

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

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Maundy Thursday



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME AND GATHERING

PRELUDE: *I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills* Chamber Choir

HYMN: *It Happened on That Fateful Night* All Stand & Sing

It happened on that fateful night
When pow'rs of earth and hell arose
Against the Son, our God's delight,
And friends betrayed him to his foes.

Before that bitter scene began,
He took the bread, and blest and broke.
What love through all his actions ran!
What wondrous words of love he spoke!

"My body, broken for your sin,
Receive and eat as living food."

He took the cup and blest the wine:
"Share this new testament, my blood."

"Do this," he said, "til time shall end,
Remembering your dying friend;
Meet at my table and record
The full obedience of your Lord."

O Lord, your feast we celebrate;
We show your death; we sing your name
Till you return, when we shall eat
The marriage supper of the Lamb.

Issac Watts, 1674-1748; hymnal version, 1978
W. Hauser, Hesperian Harp, 1848

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Throughout the season of Lent we have heard God's call to turn away from sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. Let us now confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

C Lord Christ, in the evening of this day, forgive us for our lack of attention to you, our absence of word and action in following you, and our denial of your place within our lives...

Silence for personal confession

C Help us to know your Spirit with us, your gracious forgiveness, and your strength in our hearts, that we may more closely follow you. Amen.

P As we enter into these holy Three Days, with the gift of grace in the Last Supper tonight, the crucifixion of Christ tomorrow, and the anxious waiting of Saturday, know that it is a story founded in the deep and abiding love of God for you. It is a story of the reconciliation of the world, and of God's action to forgive your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1–14

A reading from Exodus, the twelfth chapter.

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.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell 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. ⁴ If 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. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ 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. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ 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. ¹¹ This 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. ¹² For 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. ¹³ The 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.

¹⁴ This 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: Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 . . . Read Alternately, Men Start, Women **Bold verses**

¹I 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.**

¹⁶O 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.**
¹⁸I 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

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

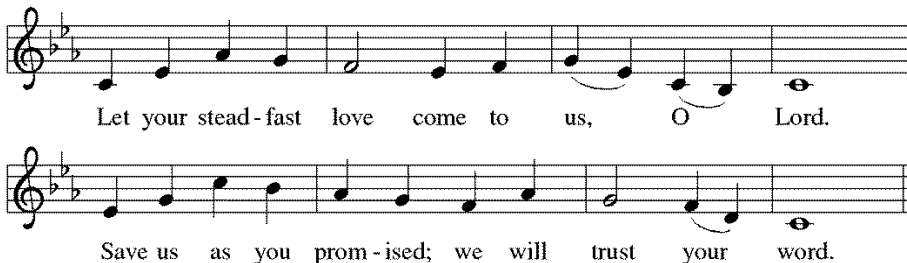
In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in the meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

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.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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 another.

¹ 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." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."



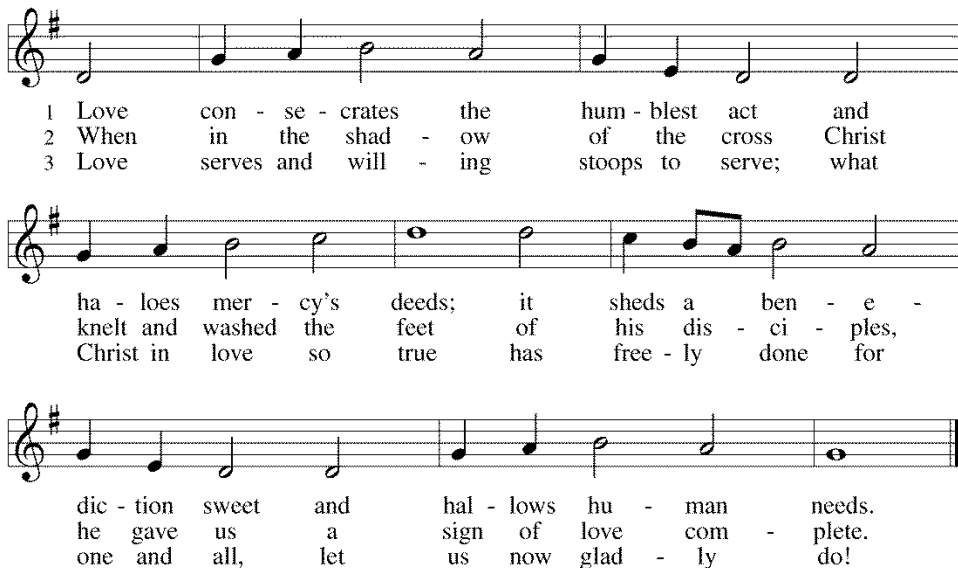
¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹ Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little 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.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By 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.

SERMON..... Pastor Micah

HYMN: *Love Consecrates the Humblest Act* All Stand & Sing



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what
ha - loes mer - cy's deeds; it sheds a ben - e -
knelt and washed the feet; of his dis - ci - ples,
Christ in love so true has free - ly done for
dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, c. 1902, alt.
Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this holy night, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy.

A brief silence.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of your church. Where there is division, grant healing. Where there is fracture, grant unity. Where there is indifference, grant passion. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the creation. Put an end to destruction and renew our commitment to the fullness of life you intend for every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the human family. Bring understanding and a spirit of cooperation to nations and communities in conflict. Dissolve distrust into understanding and transform disregard into profound care for one another. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit (*especially*). Feed those who hunger, give shelter to those without a home, heal the sick, and grant rest to the dying. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of this community. Help us seek not so much to be served, but to serve; not to be loved, but to love; not to be forgiven, but to forgive, for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness within us. Cast out all fear of separation from you, and join us to the communion of saints who celebrate at your eternal banquet table. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into the arms of your tender embrace, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who, on the cross, opened his arms to all: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING ANTHEM: *O, Holy Jesus* Church Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Praise and Thanks* All Stand & Sing



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. . .

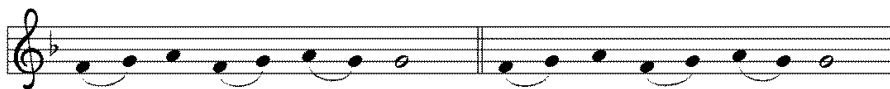
C God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.

As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

Pastor

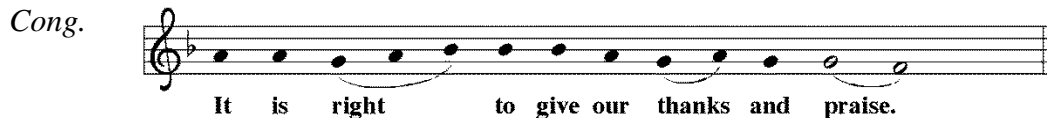
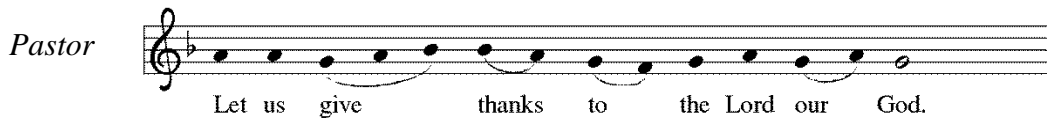
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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

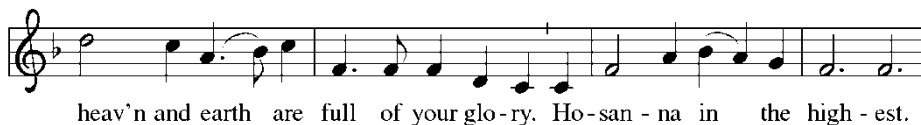


Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



PREFACE

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn...



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

C Amen.

(An Invitation to Commune is extended to everyone who believes in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Supper and repents of his or her sins. If it is difficult for you to climb the steps to receive Holy Communion, please let an usher know and they will escort you to a front pew where a communion assistant will bring the elements to you.)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG: *Jesus, Lamb of God* All Sing

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

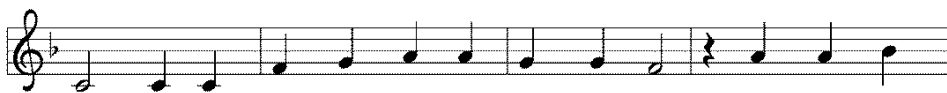
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937.
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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed All Sing



1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your
2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our
3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'ers from your fold; re - store them,
4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be



church might be for - ev - er one: help us at
sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all
too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the
one with all your church a - bove— one with your



ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and
clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to
faith your saints con-fessed of old, and to the church still
saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in



soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one
you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one
pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one
one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and



bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
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bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.
Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

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

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C We give you thanks and praise, O God, that even in the darkness of this night, your light shines. We rejoice that we have shared with Christ around his table, and we pray for his strength as we continue to be his body in the world. Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

(Chancel is cleared; All depart in silence after the Chancel is cleared)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:

Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 4)

Carmen Buell, Captain

Dean & Diann Halvorson

Barbara Kasmer

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Volunteers

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Volunteers

TELLERS: Tim & Shelia Kelly

USHERS: Volunteers

Musical Rehearsal Schedule for Easter Sunday

- Handbell Choir Rehearsal after the Sunrise Service
- Breakfast after the Service
- Church Choir at 10:10 am in Choir Room
- Children's Ensemble at 10:15 am in the Choir Room

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Easter Worship Services/Activities Schedule



- **Good Friday Service** at **7:00 pm**.



- **All children, Preschool - Grade 5**, are invited to the **Egg Hunt, 10:00 am – 12 Noon, Saturday, March 31**.
Lunch provided. Bring your Easter baskets.

- **Easter Sunrise Service** begins at **7:00 am**.
Breakfast follows the service in the fellowship hall.
NO CHILDRENS' SUNDAY SCHOOL



- **Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of Our Lord, Service**
10:30 am with Holy Communion and Flowering of the Cross

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

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