is part of **Holy Week**, when we remember the last week of Jesus' life.
- On Maundy Thursday, Jesus shows his love for us by **sharing Holy Communion** with his disciples and by **washing their feet**.
- On Maundy Thursday, Jesus gives us a new commandment: **to love one another**.

Set the Table

Jesus sets a table of bread and wine—his own body and blood—food that shows us how much he loves us. Set the table by drawing some of the foods you love the most.



In Communion, Jesus offers us the gifts of forgiveness, grace, and love. Enter into this holy meal by finding your way through the mazes below:



Look it Up!

Look up 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, or listen closely in today's service when the pastor is talking about Communion to complete these verses:

"The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was _____ took a loaf of _____, and when he had given _____, he broke it and said, 'this is my _____ that is given for _____. Do this in _____ of me.'" In the same way after supper he took the _____, saying, "This cup is the new _____ in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." -John 13:34b.

What's one way that Jesus loves you?

Memory Verse

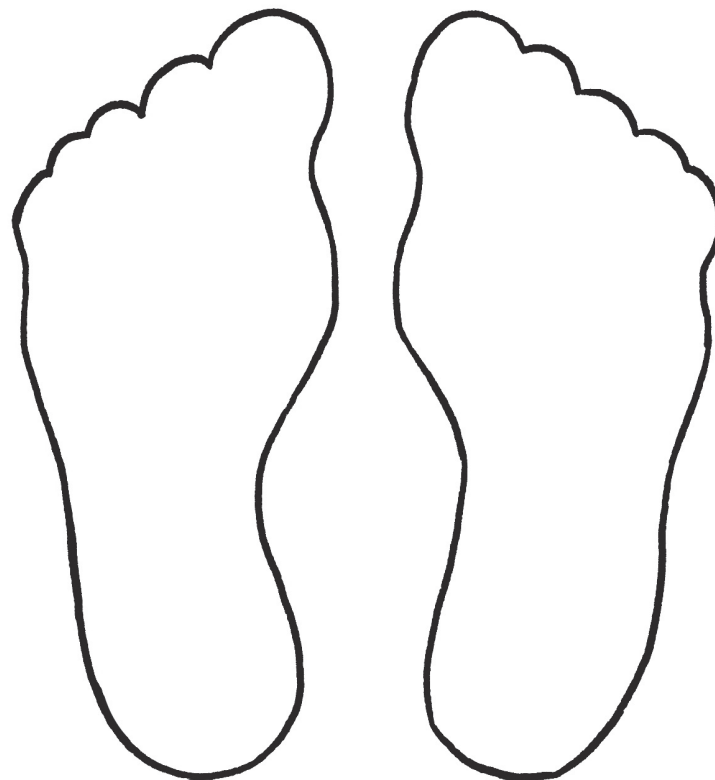
Walking the Walk

Where are some of the places Jesus' feet walked during his lifetime? Circle them below:

Lakeshore	Garden	<i>Friend's house</i>	Gas station
CIRCUS	Department store	Mountain	University
TEMPLE	River	BANK	STREETS



Inside the foot below, write all the places your feet have been this week. Remember: Jesus washes his disciples' feet—a reminder of God's love for us—no matter where they've been!



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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Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

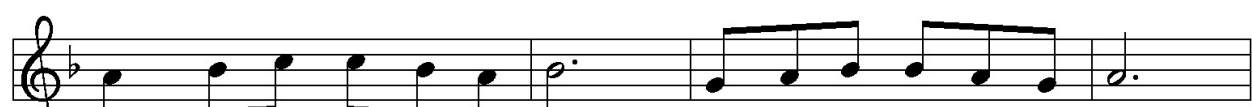
Refrain




Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

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