

# Maundy Thursday

## Corporate Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

P I will go to the altar of God,  
C **to God my exceeding joy.**  
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**

*Sit*

P Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God’s wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.” It is as if He said, “I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat.”

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Again, it is as if He said, “I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament,

which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink.”

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C **Amen.**  
P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*Kneel/Stand*

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.  
C **Amen.**

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God’s?  
C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

*The pastor absolves the penitents individually at the altar, laying his hands on the head of each and pronouncing the following absolution, or he may absolve all the penitents corporately from the altar.*

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## Welcome to New Hope Lutheran Church!

**Lord's Supper (Holy Communion)** While all are encouraged to attend any of our services, please understand that we cannot offer the Lord's Supper to all who come. We believe Christ's word in saying that the bread is His true body and the wine is His true blood. We also take scripture seriously in its warning against eating and drinking of these holy elements in an unworthy manner. Lastly, communing at the altar is a solemn expression of agreement with the faith as taught from that altar. For these reasons, we ask that if you are visiting and would like to commune, please consider our belief and speak personally with the pastor or an elder before the service. Those not receiving communion, including children, are encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chest, and receive the Lord's blessing.

**Good morning**, everyone, and welcome to worship at New Hope Lutheran Church today! A special welcome to our visitors! Please sign the guest book in the entrance to the church, and we hope you will join us for worship again soon. New Hope is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We have worship services at two sites, one in Granville (9:00 a.m.) and the other on Sharon Valley Road in Newark (10:45 a.m.).

**Welcome to the Lord's house** to hear his Word and worship him. It is important to show him our best respect through our words and actions. The organist/pianist's Prelude is a call to worship. At the beginning of the Prelude, please take your seat, quiet your heart, and take a moment for silent prayer. The children of the congregation should always be with their parents or in the care of Sunday School teachers. A cry room/nursery is available if your child needs to be taken out of the worship service. During communion, please note that the middle of the tray has non-alcoholic wine for people who wish to take communion, but do not want alcohol.

- P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

*After all have returned to their seats, the pastor speaks this blessing.*

- P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in T peace.  
C **Amen.**

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### New Hope Lutheran Church *Serving Licking County*

**Granville Church**  
309 West Broadway  
Granville, OH 43023  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

**Newark Church**  
1137 Sharon Valley Road  
Newark, OH 43055  
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

**Hopes Door**  
27 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Newark, Ohio 43055

**March 28, 2024, Maundy Thursday**  
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Preaching - Rev. Mark Hartsough  
Liturgy – Pastor Terry Worst  
Music – Mr. Kevin Gault