

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

7:00 p.m.



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Lancaster, PA

Holy Week

2025

Beginning with Maundy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday, the mood of repentance gives way to the anxious anticipation of the Risen Lord, the culmination of the entire liturgical year. These days are not the memorial of these events in Jesus' history, but our participation in the reality of Christ's death and resurrection still active and at work in our lives today. You are invited to enter into worship and hear and experience anew the story of your own salvation.

If you are visiting with us, a special welcome! We invite you to return and worship with us as often as you are able. Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Guest cards are also available. Please take one, fill it out and return it to an usher.

As you enter the nave, please conclude all conversations and silence all electronic devices in order to fully enter into this time of worship.

You will see type in both normal and boldface type. All responses of the congregation are printed in **boldface** type.

If you need a large print bulletin, please ask an usher. Please note the instructions for the sharing of the peace (page 14) and receiving Holy Communion. (page 16)

Please indicate to the pastor if you require gluten free wafers, prior to worship, if possible.

Following the service you are invited to give your financial gifts in the offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Jesus washes the feet of his disciples + Shares a New Commandment
The Stripping of the Altar

Maundy Thursday

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

On this night, at the beginning of this liturgy, we hear Jesus' new commandment to love one another. We gather around the Lord's table to remember the depth of this love and remember the sacrifice of Jesus' life. We share the holy meal, becoming what we eat and drink: the body of Christ, offering ourselves in love for the life of the world.

The liturgy concludes this night with the removal of the altar and chancel furnishings, preparing the worship space for Good Friday. Through this stark ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. We depart the building in silence, ready to continue the celebration tomorrow, on Good Friday.

We gather in silence.

The Prelude

At the sound of the bell, please rise and face the font.

The Entrance Rite

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

The Choir will begin; the congregation then sings the verses.



- 1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
- 2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
- 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

All



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the
that your word has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

C Amen.

P 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.

Let us kneel and make confession to God.

The assembly may sit or kneel. Silence is observed for self-reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C **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.**

P 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.

C Amen.

The Laying on of Hands

The congregation comes forward at the direction of the ushers as at Holy Communion to receive individual absolution from the Pastor.

P In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

C Amen.

Hymns During the Laying on of Hands

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

Hymn #360



- 1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
- 2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
- 3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic-tion sweet and hal-lows hu - man needs.
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

Hymn #610



- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Jesus, Remember Me

Hymn #616

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the bass line is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." The score consists of two systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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After all have returned to their seats, the congregation stands for prayer.

- P** Our Lenten pilgrimage has ended. By God's grace we have received absolution.
The liturgy of the three days has begun.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Holy God, source of all 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 write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from Exodus: 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.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 *(Read responsively with the lector)*

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,

and listened to my supplication,

for the LORD has given ear to me

whenever I called.

How shall I repay the LORD

for all the good things God has done for me?

I will lift the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all God's people.

Precious in your sight, O LORD,

is the death of your servants.

O LORD, truly I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call upon the name of the LORD.

I 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.

The Second Reading

I Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from First Corinthians: ²³For 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.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31^b-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

C **Glory to you O Lord.**

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter 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.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Homily

Please stand.

The Hymn of the Day

Our Father, We Have Wandered

Hymn #606



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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The Prayers of the Church

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

The assembly remains standing for the prayers.

After each portion of the prayers:

A God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P 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.

C Amen.

The Sharing of the Peace

P Now that we have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ our Lord, let us be reconciled to one another, and share his peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Without leaving your seat offer a wave to your neighbor, sharing God's peace, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

Anthem

Remember Me

Jay Althouse

Please stand.

The Offering Prayer

A 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.

C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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 salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints. All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Invitation to Communion

P All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Please be seated.

Distribution of The Holy Communion

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices open table hospitality. Baptized communicants of other Christian denominations, of all ages, are welcome to receive the sacrament. An usher will direct each seating area to come forward to receive the sacrament. Pick up a communion cup as you approach the altar. Please **stand** at the communion rail and the pastor will place the bread into the hands of communicants. The first chalice contains wine, the second chalice contains grape juice. A gluten free wafer is available upon request. Those persons not receiving communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Hymns During Communion

Abide with Me

Hymn #629



1 A - bid with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bid with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bid with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bid with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bid with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymn #666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Hymn #708

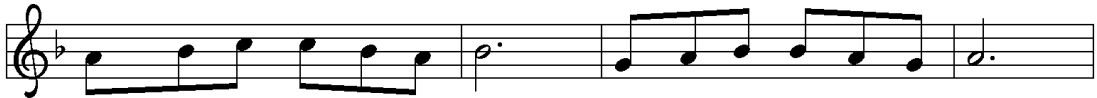
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

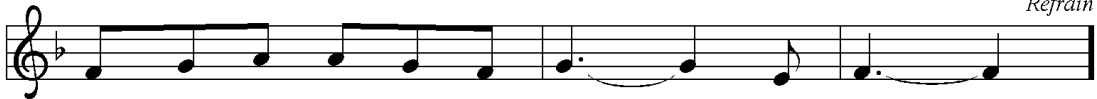


us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



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|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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Please stand.

Post Communion Blessing

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

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

The assembly sits or kneels as Psalm 22 is recited. Just as Christ was stripped of his power and glory, and placed in the hands of his captors, the church is stripped in preparation of the solemnity of Good Friday.

You are invited to remain for quiet meditation. Please leave the building in silence.

Holy week continues with Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Acknowledgments

Thank you for those who participated in the service today. Worship participants are posted on the bulletin outside the Pastor's office

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Coming up at Holy Spirit

- April 18 Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.
- April 19 Yard Sale Drop Off, 9a.m. - noon, in the narthex
- April 20 Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Egg Hunt, *following worship*
- April 26 Yard Sale Drop Off, 9a.m. - noon, in the narthex
- April 27 Prayer & Meditation: ZOOM , 7:30 p.m.
- April 30 Prayer & Meditation: In Person, 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.
- May 1 Bible Study, 6:00 p.m. @ Centerville Diner
- May 3 Holy Spirit Community Yard Sale, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- May 4 Grace Shireman Inurnment,
following worship in the memorial garden.
- May 6 Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
- May 10 Running Pump Road Adopt-a-Highway clean up, 7:00 a.m.
- May 18 Semi-annual Meeting, *following worship*
Heritage Choral Concert, 4:00 p.m.



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