

As disciples of Christ working for peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and embrace all people, without exception, into the fullness of God's love. We advocate for racial, gender, queer, and economic equity. We celebrate people of all cultures, ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status, and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this community. All are invited to join us as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her parents, Victor and Jeanette Fienup, by Russ and Lani Wise.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 17, 2025 - 6:15 PM

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lent began on Ash Wednesday with an extended confession of sins and the imposition of ashes. As we move into the final days of Lent, we gather to confess our sins one last time in preparation for our spiritual journey with Christ through his arrest, crucifixion, entombment, and resurrection to new life.

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the lonely. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

At the conclusion of the service is the stripping of the altar. This emptying of our worship space marks the transition from our Eucharistic celebration to our contemplation of Christ's crucifixion and death. The congregation leaves in silence following this somber rite.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

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.

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.

Amen.

The Congregation is seated.

Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive individual absolution of sins.

The worshiper's forehead is marked with the cross of Christ
as the Ministers proclaim absolution of sin with these words:

In the name of Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven.

Please stand as able

GATHERING HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

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Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made. Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed. We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong, half-free, half bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along, by pow'rs and systems close confined, yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own, not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone. We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends. Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share. Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair, and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

And also with you.

Let us pray. Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from Exodus.

¹God 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. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 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. 8They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. 10 You 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 God. 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 your God. 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 God; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The refrain is first introduced by the cantor.

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.

Psalm Refrain



I will lift the cup of sal-va-tion and call on the name of the LORD.

Psalm Tone



¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice, and listened to my | supplication,

²for the LORD has given | ear to me whenev- | er I called.

¹²How shall I re- | pay the LORD for all the good things God has | done for me?

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

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

15Precious in your | sight, O LORD, is the death | of your servants.

 ^{16}O LORD, truly I $^{\dag}$ am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me $^{\dag}$ from my bonds.

 $^{17}\mbox{I}$ will offer you the sacrifice $^{\dag}$ of thanks giving and call upon the name $^{\dag}$ of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD in the presence of | all God's people,

in the courts of | the LORD's house,in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem. R

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from First Corinthians.

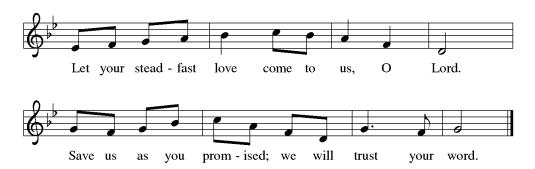
²³For I received from Christ what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, 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.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CHOIR

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as $I \mid$ have loved you. John 13:34

Congregation sings Acclamation again

GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31-35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹It was before the Feast of Passover, and Jesus realized that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to Abba God. Having loved God's own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end. 2 The Devil had already convinced Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. So during supper, ³ Jesus—knowing that God had put all things into his own hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God-⁴ rose from the table, took off his clothes and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ He then poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and dry them with the towel that was around his waist. 6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said, "Rabbi, you're not going to wash my feet, are you?" 7 Jesus answered, "You don't realize what I am doing right now, but later you'll understand." 8 Peter replied, "You'll never wash my feet!" Jesus answered, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me." 9 Simon Peter said to Jesus, "Then, Rabbi, not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!" 10 Jesus said, "Any who have taken a bath are clean all over and only need to wash their feet and you're clean, though not every one of you." 11 For Jesus knew who was to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 After washing their feet, Jesus put his clothes back on and returned to the table. He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done for you? 13 You call me "Teacher," and "Sovereign"—and rightly, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I, then—your Teacher and Sovereign—have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ "The truth of the matter is, no subordinate is greater than the superior; no messenger outranks the sender. ¹⁷ Once you know all these things, you'll be blessed if you put them into practice. 31 Once Judas left, Jesus said, "Now is the Chosen One glorified and God is glorified as well. 32 If God has been glorified, God will in turn glorify the Chosen One and will do so very soon. 33 My little children, I won't be with you much longer. You'll look for me, but what I said to the Temple authorities, I say to you: where I am going, you cannot come. 34 I give you a new commandment: Love one another, And you're to love one another the way I have loved you. 35 This is how all will know that you're my disciples: that you truly love one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

MEDITATION

Pastor Jon Heiliger

Please stand as able

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease. Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess, that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Heal the wounds of your church, O God. As we remember your commandment to love one another, guide us toward reconciliation within the body of Christ. Bless all who gather around the world and in this community for these holy three days. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Renew the life of your creation. Restore lands suffering from chronic drought or flood, and protect fragile habitats from destruction. Encourage all who strive to build more sustainable systems for life and thriving. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bring peace and justice among your people. Where there is oppression or fear, bring liberation and hope. We pray especially for our siblings of color, the LGBTQIA+ community, and those of us struggling to make ends meet. Instill wisdom and humility in local and national leaders, and guide them to serve their communities in the way of Jesus. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Console all who suffer. Reassure all who are lonely and yearning for community. For survivors of sexual assault and for those who endure bullying, we pray for an extra measure of your strength and love. Come alongside all who cry out to you in any need... that their struggle and suffering may be shared in God's kin-dom. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

In the bread and cup we share, you show us the way of love poured out for the whole world. Remind those of us with privilege of the responsibility we have to love and serve those on the margins. Nourish all who hunger in body or in spirit, that they experience the life abundant that flows from you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We remember the saints who rest in you. We give thanks for all our beloved dead. Confident of your steadfast love, we commend them to your eternal care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

MEAL

ANTHEM

I Give You A New Commandment Ubi Caritas by Ola Gjeilo

Adult Choir

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*Where charity and love are, God is fully present.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Christ's has gathered us into one.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Let us rejoice and be glad in that!

Timeamus et amemus Deus vivum Let us revere and love the living God

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. and from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus Ibi est. Where charity and love are, God is there.

Please stand as able

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Let us pray. Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

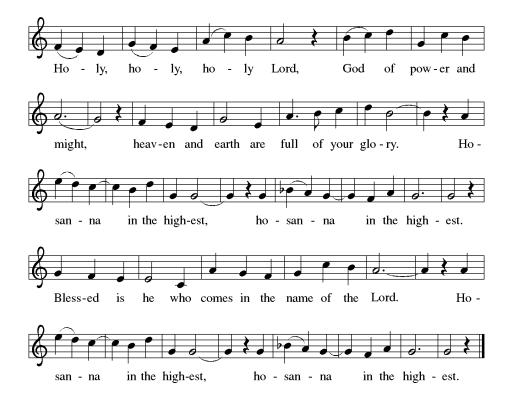
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

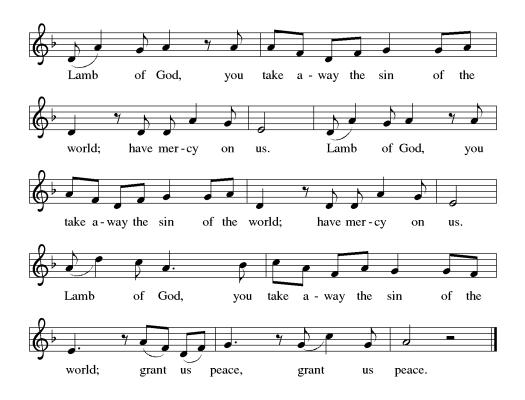
Please be seated

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice.

Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.



HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

#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

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is the way we will live with you. Refrain

When twilight comes and the sunsets, mother hen prepares for night's rest. As her brood shelters under her wings, she gives the love of God to her nest. Oh! what joy to feel her warm heart-beat and be near her all night long; so the young can find repose, then renew tomorrow's song.

One day the Rabbi, Lord Jesus, called the twelve to share his last meal. As the hen tends her young, so for them he spent himself to seek and to heal. Oh! what joy to be with Christ Jesus, hear his voice, oh! sheer delight, and receive his servant care: all before the coming night.

So gather round once again, friends, touched by fading glow of sun's gold, and recount all our frail human hopes: the dreams of young and stories of old. Oh! what joy to pray close together, kneeling as one family, by a mother's love embraced in the blessed Trinity.

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

#469

By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread. For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:

Refrain

Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'er flowing, life outpoured, given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.

Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. Refrain

Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved. In our living and our dying, we become what we receive: Refrain

Please stand as able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

The congregation may be seated.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22

Adult Choir

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;

by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are the Holy One,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you,

they trusted, and you rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;

they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human,

scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;

they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

8"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;

let God rescue him if God so delights in him."

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,

and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

 $^{10}\mathrm{I}$ have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;

you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

and there is no one to help.

¹²Many young bulls encircle me;

strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13They open wide their jaws at me,

like a slashing and roaring lion

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;

my heart within my breast is melting wax.

while they stare at me and gloat.

- ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet.
- ¹⁷I can count all my bones

while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;

O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword,

my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied.

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,

who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

There is no blessing. All leave the church in silence.

Worship continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 6:15 pm.

SERVING TONIGHT

Presiding Minister Susan Crowell

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