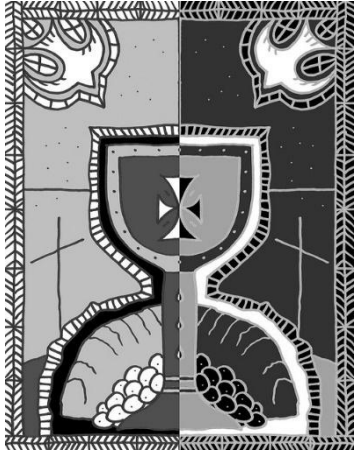


MAUNDY *Thursday*



A new commandment I give unto you,
That ye love one another; as I have loved you,
that ye also love one another.

John 13:34



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**Thursday, April 17, 2025
Maundy Thursday
7:00PM**

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.

GATHERING

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

Let us prepare for Worship.

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Gregory Hamilton
A New Commandment (Sanctuary Choir) David Barton

The Congregation stands.

DIALOGUE

P: Let us glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection, by whom we are saved and delivered.

All: **God, be gracious to us and bless us, make your face to shine upon us, and have mercy on us.**

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 these Holy Days reconciled with God and with one another.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us make confession to God.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

All: Amen

PRAYER

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.

All: Amen.

HYMN: Three Holy Days Enfold Us NowACS 930

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
 praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

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The Congregation sits.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING: EXODUS 12:1-4, 11-14

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. 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.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19 (Congregation sings the refrain and **bold** verses.)

Refrain:

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

Verse:

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.

¹ I 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.**

¹² How 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. R**

¹⁴ I 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.**

¹⁶ O 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.**

¹⁸ I 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. R**

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.

L: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

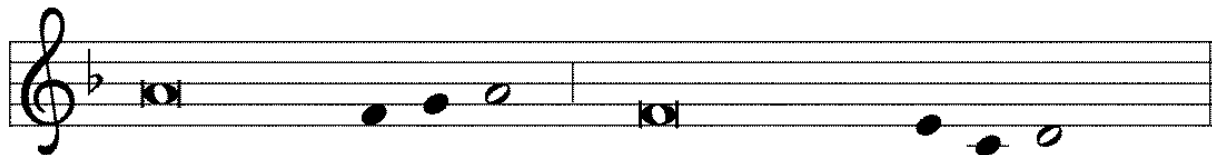
The Congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Refrain:



Verse:



(John 13:34)

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 another.

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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Congregation sits.

HOMILY

Silence for reflection.

The Congregation stands.

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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The congregation sits.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Merciful God.

All: **Receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The presiding minister and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry at Holy Trinity. Offering can be placed in the Offering Plate at the entrance to worship or in the Offering Box on the table with the bulletins.

TABLE SETTING SONG: *Come to the Table* **ELW 481**

(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)

The congregation stands.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.


All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

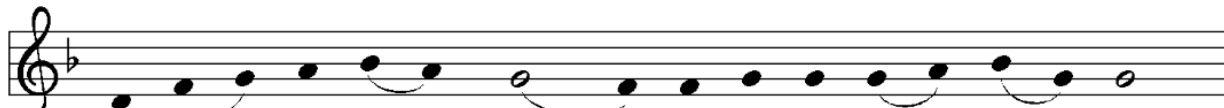
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE


P: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:




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Happy are they who are called to his Supper.
All: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The Congregation sits.

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. A - men.

COMMUNION MUSIC: *God is Love (Sanctuary Choir)* Mark Mummert
Bread of Life from Heaven **ELW 474**
(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)

The congregation stands.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

All: Amen.

As we remember Jesus going to his arrest and his death, the events from which all the mercy that fills this night flows, listen to Psalm 88 as we strip the altar area of the church. Join in singing the refrain repeatedly and lightly as the Psalm is read. Jesus Christ was stripped of his power and glory and placed in the hands of his captors, the church is stripped in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday.

Sung continuously

By day and night I cry to you. By

day and night I cry to you. By

PSALM 88

¹O Lord, my God, my Savior, by day and night I cry to you.

²Let my prayer enter into your presence;
incline your ear to my lamentation.

³For I am full of trouble; my life is at the brink of the grave.

⁴I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I have become like one who has no strength;

⁵lost among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.

⁶You have laid me in the depths of the pit,
in dark places, and in the abyss.

⁷Your anger weighs upon me heavily,
and all your great waves overwhelm me.

⁸You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them;
I am in prison and cannot get free.

⁹My sight has failed me because of trouble;
Lord, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.

¹⁰Do you work wonders for the dead?
Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

¹¹Will your lovingkindness be declared in the grave,
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

¹²Will your wonders be known in the dark
or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?

¹³But as for me, O Lord, I cry to you for help;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

¹⁴ Lord, why have you rejected me?
Why have you hidden your face from me?

¹⁵Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death;
I have borne your terrors and am helpless.

¹⁶Your blazing anger has swept over me;
your terrors have destroyed me;

¹⁷they surround me all day long like a flood;
they encompass me on every side.

¹⁸My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me,
and darkness is my only companion.

Depart in Silence.

Please join us on Friday, April 18th for the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm.

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Welcome to Maundy Thursday worship as we mark some intimate moments Jesus shares with his closest friends before his death. May his peace be with you. We extend a special welcome to all visitors and encourage you to pick up a “Visitor’s Bag” on the stand in the narthex and sign the visitor’s register.

Thank you for joining us for worship today in-person and through livestreaming.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite all people, as well as young children who are not yet receiving the Sacrament to come forward and receive a blessing. Please ask the Pastor if you need a gluten free option. At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Thus, we believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine. At his table Christ grants us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. *May your hearts be opened, and your lives made new by his gracious love.* Please give your completed communion card to the usher during communion.

Holy Communion distribution today: The usher will guide you down the center aisle. Prepackaged Communion elements with grape juice are available on the small table. If your preference is regular wine or non-alcoholic wine, take a cup from the silver trays. Proceed to the Pastor to receive a wafer or have the prepackaged elements blessed. Proceed to the rail where there will be an assistant on either side with regular wine. There will also be one assistant with non-alcoholic wine. Stand or kneel as you are able and remain at the rail for as long as you desire.

Communion Elements are available for “Live Stream” worship at home. Please contact the church office at 717-533-2467 or by email at htluth@comcast.net to arrange to pick up elements or have them delivered to your home.

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SERVING TODAY

- Presiding:** Pastor Jan Mills
- Assisting Minister:** Ruth Gardner
- Communion Assistants:** Jen Keeler and Rodney Gross
- Reader:** Lynn Budgeon
- Acolytes:** Adam Gardner and Sydney Keeler
- Livestream:** Kirk Sponaugle



Holy Week

Worship Schedule

Friday, April 18- Good Friday

7:00 PM Worship Reading of the Passion according to St. John
and Veneration of the Cross

Sunday, April 20- Easter Day

8:00 AM Festival Communion
(2 services this week only)

9:15 AM Easter Fellowship Gathering

10:00 AM Festival Communion

Easter Fellowship and Celebration

Please join us on Easter Sunday at 9:15 a.m. for refreshments and celebration. We are not holding an Easter Egg hunt this year, but we will have ***special treats*** for all the young people. We hope to see you on Easter morning as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord together.

You are Welcome Here!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes and affirms everyone seeking God's love and grace, regardless of faith background, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, size, class, immigration, or relationship status. We explicitly stand against hate and discrimination, as our Church community strives to continually grow and learn within the Body of Christ according to Christ's teachings. We are committed to creating and maintaining a welcoming and safe environment for all people.