



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Masks are welcomed,
but no longer required.
Vaccinations are highly
recommended.
Please maintain
appropriate distancing
between households and
use hand sanitizer.



All are invited to join us at
the Lord's table for Holy
Communion.



Our AED machine is
mounted on the wall in
the stairway near the
baptismal font.



Please silence your
cell phone.



Trinity Lutheran Church
is recognized by
Reconciling Works as a
"Reconciling in Christ"
Congregation which
welcomes all LGBTQ+
persons into all facets of
congregational life.

MAUNDY THURSDAY THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 7:30 PM APRIL 14, 2022

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.

P Presiding Minister **A** Assisting Minister **C** Congregation

We gather in silence.

FOOT WASHING

Prayer before going to church on Maundy Thursday

I will walk in the wind
to meet you Jesus
to let you wash my feet.
I don't want to.

I would rather stay here in the warm,
away from your towels and water
and offers of forgiveness,
for I know what you mean,
what you ask,
what you give.

But I will come,
for I cannot stay here alone,
and I cannot run elsewhere,
for I know that you are waiting,
welcoming.
And I know that only you
can heal me and hold me.

Washing of the Feet

Le Banquet Céleste (The Celestial Banquet, 1928)

Oliver Messiaen

This piece about the Holy Eucharist has two themes: the first, slow, sustained, far away, mysterious, representing most of all the love God has for us by sacrificing his Son; the second, a melody played by the feet like "drops of water," representing Christ's blood "that was shed for us for the remission of sins."

Please kneel or remain seated.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

C **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.

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.

C **Amen**

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Be seated.

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

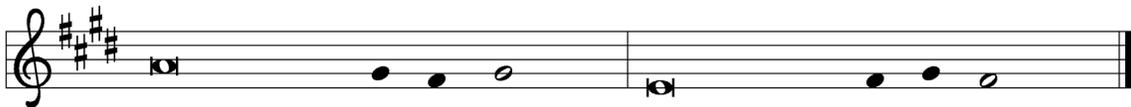
Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival recalled the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

After the reading:

- A** Word of God, word of life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116

The psalm is chanted in unison.



I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.

How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.

Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.

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

I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,
in the courts of | the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, | 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, through 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 again.

After the reading:

- A** Word of God, word of life.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31-35

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.

- P** The Holy Gospel according to John.
- G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

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

Be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY - Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

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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Please kneel or be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

A brief silence. Each petition concludes:

A Merciful God,
G **receive our prayer.**

After the final petition:

P We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts,
trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.
G **Amen**

Please stand as you are able.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G **And also with you.**

Please greet one another from a distance and then be seated.

OFFERTORY

In Monte Oliveti (On the Mount of Olives)

Anton Bruckner

The Trinity Choir

*In monte Oliveti,
Oravit ad Patrem.
Pater, si fieri Potest,
Transeat a me calix iste:
Fiat voluntas tua.*

Sorrowful there on the Mount of Olives,
Christ our Lord prayed to the Father.
Father, if possible, Father;
Let this cup pass from me:
Let Thy will be done.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Extravagant God,
G **you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.**
Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the
body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, ...be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **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

- P** Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

DISTRIBUTION

Following the direction of the usher, approach the altar, maintaining a safe distance between households. Please ask your server if you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty glass in the corner basket. Those not partaking of communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to approach the altar for communion, inform the usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

After all have received Communion, please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

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

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.
G Amen

Please kneel or be seated. Silence is kept by all.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The service concludes with the stripping of the altar, a reminder of Jesus' humiliation and stripping before his crucifixion. Preparing for the somber starkness of Good Friday, the choir and cantors Peter Graf and Ben Hoover chant Psalm 88.

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All are asked to leave the church in silence.

LEADERS IN LITURGY

Preacher and Presiding: Pr. Mark Christy

Assisting Minister: Dcs. Deborah Graf

Minister of Music: Karen S. Eddinger

Foot Washing: Jen & Avery Mazur and Raye Watson

Altar Guild: Anita Dolak, David Himes, Amy Reinsel, Amy Stewart-Himes,

Avery Mazur, and Raye Watson

Stripping of the Altar: Linda Motley, Joshua, Christine, Jacinda, and Cecilia Motley,

CJ and Cobi Motley, Jen Borst, and Noah Redmond