



*This is my body
that is
for you*

1 CORINTHIANS 11:24

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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. The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin word "mandatum" or "commandment." 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.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Silent Meditation (you may wish to use Psalm 91)
Bell Toll and Welcome (*please remain seated*)

▲ Confession & 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 are 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.

(please kneel or remain seated as your body allows for silent 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.

▲ Gathering Hymn

“Love Consecrates the Humblest Act”

ELW #360

▲ 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.

Word

God Speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

▼ Children’s Message

▼ First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

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.

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.

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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.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

▼ **Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19** (sung; leader/assembly)

This psalm expresses the ultimate confidence of Christ, and the Christian. With its mention of thanksgiving and the lifting of the cup, it is particularly appropriate on Maundy Thursday.

¹I love the LORD, who has ¹heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹supplication,
²**for the LORD has given ¹ear to me**
whenev- ¹er I called.
¹²How shall I re- ¹pay the LORD
for all the good things God has ¹done for me?
¹³**I will lift the cup ¹of salvation**
and call on the name ¹of the LORD.
¹⁴I will fulfill my vows ¹to the LORD
in the presence of ¹all God's people.
¹⁵**Precious in your ¹sight, O LORD,**
is the death ¹of your servants.

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¹⁶O LORD, truly I¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me¹
from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name¹ of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of¹ the LORD's house,
in the midst of you,¹ O Jerusalem.**

▼Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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 this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

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.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

▲Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



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▲ Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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 other.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

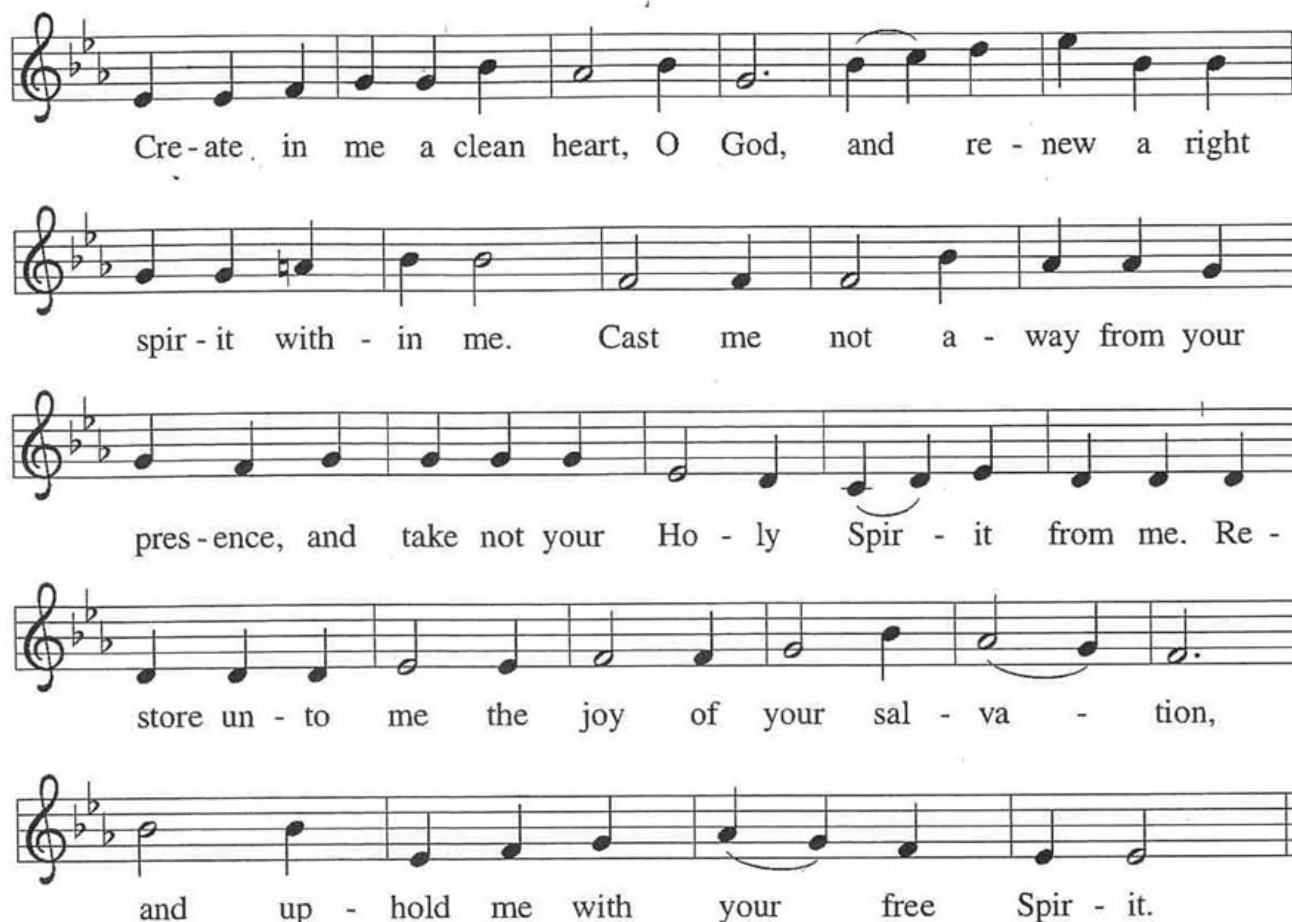
¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 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."
^{31b}"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."

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

▲ Offertory

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #188



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

▲ Offering Prayer

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

▲ Great Thanksgiving

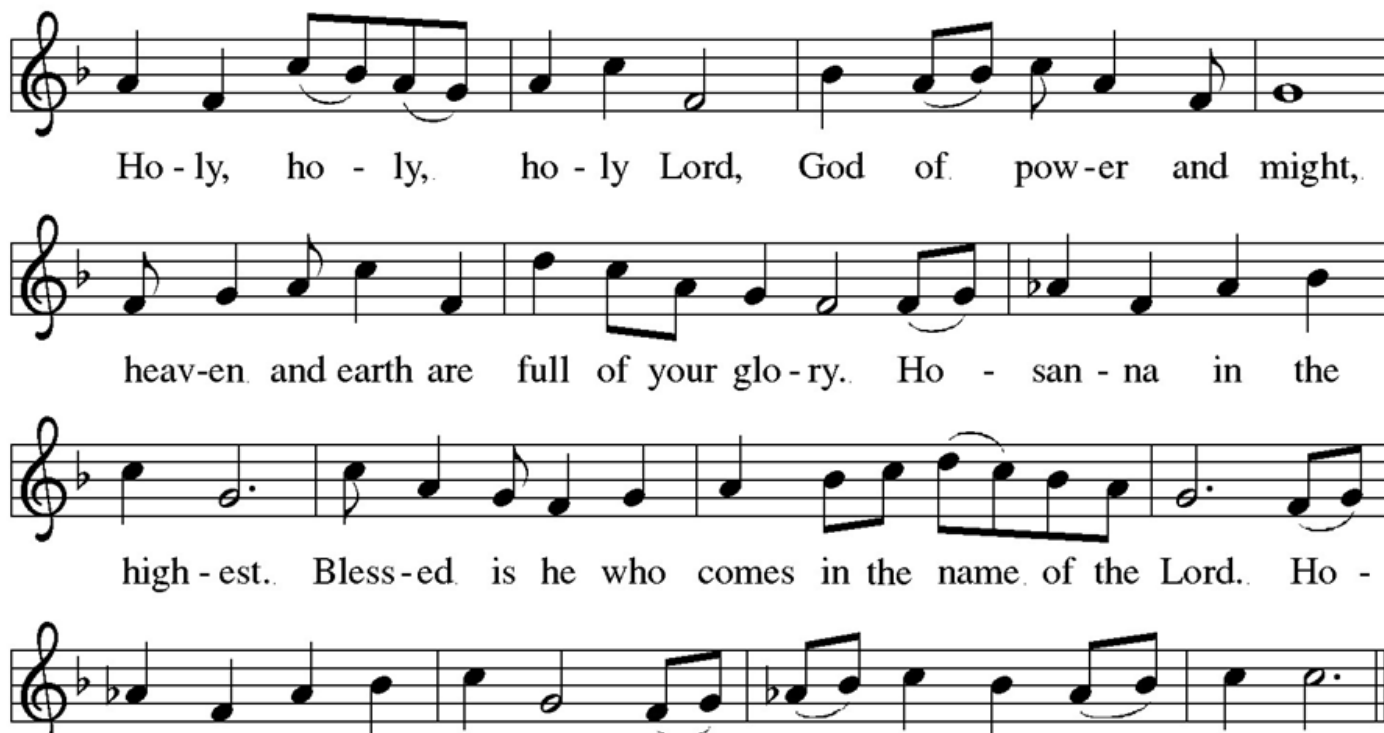
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give 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:

▲ Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

▲ Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and
your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise.
Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory.
Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.
With Sarah and Abraham we go out in faith, trusting your promise.
With Miriam and Moses we celebrate our deliverance from bondage.
With Naomi and Ruth we bind ourselves together in covenant love.
With Jonathan and David we delight in the gift of deep and abiding friendship.
With Mary and Elizabeth we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus,

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the Holy One.

With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary we give thanks for the blessings of family.
With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near.
With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's
dying and rising.

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.

With hearts full of memories and hopes,
we break this bread and share this cup,
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ,
and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us.
You are our heart's desire.
You are our priceless treasure.
You are the garden of paradise.

Come down, O Love divine.
Come among us, O passionate Fire.
Come within us, O Spirit of unity.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts,
which we are about to receive from your bounty.
Bless our table and the feast we share.
Bless us with gladness of heart.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

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At this table make us your body.
Form us to be people of justice and peace.
Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit
of love in word and deed.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Praise to you, Author of creation. Praise to you, O Beloved One.
Praise to you, O Giver of all good things.
Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

▲ Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

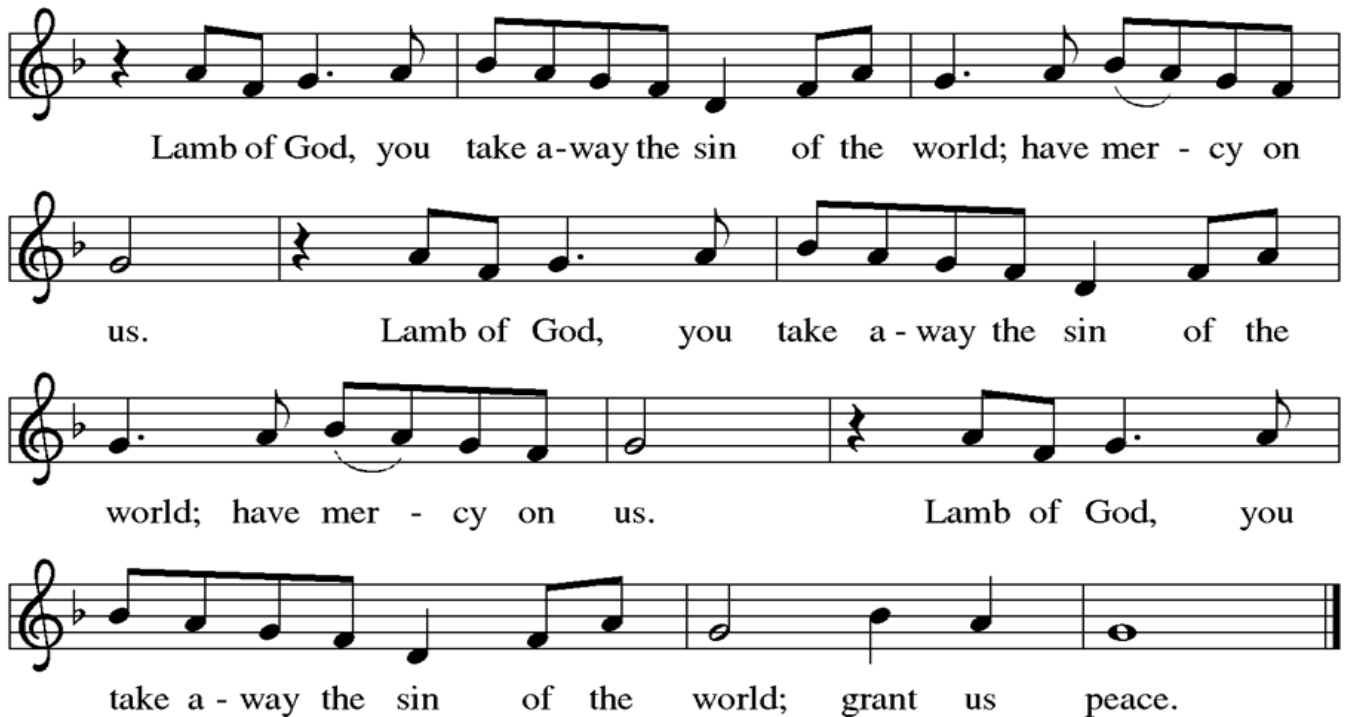


▲ Invitation to Communion

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

▲ Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

▼ Distribution of Communion

To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the host into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you desire to receive communion in the pew, please alert an usher. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

▲ Communion Hymn

"I Received the Living God"

ELW #477

▲ Table Blessing

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

▲ Prayer after Communion

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. Amen.**



▼ Stripping of the Altar *(please kneel or remain seated as your body allows)*

As Psalm 22 is read, the altar is stripped, a reminder of our Lord's humiliation at the soldiers' hands. The empty, dark chancel prepares us for the liturgies of Good Friday.

During the psalm, please sing with the choir "Stay With Me"

ELW #348

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

There is no benediction, since this service is continued through Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

After the stripping of the altar, you are invited to remain and pray or meditate as long as you wish. Once the ministers have departed, the congregation may leave in silence.



MAUNDY *Thursday*

We Celebrate with our Young People who participated in the Holy Communion class and made the communion pendants located in the windows of the sanctuary.

The following names are those who will receive their First Holy Communion tonight or began this year.

*Elio John Bruzda
Gracelyn Joanne Ferry
Asa Jacob Gebhart
Callie Skye Majorsky
Mallorie Shay Nash
Colin Michael O'Brien
Shane Leland O'Brien
Levi Samuel Rager
Harper Grace Savage
Peyton Louise Savage*

Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they now join with us each week at God's table to receive the body and blood of Christ.

Serving Tonight

Preaching: Pr. Jason Felici

Presiding: Pr. Jess Felici

Director of Music: Debbie Morley

Liturgical Deacons: Kelly Stanko, Kathy Ferlin

Acolytes: Kaden S., Mallory H.

Lector: Donna Showalter

Psalm 22 reading: Kelly Clever

Ushers: Don & Kasha Loveridge, Beth & Tom Dlugos

We invite you to join with us in worship as we journey through this Holy Week forgiven, well-fed at the table, witness to Jesus' crucifixion, and ultimately into the Light of Christ of our Risen Lord!

April 3 - 10:00am - Good Friday Family Worship Service and Day Camp

Noon-3:00pm - "Seven Last Words"

First Word - Rev. Jessica Felici, Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe

Second Word - Rev. Jonathan Adams, St. James Lutheran Church, Ligonier

Third Word - Deacon Denise Hegemann, Prince of Peace Lutheran, Latrobe

Fourth Word - Rev. Jason Felici, Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe

Fifth Word - Rev. Erin Jones, SWPA Synod DEM

Sixth Word - Rev. Bill Schaefer, Prince of Peace Lutheran, Latrobe

Seventh Word - Father Bruce Bevans, Interim, Bethel Lutheran Church,
Stahlstown

7:00pm - Tenebrae

April 4 - Saturday 7:30pm - Easter Vigil

followed by Easterfest in Fellowship Hall

April 5 - Sunday 8:15am & 10:45am

Easter Sunday Services of Holy Communion



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