

Maundy Thursday Service  
April 14, 2022

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**  
**Ignite! & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.**

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

As we enter into the most solemn days of the church year,  
may God bless you at this holy time.

**TO OUR VISITORS:** We are delighted that you have joined us tonight.

We pray that the service blesses you and invite you to worship with us again. If you are seeking a church family or would like to know more about Holy Trinity, please contact the Church Office at (270) 843-9595. We are here to serve you. Please use the attendance insert to provide your **Email, mailing address and phone number** so that we might extend a special welcome.

## **HOLY COMMUNION GUESTS**

**AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER** you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians you believe His Body and Blood are present, and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of the Church.

Please review the following questions while preparing for the Lord's Supper.

- 1) Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 2) Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?
- 3) Do I believe that in this Sacrament I will receive Christ's true Body and true Blood in and with the bread and wine?
- 4) Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a Godly life?

Please speak to the pastor if you have any special communion needs.

**A NURSERY** is available for infants up to children starting Kindergarten.

Exit the sanctuary to the rear, and follow the hallway to the left, then turn at the first hallway to the right. Parents are welcome to worship with their children, but please use the nursery as needed. If you have any questions regarding the nursery please contact Laurie Seavey at (270) 991-1172.

**NOTE:** There is also a "nursing/cry room" just before the hallway to the nursery.

**TO THE MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY:** The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome all children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

## **CELEBRATING CHILDREN AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor, deacons, readers, acolytes, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

**WORSHIP BAGS** for our young worshipers are located in the Narthex.  
Please use these as needed during worship.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from the Ushers.

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## APRIL 14, 2022

### AS WE GATHER

The name for this day comes from the Latin word “mandatum”, meaning “commandment”. It refers to the two “new” commandments our Lord gave to His disciples on this day. The first is “love one another”, and the second is “do this in remembrance of Me”. In the early church, Maundy Thursday was also the day on which those who had fallen away from the Church were restored to full fellowship with other believers after having observed the 40-day penitential season of Lent. Today we are reminded of the reconciliation we have because of Christ’s body and blood given for the forgiveness of our sin, and the example of self-giving love shown by our Lord as He washed the feet of His disciples.

**PLEASE REMEMBER: Silence/Turn Off your cell phone** as you come into the Sanctuary to worship the Lord. While you are silencing your phone, we encourage you to ‘check in’ on Facebook that you are with us today. Thank you.

### PRELUDE

“Behold the Lamb of God”

Judy Owens

### WELCOME

Please stand for  
**THE OPENING HYMN**

L.S.B. #606

"I Lay My Sins On Jesus"

**THE INVOCATION**

Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*  
People: **Amen.**

**THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

Liturgist: Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord;  
People: **O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

Liturgist: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, having been restored to God's family by the blood of Jesus Christ, we are called to live as children of God. Yet we confess before God and one another that we have not loved Him with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, nor have we loved one another as we have been loved. We have sinned in our thoughts, in our words, in our actions, and in our lack of actions. Some of our sins we know; some remain unknown even to us. Let us silently reflect on those sins known to us, and confess them to God, our merciful Father.

*(Silence for personal reflection on God's Word and confession of sin.)*

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## THE ABSOLUTION

Pastor: With repentant King David and with the tax collector in the temple we plead,

**People: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”**

Pastor: God is merciful. Even before we were aware of our sin, He sent His Son to die for us, and for His sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and at the command and promise of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore announce the forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

L.S.B. #610

“Lord Jesus, Think On Me”  
Synesius of Cyrene & William Daman

**1. Lord Jesus, think on me  
And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free  
And make me pure within.**

**2. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be  
And taste Your promised rest.**

**4. Lord Jesus, think on me  
Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity  
Point out Your chosen way.**

## A NEW COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Liturgist: Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

**People:** **"By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."** *John 13:34 & 35*

Liturgist: "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." *Romans 5:8*

**People:** **"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."** *1 John 3:16*

Liturgist: "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you." *1 Thessalonians 3:12*

## THE KYRIE

Liturgist: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Liturgist: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Liturgist: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Liturgist: Holy God, source of 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 continually write this commandment on our hearts and in our lives. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Exodus 12:1-14**

Reader: The Old Testament Reading is from the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>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.

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<sup>7</sup> “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. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup> And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> “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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**



This day shall be a day  
of remembrance for you.  
EXODUS 12:14, NRSV

## THE EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter  
of 1 Corinthians.

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 22:7-20

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke,  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters <sup>11</sup> and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>12</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." <sup>13</sup> And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

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<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him.  
<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## THE GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE OFFERTORY

**Judy Owens**

"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**All:** 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 SERMON HYMN

L.S.B. #761

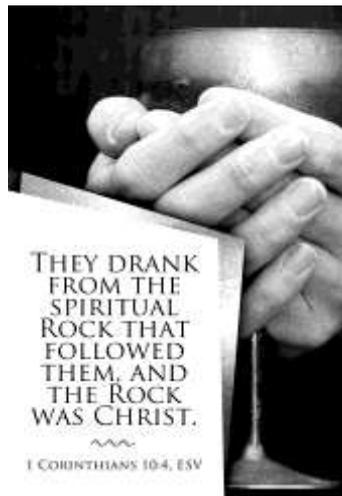
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

## THE SERMON

**Pastor Toopes**

“Drinking From the Rock”

**Text: 1 Corinthians 10:1-4**



## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Remembering the commandments Jesus gave us this day, to love one another as we have been loved, and to celebrate this feast in remembrance of Him, we give thanks to You, O Lord God almighty, and we ask You mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving. Bless us, Your children, so that all who receive the very body and blood of Jesus may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy.

People: **To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19 & 20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

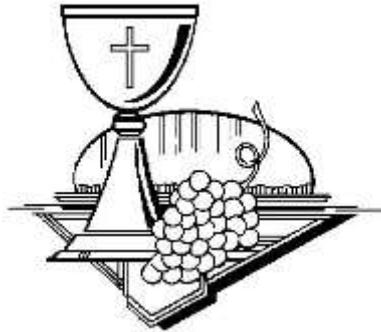
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He 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. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**



Please be seated for

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE CLOSING HYMN**

L.S.B. #436

**“Go To Dark Gethsemane”  
(Verses 1-3)**

## THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly:

prayer in Gethsemane  
betrayal by Judas  
arrest, mock trial, painful beating,  
the trudge to Golgotha and execution.

As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness."

The events of Golgotha snuffed out the life of Jesus, the Light of the world. As even creation was dark when He suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand.

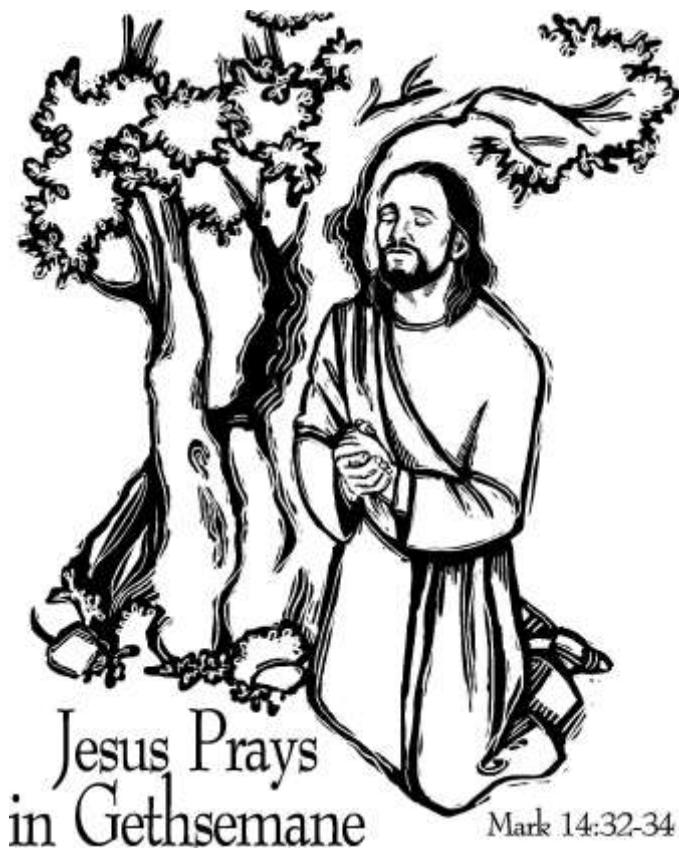
Jesus' offered Body and His shed Blood have been given to us in, with, and under the form of bread and wine in this Holy Mystery. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both Host and Meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

## THE POSTLUDE

Liturgy (or the appropriate portion thereof) from the Lutheran Service Book  
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**+ + OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR DAILY SERVICE + +**



Jesus instituted Communion while celebrating the Jewish Passover with his disciples. The meal's ritual foods hold meaning for Christians, too, because our faith story is interwoven with that of Judaism.



**Matzoh:** This unraised bread recalls the Israelites' hasty departure from oppression in Egypt. Jesus used the Passover bread to present to us His very body, which delivers us from bondage to sin and death.

**Salt water:** It symbolizes the tears of the Hebrews and of all who suffer in any time and place. Christians believe that in Jesus God embraced human suffering so we need never face it alone.

**Parsley:** Dipped in the salt water, this green, leafy vegetable represents the Hebrews' rebirth out of sorrow into the joy of freedom. Easter's celebration of resurrection proclaims a coming day when God "will wipe every tear from [our] eyes [and] there will be no more death" (Revelation 21:4, NIV).

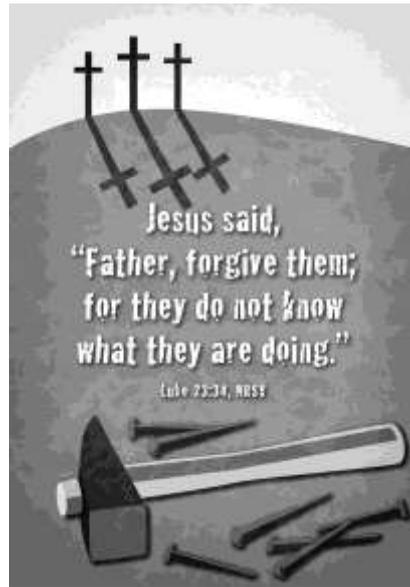
**Shankbone:** A lamb slaughtered for each Hebrew household meant life for those within. The meat strengthened them for the escape journey, and the blood, swabbed on their doorframe, signaled for Death to "pass over." Jesus used wine at the Passover meal to present to us His very blood - the blood of the Lamb of God - which He would shed for our forgiveness and salvation.

**Egg:** For Jews celebrating Passover, an egg symbolizes memory of the Exodus and renewal of faith. For Christians at Easter, eggs — especially open, empty ones — call to mind Jesus' empty tomb, renewal and abundant life.

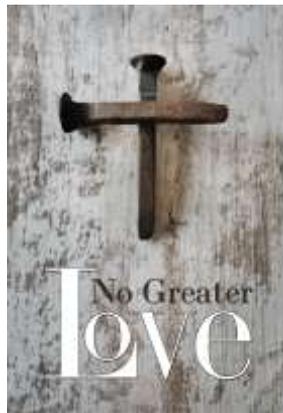
## **THE PRELUDE TO GOOD FRIDAY**

As we leave tonight, our focus now turns to the events of that first Good Friday.

His arrest, the questioning, the beatings, the sentence, and the execution.



Tomorrow night we gather to mark and observe the sacrifice which won our salvation and to worship the Savior.



**Our Good Friday Service of Darkness begins at 7:00 p.m.**

... he **humbled** himself  
and became **obedient**  
to the point of **death** —  
even **death on a cross.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:8, NRSV

