

# Maundy Thursday

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Lutheran Book of Worship  
Order of Worship

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**GATHERING**

*Prelude (a time for silent meditation)*

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

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.

*(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 in 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**

### **“Go to Dark Gethsamane”**

**LBW 109**

- 1** Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see.  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2** Follow to the judgment hall,  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.
- 3** Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry;  
learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4** Early hasten to the tomb,  
where they laid his breathless clay;  
all is solitude and gloom.  
Who has taken him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.

## **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, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, we worship and praise, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## **WORD**

**First Reading:** Exodus 12:1-4, [5-10], 11-14

<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

<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:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

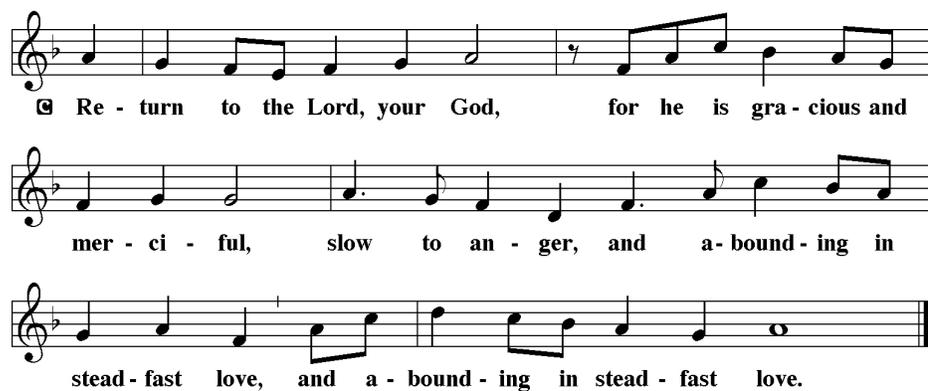
<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the 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**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## **Gospel Reading**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C:



☩ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## **Gospel:** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

<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

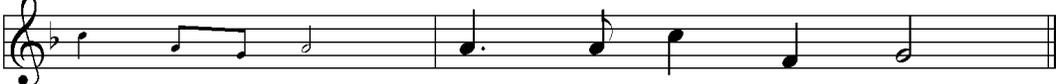
has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

<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.”

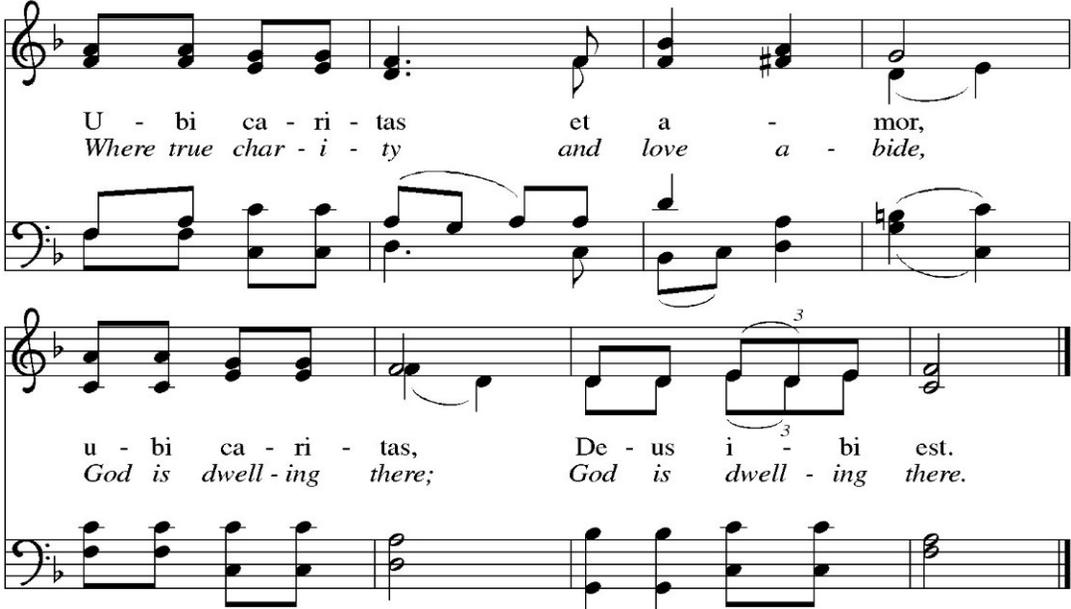
**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated.)*

**Sermon**

Ubi caritas et amor  
*Where True Charity and Love Abide*



U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.  
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

**Hymn of the Day:** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

WOV 765

**Refrain**

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them.

**Refrain**

- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are nearby and far away.

**Refrain**

- 3 These are the ones we will serve,  
these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.

**Refrain**

- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you.

**Refrain**

**Prayer of the Church**

Each petition ends with... God of grace.

The congregation responds... **Hear our prayer.**

**Sharing of the Peace** *(nods & waves)*

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

C: **And also with you.**

**The Offering**

(Please leave your offering in the basket at the entrance of the Sanctuary at the end of the service or on our website: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJ34/home>)

**The Offertory** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray...

**Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
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.**

## SACRAMENT

### 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (*preface continues with words for the season and concludes...*) 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. Ho - san - na.  
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.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, 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***

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

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.

### ***Post-Communion Blessing***

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

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

**Amen.**

### ***Post-Communion Canticle***

Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.  
 My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the  
 sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal you to the  
 na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men

## ***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 be seated.)*

*(The linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles are removed from the altar and  
chancel. As this is done, Psalm 22 is read by the leader.)*

### **Psalm 22**

- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;  
by night, but I find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued them.
- <sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.
- <sup>8</sup>“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”
- <sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my mother’s breast.
- <sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.
- <sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- <sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a slashing and roaring lion.

- <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- <sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of death.
- <sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.
- <sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones  
while they stare at me and gloat.
- <sup>18</sup>They divide my garments among them;  
for my clothing, they cast lots.
- <sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.
- <sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.
- <sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- <sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
- <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- <sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied.  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.
- <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- <sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

*(All leave the church in silence.)*

## OUR MISSION

- + To **gather** as God's people and nurture one another
- + To **know** the Word of God
- + To **grow** in faith, love, and service
- + To **go** into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ



## SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Lay Reader	George Henry
Communion Assistant	Joyce Heiss

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE

Services can be attended in person or via Zoom. They will also be live-streamed on Facebook. A recording of the service will be uploaded to YouTube and linked to the church website immediately after the service concludes.



### **Ecumenical Good Friday Service – Friday April 18, 12:00 pm** **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Southampton**

Advent is participating in a community ecumenical Good Friday service, “Seven Last Words of Christ,” at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 18. The service will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 877 Street Road, Southampton, PA 18966.

### **Good Friday Tenebrae Service – April 18, 7:00 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89413667887>

### **Easter Sunday/Resurrection of Our Lord – Sunday, April 20**

#### **8:00 AM service**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89195039877? Pwd=dnVRTlRGamJQVXNZbENIVDJTTopnUT09>

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Passcode: 443533

#### **9:30 AM service**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85405629972?pwd=aGErSFNlbVAvNmZsQkIzWVpTTktlQT09>

Meeting ID: 854 0562 9972

Passcode: 506714