

**April 2, 2026 ~ Maundy Thursday**

**ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH of NAVARINO**

*"Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's love"*



**Prelude for Meditation**

**Welcome**

**The Lord's Supper Litany:**

P: In this Holy Week the Son of God prepares a great banquet for all people.

**C: This banquet features his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.**

P: In this banquet the sacrifice is remembered.

**C: In this banquet the sacrifice is received.**

P: In this banquet we have life.

**C: In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.**

P: Jesus said, "But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

**C: In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.**

P: Jesus said, "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

**C: In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.**

P: Jesus said, "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'"

**C: Grant me your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In our sin and sinfulness we make excuses, squandering and taking for granted the grace of God and the banquet he so freely gives.

*(Time for Personal Reflection and Confession)*

P: I invite you to join me as we confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful. We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. It is natural for us to make excuses when you present your gifts to us. Because of our selfishness, we deserve to be shut out of the banquet. Though you are generous in your love, we deserve only your wrath. Forgive us, most holy God.**

P: On this day, the Lord Jesus institutes a new banquet for you. With his broken body and shed blood he creates a meal that fills you with forgiveness, love and life. Jesus honors you at his banquet. Because of his perfect sacrifice, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**Opening Song**      ***“Breathe”***

**Prayer of the Day:** 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.

**Bible Lessons**      Jeremiah 31:31-34  
                                 Psalm 116:12-19

**Gospel Lesson**      Mark 14:21-31

**Message**              by Pastor Sabin

**Song:**                  ***“You Are My All in All”***

**The Apostles’ Creed** - I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord’s Prayer** - 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.

**Invitation to Communion - Communion Distribution**

**Communion Song:**      ***“Let us Break Bread Together” Hymn #212***

**Post-Communion Blessing**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Post-Communion Prayer** - Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, **C: Amen.**

**Stripping of the Altar**      ***(Please depart in silence)***