Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024 7:00 p.m.



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Lancaster, PA

Holy Week

Beginning with Maundy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday, the mood of repentance gives way to the anxious anticipation of the Risen Lord, the culmination of the entire liturgical year. These days are not the memorial of these events in Jesus' history, but our participation in the reality of Christ's death and resurrection still active and at work in our lives today. You are invited to enter into worship and hear and experience anew the story of your own salvation.

If you are visiting with us, a special welcome! We invite you to return and worship with us as often as you are able. Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Guest cards are also available. Please take one, fill it out and return it to an usher.

As you enter the nave, please conclude all conversations and silence all electronic devices in order to fully enter into this time of worship.

You will see type in both normal and boldface type. All responses of the congregation are printed in **boldface** type.

If you need a large print bulletin, please ask an usher. Please note the instructions for the sharing of the peace (page 14) and receiving Holy Communion. (page 16)

Please indicate to the pastor if you require gluten free wafers, prior to worship, if possible.

Following the service you are invited to give your financial gifts in the offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Jesus washes the feet of his disciples + Shares a New Commandment The Stripping of the Altar

Maundy Thursday

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

On this night, at the beginning of this liturgy, we hear Jesus' new commandment to love one another. We gather around the Lord's table to remember the depth of this love and remember the sacrifice of Jesus' life. We share the holy meal, becoming what we eat and drink: the body of Christ, offering ourselves in love for the life of the world.

The liturgy concludes this night with the removal of the altar and chancel furnishings, preparing the worship space for Good Friday. Through this stark ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. We depart the building in silence, ready to continue the celebration tomorrow, on Good Friday.

We gather in silence.

The Prelude

At the sound of the bell, please rise and face the font.

The Entrance Rite

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

The Choir will begin; the congregation then sings the verses



Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P 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.

Let us kneel and make confession to God.

The assembly may sit or kneel. Silence is observed for self-reflection.

- 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.

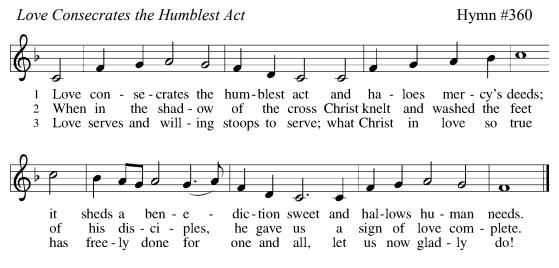
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.
 By grace you have been saved.
 In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
 Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through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

The Laying on of Hands

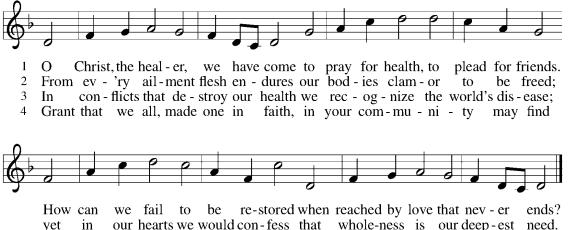
The congregation comes forward at the direction of the ushers as at Holy Communion to receive individual absolution from the Pastor.

- P In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.
- C Amen.

Hymns During the Laying on of Hands



Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917 Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842



yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need. our com-mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these? the whole-ness that, en-rich-ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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Jesus. Remember Me Hymn #616 Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in-to your king - dom. re - mem-ber me when you come in-to your king - dom. Je - sus, Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994 Text and music © 1981 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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After all have returned to their seats, the congregation stands for prayer.

- P Our Lenten pilgrimage has ended. By God's grace we have received absolution. The liturgy of the three days has begun.
- C Thanks be to God.

The Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The First Reading

A reading from 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

A reading from First 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, ²⁴ 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." 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.

I Corinthians 11:23-26

- Precious in your sight, O LORD,
- O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.
- I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,
- in the courts of the LORD's house. in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The Second Reading

whenever I called.

How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, for the LORD has given ear to me

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (*Read responsively with the lector*)

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all God's people.

is the death of your servants.

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- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31^b-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the thirteenth chapter.

C 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, "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.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "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."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

The Homily

Please stand.

The Hymn of the Day Our Father, We Have Wandered Hymn #606 Our Fa - ther, we dered and hid - den 1 have wan from your face; -And now at length dis -2 the e - vil cern ing that we do, both 3 0 Lord of all the liv ing, ban - ished and stored. re fool-ish-ness have in squan - dered your leg of а cy grace. be - hold us, Lord, re turn ing with hope and trust to you. com - pas - sion - ate, for giv ing. and ev - er car - ing Lord, But ex - ile dwell - ing, rise with fear and shame. now, in we In haste vou come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring, now that faith - less - ness may grant our trans - gress - ing, our cease. hear you call our dis - tant but com pel ling, we name. as, glad-ness there to with calf and robe and in greet us ring. Stretch out your hand in bless ing, in par-don, and in peace.

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The Prayers of the Church

A Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

The assembly remains standing for the prayers.

After each portion of the prayers:

- A Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- P Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.
- C Amen.

The Sharing of the Peace

P Now that we have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ our Lord, let us be reconciled to one another, and share his peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Without leaving your seat offer a wave to your neighbor, sharing God's peace, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

Anthem

My Savior and My God

Jay Althouse

Please stand.

The Offering Prayer

- A Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.
 Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.
 Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.
 We pray this in your name.
- C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints. All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Please be seated.

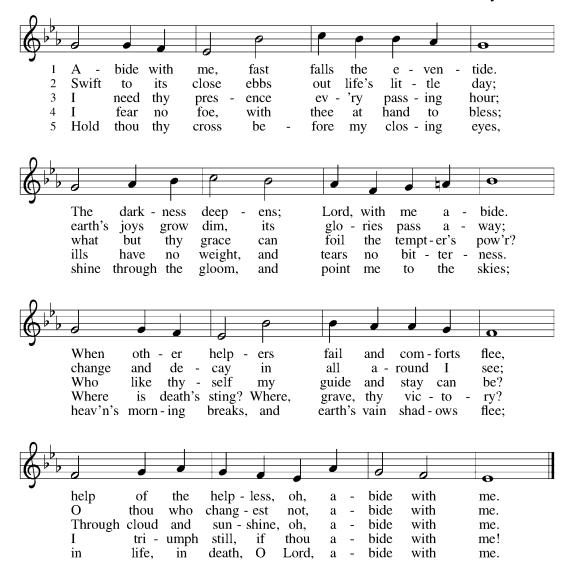
Distribution of The Holy Communion

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices open table hospitality. Baptized communicants of other Christian denominations, of all ages, are welcome to receive the sacrament. An usher will direct each seating area to come forward to receive the sacrament. Bring your communion cup with you, or take one from the usher. We return to the practice of continuous communion around the Table with safe distancing by household groups. Please **stand** at the communion rail and the pastor will place the bread into the hands of communicants and then they will receive the cup from the Assisting Ministers. The second chalice contains grape juice. A gluten free wafer is available upon request. Those persons not receiving communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Hymns During Communion

Abide with Me

Hymn #629

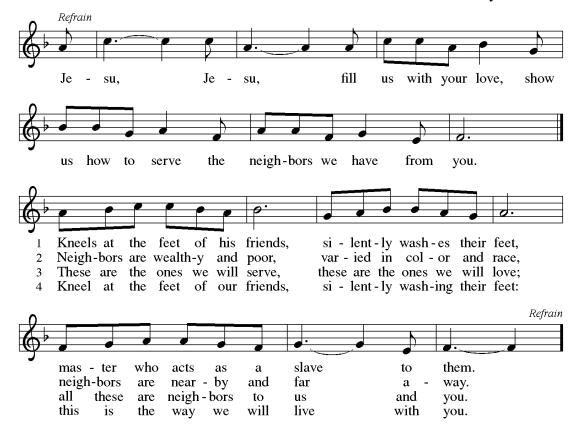


Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889 What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymn #666



Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt. Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



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Please stand.

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

A Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

The assembly sits or kneels as Psalm 22 is recited. Just as Christ was stripped of his power and glory, and placed in the hands of his captors, the church is stripped in preparation of the solemnity of Good Friday.

You are invited to remain for quiet meditation. Please leave the building in silence.

Holy week continues with Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

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Lector		Lector
Sharon Bentley		Noelle Dandridge
Greeter		Greeter
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Usher		Usher
Dennis Steiner		Don Eckert
Bread Provider		Bread Provider
Sayre Turney		Patti LaPorte
Altar Guild Set-up	Altar Guild Set-up	Altar Guild Set-up
Sayre Turney	Sayre Turney	Diana & Donald Eckert Sayre Turney
Altar Guild Clean-up	Altar Guild Clean-up	Altar Guild Clean-up
Sayre Turney	Sayre Turney	Sayre Turney
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		Suzann Schwenk
		Sandy Stouffer
Technology	Technology	Technology
Doug Dandridge	Chip Froehlich	Chip Froehlich
		Jeff Reed

Coming up at Holy Spirit

March 29	Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.
March 31	Easter Day, 9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
April 2	Book Club, 7:00 p.m. Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
April 5&6	30 Hour Famine Lock-in
May 4	Community Yard Sale, 8:00 a.m.
May 19	Semi-annual Meeting, following worship
	Heritage Choral Concert, 4:00 p.m.



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