



## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**March 28, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

### **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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. . . we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer, study and fellowship  
. . . we **Equip** the people of God with a faith that works in real life  
. . . we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

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## INTRODUCTION

This evening 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. Tonight, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

## PRELUDE

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

arr. R. Vaughn Williams

## 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.

*[All sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.]*

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.**

## **GREETING**

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1–4[5–10] 11–14**

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. [<sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ] <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>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.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 [Read in unison]**

**<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

**<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?**

**<sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

**<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.**

**<sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

**<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your  
handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

**<sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of  
the LORD.**

**<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,**

**<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**SECOND READING: 1Corinthians 11:23–26**

A reading from 1Corinthians.

**<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on  
the night he was handed over for the sake of our sin, took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>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."**

**<sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the  
Lord's death until he comes.**

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – I Love You, Lord** Words and Music by Laurie Klein

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear." The guitar chords are: F<sup>2</sup>, Gm/F, F, Bb, F/A, Gm<sup>7</sup>, F/A, C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>, C, Bb/D, C/E, F<sup>2</sup>, Gm/F, F, F<sup>7</sup>, Bb, F/A, F<sub>sus</sub>/G, C<sup>7</sup>, Bb<sup>2</sup>/F, F<sup>2</sup>.

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to  
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take  
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a  
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

## **GOSPEL: John 13:1–17, 31b–35**

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

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

## **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY – Great God, Your Love Has Called Us (ELW 358)

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,  
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,  
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems  
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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## FOOTWASHING

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

*[Those desiring to have their feet washed are invited to come forward.]*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*[A brief silence.]*

God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near especially, especially Susan, Kathy, Helen, Dale, Marla, Gene, Mavis, Alice, Chip, Trudy, Harry, Lois, Mara, Charlotte, Helen, Bob, Marilyn, Todd, Eric, Karen, Allyson, Richard, and the families of Marilyn and Levine.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**



Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

“All the Room Was Hushed and Still”

Graham Kendrick

*Ryan Thompson, Soloist*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered so that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE**

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 our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - (ELW 190)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was handed over for the sake of our sin, 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**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 TO COMMUNION**

Where charity and love abide, there is God. Rejoice in this holy communion.

## **COMMUNION**

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

**Amen.**

## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

"Requiem, Lux Aeterna"

Maurice Duruflé

## **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**

*[During the reading of Psalm 22, the assembly remains seated.*

*The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space.]*

## **PSALM 22**

**"The Message"** (paraphrase of the Bible)

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[THE ASSEMBLY DEPARTS IN SILENCE]

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## FAITH VOLUNTEERS

Readers: Elaine Harrison/Ramona Backman  
Altar Care: Elaine Harrison  
Acolyte: Makayla Marquart

Lay Assistant: Mike Eschelbach  
Ushers: Jon Harrison/Diane Hill

## FLC HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Friday, March 29:

- Good Friday Service @ 7:00 pm

### Sunday, March 31:

- 8:45 am – Easter Brunch
- 10:00 am – Worship Service: **EASTER**

There will be no coffee hour following the worship service.

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