

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship, April 9th, 2020



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

- Gathering -

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Musical Meditation

Invitation to Confession (silence for reflection and self-examination)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: 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.

L: Most merciful God,

A: 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.

L: 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.

A: Amen.

GREETING

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

A: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. 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.

A: Amen.

- Word -

God speaks to us in Scripture, reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

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.

L: The word of the Lord A: Thanks be to God

PSALM 116: 1-2, 12-19 (please read responsively)

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

- ¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**
¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your
handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving**
and call upon the name of the LORD.
¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,
¹⁹ **in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

²³ For 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." ²⁵ In 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." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: The word of the Lord. **A:** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION A New Commandment



Text: John 13:34-35
Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

GOSPEL READING: John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one other.

A: Glory to you, O Lord

Now 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. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter 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, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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."

^{31b}"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."

A: Praise to you, O Christ!



SERMON Pastor Mike Pretzer

HYMN OF THE DAY #708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with your Love

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

WASHING OF HANDS #659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

*As we sing this hymn,
 you are invited to go
 and wash your hands
 as a loving service to
 yourself and your
 community.*

*Each of these verses
 takes approximately 20
 seconds to sing.*

*Consider memorizing
 them to sing as you wash
 daily - not only will you be
 reminded of God's call to
 love and service, but your
 hands will be clean, too!!*

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

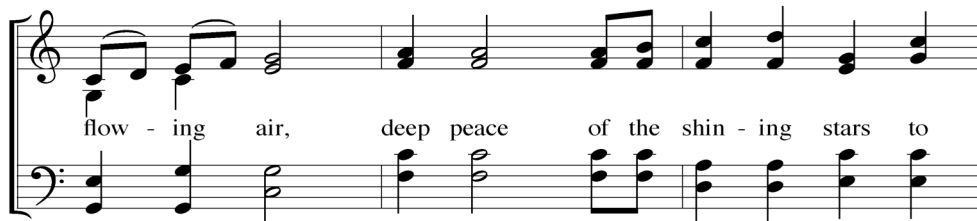
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Response: **Deep Peace**)



Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the



flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to



you, deep peace of the qui - et earth. earth.

Text: Celtic traditional, adapt. Ray Makeever

Music: Ray Makeever

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*Ideas for how to
share the peace
where you are:*

*Facetime someone,
Say you are sorry,
Offer forgiveness,
Make a plan to serve a
neighbor or family mem-
ber this week, Offer a
blessing to those outside
or driving by, Write a
quick note to pop in the
mail to a friend, make a
phone call, send a text..*

*This version
of the Lord's Prayer
may not be familiar.
Pray any Lord's Prayer
you love.*

SHARING THE PEACE *(Instrumental Music)*

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *(Instrumental Music)*

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace, through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

A: **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

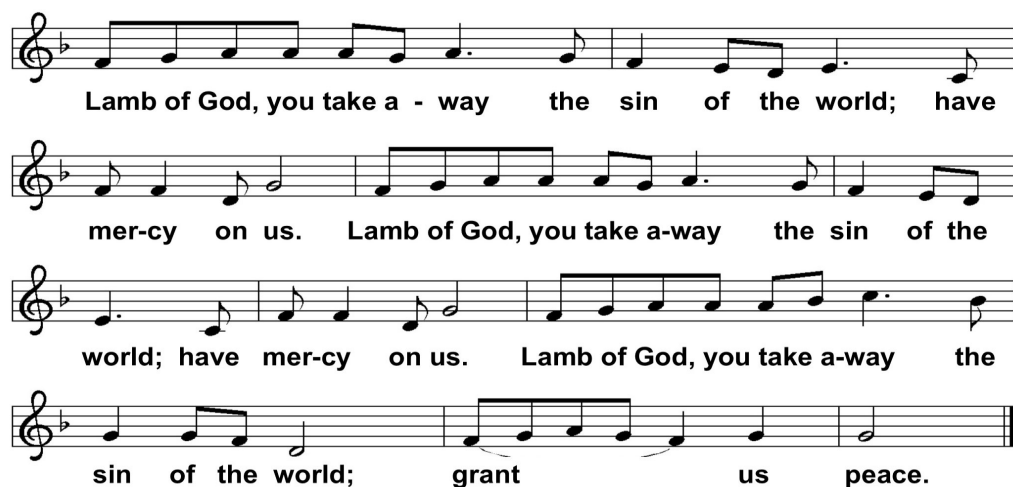
Again, after supper, he too, the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

- Distribution of Bread & Wine -

COMMUNION HYMN Lamb of God



COMMUNION HYMN #480 O Bread of Life From Heaven



*Why Communion when
we cannot commune
together?*

*May these familiar
words assure you we
are one body together,
even when we are not
physically together.*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

- Stripping of the Altar -

"Stripping of the altar" means to remove all ornaments, linens, and paraments from the front of the church. This is an ancient custom, symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. After the Last Supper, events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, humiliating walk to Golgotha, and then execution. As his life was stripped from him, so we strip the altar of the signs of life to symbolize Jesus' purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

Psalm 22 - Vocal Solo—Kayla Kilwein

During the stripping of the altar, perhaps you could quietly remove the items in your worship area, or take down the crosses in your home, strip your room of signs of life, turn off the lights, spend time sitting still, listen and reflect on Jesus' love for us all ...

This Service continues on Good Friday (tomorrow) at 7:00pm

Thank you to the worship leaders today:

Pastor Joe Natwick & Lisa Lewton, St. John Lutheran, Dickinson

Pastor Mike Pretzer, Peace & St John Lutheran, Dickinson & Richardton

Pastor Dorothy Stein, St John's, Our Savior's & Normanna Lutheran,

Killdeer, Halliday & Dunn Center

Pastoral Intern Colin Neuharth, Our Redeemer's & Zion Lutheran,

Organist: Barb Arneson

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