



MAUNDY
Thursday

+ TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL +

Thursday, April 1, 2021

*Our Mission Statement for Trinity Lutheran Church & School is:
"Teaching, Living, and Caring as the Family of Christ."*

WELCOME!

We welcome all who have joined us this day, as we worship the Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you would like more information about Trinity, our mission, or becoming a member, please speak with Pastor Tonn, or the Elder on duty. Thank you, and may the Lord bless your worship with us today as God touches your life with His love!

COVID-19 UPDATES

We have spaced our pews 6 feet apart to keep with social distancing requirements. Please leave 3 empty chairs between each family unit. During Communion, please remain 6 feet from the family unit in front of you as you come up to receive communion. Please wear masks if you are able to. Please respect other people's choices as they may not be the same as yours.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Take time before the service to prepare and examine your heart for this sacred event. If you need assistance, or cannot come up to the altar, please ask an Usher for help, or for Communion to be brought to you at your seat. White grape juice is available at the center of the trays of individual cups, and gluten free wafers are available for those who desire those options.

STATEMENT of FAITH and PRACTICE regarding HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that we must properly examine ourselves before partaking, as 1 Corinthians 11:27 reveals, "... whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Body and Blood of the Lord." As such, we ask that you search your heart to see if you believe that through this Sacrament our Savior gives us His very Body and Blood in His "real presence" for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to this meal those who trust in His words, repent of all sins, and willingly demonstrate His love and forgiveness of others as He has shown it to us. Because this Sacrament is also a statement of our unity in Christ, we ask that those who desire to receive the Lord's Supper, and have not previously communed at our altar, please speak to the Pastor or the Elder of the week before doing so.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
PLACES OF THE PASSION: THE UPPER ROOM

Prelude + Candle Lighting + Ringing of the Bell + Greeting

*AS WE GATHER... And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.
Mark 14:15*

✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us ever walk with Jesus.

People: To see the depths of his love.

Pastor: To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

People: To gaze upon the heights of his grace.

Pastor: To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

People: We travel to the Upper Room.

Pastor: To watch as Christ delivers the Gospel.

People: In his true body and blood.

Pastor: Faithful Lord, with me abide.

People: I shall follow where you guide!

HYMN

"When You Woke That Thursday Morning"

LSB 445

When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely, longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only for a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature, one last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher, washing Your disciples' feet.

What was there that You could give them that would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them, what last will and testament?
"Show Me and the world you love Me, know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me, eat this body, drink this blood."

One in faith, in love united, all one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited, You are with us, as You said.

One with You and one another in a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother, one in ev'ry place and time.

One day all the Church will capture that bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture that Your heart desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion in Your never-ending feast.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: King David prays, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”

People: **My heart, O God, is often anything but broken and contrite.**

Pastor: Instead, it is covered in calluses.

People: **Because I hold grudges.**

Pastor: Keep score,

People: **Refuse repentance.**

Pastor: And turn away from humility and kindness.

People: **Lord, soften my spirit.**

Pastor: Because a hard heart is like a wrecking ball.

People: **It mangles marriages.**

Pastor: Condemns children.

People: **And finishes off families and friends. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)

Pastor: Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

People: **I shall follow where you guide!**

The Old Testament

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the

lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:17-29

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so." Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given

thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Just as I am, Without One Plea"

LSB 570, vs. 1-5

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray: Your perfect love, O Lord, has borne our sin and delivered us from death. Give to us the grace of your forgiveness so that we may enjoy the blessing of a clear conscience and serve you without fear. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, your love has gathered the lonely and lost and created the Church, where sinners may come and find a place at your table of grace and mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, your love supports the wounded in body and spirit, and your grace sustains the sick and suffering. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, your love welcomes the brokenhearted and binds up those who are crushed in spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, your love has promised to hear our prayer and to answer us with all that is good and right and true. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, your love sets a table before us in the presence of our enemies to receive the food and drink of your body and blood.

People: Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Jesus invites us to walk with him to the Upper Room, a place of great suffering and a place of great love! We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory!

People: Let us ever walk with Jesus.

Jesus, refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,
 Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
 Often have your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall;
 Yet upon the cross extended, you have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,
 Though we see you wounded, bleeding, see your thorn-encircled brow?
 Yet your sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace, and rest;
 Only what your grace has taught us calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for you;
 May our eyes be ever turning to behold your cross anew
 Till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side,
 Graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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+ THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

The stripping of the altar ends the Holy Thursday service, as well as the Lenten preparations of the congregation. Good Friday is not a preparation day; instead, it is the recollection and celebration of Christ's selfless death on the cross. As Psalm 22 is chanted, the congregation silently watches as all the paraments and furnishings are removed from the altar area and chancel. The stripping of the altar is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of those who crucified Him.

You are invited to remain in the sanctuary throughout the chanting of Psalm 22, whether for prayer or reflective meditation.

WHEN CHOOSING TO DO SO, PLEASE LEAVE THE SANCTUARY IN SILENCE.

OUR HOLY WEEK WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW, GOOD FRIDAY, AT 6:15 P.M.

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Pastor: Rev. Paul Tonn
 Pianist – Elizabeth Rivard