

Maundy Thursday



March 28, 2024

10:00am & 6:30pm

Trusting God + Loving the World

Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ | Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!



The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Call to Worship

Jesus says, "Pray with me, keep watch with me."
Our eyes are heavy and we don't know what to say.
Keep awake, for the hour is at hand.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of love, **when we look inward and are honest with ourselves, we see where we have fallen short. We have sought after our own gain rather than the good of all. We have not loved you or our neighbors as ourselves. We have denied you in what we have done and not done. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we might become what you have called us to be.**

God whose unfathomable love went to the cross for our sake now forgives us all our sins and welcomes us all over again into the promise of eternal life in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Opening Song

Go to Dark Gethsemane

ELW 347

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

Prayer of Day

God of grace, **you held your son, Jesus, in your loving arms in the midst of his harrowing trials. Remind us that you hold us in the same way, no matter what we are going through, and call us to hold others in their pain, that all might know your presence. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Scripture Reading

John 13:3-5, 12-15

A reading from John.

Jesus, 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. 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Song

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW 708

Refrain

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain***

**These are the ones we will serve; these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

+ Foot Washing & Anointing of Hands +

Invitation to the Word

(Repeat)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' ²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." ³⁰Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same. ³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

A moment of silence follows the reading.

Prayers of the People

As we walk together through this season of contemplation and preparation, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Prayer response:

God of the journey, **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

Confident that you walk alongside us in our need, we lift to you all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Invitation

Jesus, who shared this same holy meal with his disciples on the night of his betrayal, invites us today to the feast in which he is fully present with us. Come and eat; all is ready for you.

+ *We Are Church. Better Together* +

All Are Welcome at the Table

Options on how to receive Holy Communion

You may come forward and stand or kneel, starting at the center and filling in along the rail. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and those waiting will then fill in the empty space. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you with the words spoken:

"The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor.

You are invited...

To bring an **offering** forward before or after worship or during Holy Communion.

The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of God's gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

Communion Songs

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW 494

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heav'n above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you,
seated at the heav'nly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

Song

Jesus, Remember Me

(Repeat)

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G3, a quarter note F3, a quarter note E3, and a quarter note D3. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Prayer after communion

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.

Amen.



+ Stripping of the Altar +

After gathering together at the table, our focus shifts to the altar, foreshadowing the coming Good Friday observance. We begin with a lament from Psalm 22. Then the altar is slowly stripped. The movement and music draw us to reflect on the mystery of God coming to us in the humiliation of the crucifixion. The altar will be set again for the Easter celebration on Sunday.

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.

My hands and feet have shriveled;

¹⁷ I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸ they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

19 But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
 O my help, come quickly to my aid!
20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
 my life from the power of the dog!
21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.



Song

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.**

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.**



We Leave in Silence

This Worship continues ...

Labyrinth will be available for prayer and meditation ½ hour before and after Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services. It is located in the fellowship hall.

Good Friday March 29th
10:00 am & 6:30pm

Easter Sunday March 31st
Festival Holy Communion 8:30am & 10:30am
9:30 – 10:30 Easter Fellowship

Worship Leadership

- Pastor: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Pianist: Emily Keelan
- Cellist: Chris Stuberg
- Reader: John Reed (10am)
- Communion Assistants
 - 10:00am: Diane Jowell, Barb Jacobson
 - 6:30pm: Diane Klinkerfues & Dianne Watts
- Ushers
 - 10:00am: Bob Mohrbacher
 - 6:30pm: Don Threlkeld
- Altar Guild: Judy Ekberg & Donna Madsen
- Technology
 - 10:00am: Mike Madsen, Mark Lee
 - 6:30pm: Michael Boehm, Mark Lee

Song Resource Key

ELW: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*

ACS: *All Creation Sings*

HSSB: *Holy Shepherd Songbook*

WOV: *With One Voice*

+ WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES +

- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (4 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.

OFFERING

If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to: Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church or use the PayPal link below. *Thank you.*

KIDS ZONE

The **Kids Zone** (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. It is located off the hallway west of the sanctuary. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available.

**Narrative Lectionary Worship
Resources**

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