

Trinity Lutheran Church
Holy (Maundy) Thursday
“Gues Who’s Coming to Dinner? Us!”

HYMN

“Our God Will Go Before Us” vs 1-3

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 42:1-9*

L The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the forty second chapter.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

VIDEO – Jesus Christ Last Supper – Luke 22:14-37

VOICES

GODS’S WORD *1 Corinthians 11:23-28*

P The second is from First Corinthians, the eleventh chapter.

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, ²⁴and 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. ²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

MESSAGE

HYMN

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”
(offering will be received at this time)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: On this night so long ago, Jesus hosted a dinner. His table guests were a motley crew of sinners. We are gathered this night, a motley crew of sinners. Sinners who humbly acknowledge our sinfulness, and who have come to dine at the table of the Lord where we receive forgiveness and life.

Silence for self-examination

All: ***“Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.” (Psalm 51:1-4)***

P: Jesus, I am the cause of Your journey. I am sorry for my sin; forgive me, I pray.

C: ***Jesus, I am the cause of Your journey. I am sorry for my sin; forgive me, I pray.***

P: This is amazing grace, that God has given His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for the sins of the world, for your sins and mine. Upon this your confession I, as a called and ordained minister in the Church of Christ and by Christ’s authority, declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

P: Come gladly to Christ’s table – *“Taste and see that the Lord is good...”*

All: ***Blessed is the one who trusts in Him.’ (Psalm 34:1)***

+ THE LORD’S SUPPER+

VIDEO 1 – Last Supper

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“I Come O Savior” (recording)
“Come Unto Jesus”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” vs 1-3 (*while stripping the altar*)

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

On Maundy Thursday our worship concludes with the ‘Stripping of the Altar’, done by the women of the Church. Why is this done?

The removal of all ornaments, linens, etc. is an ancient custom of the Christian Church. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. As Jesus’ life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life – colour, flame, beauty, to symbolize the stark darkness of death and acknowledge our Lord’s humiliation and suffering for sinners. The altar remains bare until Easter morn when

Christ's triumph over sin, death and Satan are celebrated and life springs forth, now and forever!

Ritual and ceremony can be very important to us on our faith walk with Christ but let us never take our eyes off Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith. "This is eternal life," says Jesus, "that they may know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (John 17:3)

(We invite people to leave quietly as they are ready. If you wish to remain in the Sanctuary to pray, please do.).