

Maundy Thursday, occurring on the eve of our Lord's crucifixion, begins the celebration of the holy three days of Christ's Passover, commonly known as the Triduum. The service on this day culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Christ's Passion and Resurrection and leads into His sacrifice on our behalf. Consequently, the service, like that for Good Friday, exhibits a mood of restrained joy. The Triduum includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

## **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

Member Parish of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 1908  
2200 Lee Street (in Five Points) Columbia, South Carolina

**Maundy Thursday**  
**28 March 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

This Evening's Hymns

<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread</i>	LSB 625
<i>When You Woke that Thursday Morning</i>	LSB 445
<i>Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior</i>	LSB 640
<i>Now My Tongue, the Mystery Telling (Stz 1-4)</i>	LSB 630
<i>O Lord, We Praise Thee</i>	LSB 617

## **Holy Communion:**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

**Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.**

—LCMS Communion Statement

## **Maundy Thursday Service Notes**

The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution signals the end of the Lenten preparations with the absolution and peace of Christ that stand at the center of the Three Days. The Service of the Word focuses upon Christ's sacrificial service demonstrated in His washing of His disciples' feet, a servanthood enacted on the cross and whose benefits are bestowed in His means of grace. The service culminates with the Lord's ministry to His people through the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death on Good Friday. On Holy Thursday, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover from death to life and from captivity to freedom.

Due to the unified character of the services of the Triduum, the Benediction is omitted on this day.

### **Holy Week 2024**

#### **Good Friday, March 29**

3:00 PM Good Friday Service

#### **Holy Saturday, March 30**

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

#### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

10:30 AM Divine Service

Holy Week has come with special services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. There was no church service more important to the ancient church than the Great Vigil of Easter. Typically, the service would start some time after sundown and would continue for quite some time late into the night. This ancient service is the church's first acknowledgment of the Resurrection of our Lord in the Easter celebrations. The timing is set with the Jewish (and biblical) understanding that the day starts in the evening at the setting of the sun. Therefore, Easter Sunday actually begins at sunset on Saturday. Throughout the season of Lent, we have put away the Alleluias and the Gloria in the Divine Service. Already at the Great Vigil of Easter, we will have sung our first Alleluias in the season of the Resurrection of Our Lord, and you won't want to miss this special service, which begins at 8:00 PM.

## † In the Name of Jesus †

- + Silence for Prayers.....Psalm 116:12-19  
 + **ENTERING HYMN**.....*Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread*.....LSB 625

## SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** I will go to the altar of God,

**C** to God my exceeding joy.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Sit*

*The Confessional Address for Maundy Thursday is read.*

**P** ...May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**C** Amen.

**P** Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*All are invited to come to the altar rail for confession and absolution.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. **C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's? **C** Yes.

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

**P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

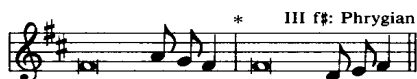
*As they are absolved, individuals may return to their seats.*

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in † peace. **C** Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

The service continues with the Service of the Word from the Divine Service Setting Three, starting on page 186 in the LSB.

## + INTROIT



But far be it from | me to boast\*  
except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.  
**In him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from the dead;\***  
**by him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.**  
May God be gracious to us and | bless us\*  
and make his face to shine up- | on us,  
**that your way may be | known on earth,\***  
**your saving power among all | nations.**  
Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*  
let all the peoples | praise you!  
**God, our God, shall | bless us.\***  
**God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth | fear him!**  
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except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.  
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**by him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.**

+ **KYRIE**.....*Lord, Have Mercy*.....p. 186

+ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**.....p. 189

**P** O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

+ **OLD TESTAMENT**.....*Exodus 12:1-14*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. Then 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. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s

Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

+ **PSALM**.....*Psalm 41*

Blessèd is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord de- | livers him;\*  
the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;  
you do not give him up to the will of his | enemies.

**The Lord sustains him on his | sickbed;\***  
**in his illness you restore him to | full health.**

As for me, I said, “O Lord, be gra- | cious to me;\*  
heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst you!”

**My enemies say of me in | malice,\***  
**“When will he die and his name | perish?”**

And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers in- | iquity;\*  
when he goes out, he tells | it abroad.

**All who hate me whisper together a- | bout me;\***  
**they imagine the | worst for me.**

They say, “A deadly thing is poured | out on him;\*  
he will not rise again from | where he lies.”

**Even my close friend in whom I | trusted,\***  
**who ate my bread, has lifted his heel a- | gainst me.**

But you, O Lord, be gra- | cious to me,\*  
and raise me up, that I may re- | pay them!

**By this I know that you de- | light in me:\***  
**my enemy will not shout in triumph | over me.**

But you have upheld me because of my in- | tegrity,\*  
and set me in your presence for- | ever.

**Blessèd be the Lord, the God of | Israel,\***  
**from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and | Amen.**

+ **THE EPISTLE**.....*1 Corinthians 11:23-32*

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of

the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

*Stand*

+ **TRACT**

**He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;\***  
**the LORD is gracious and | merciful.**

**He provides food for those who | fear him;\***  
**he remembers his covenant for- | ever.**

**My flesh is true food, and my blood is | true drink.\***  
**Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and | I in him.**

+ **HOLY GOSPEL**.....*John 13:1-15, 34-35*

**☩ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.” ... “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**☩** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **☩ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

+ **NICENE CREED**.....p. 191

*Sit*

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY**.....*When You Woke that Thursday Morning*.....LSB 445

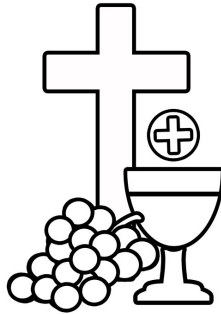
+ **SERMON**

*Stand*

+ **HYMN**.....*Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior*.....LSB 640

+ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

+ **HYMN**.....*Now My Tongue, the Mystery Telling*.....LSB 630  
(Stanzas 1- 4)



## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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*Sit*

+ **DISTRIBUTION**    *As you come to the altar you may receive our Lord's Body either by mouth or hand. As you drink His Blood from the chalice, please grasp it at the bottom to assist the one serving you.*

+ **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**.....*O Lord, We Praise Thee*.....LSB 617

*Stand*

+ **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

# STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*Immediately following the Post-Communion Collect, the communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn service of Good Friday. Altar guild members present at the service tonight are invited to come forward to the altar rail to receive items. Worshipers are asked to wait at the pulpit side first pew for items to be handed to them by altar guild members. Vessels, appointments, and linens will be carried into the parish hall while Psalm 22 is chanted.*

*After the altar is stripped and the psalm is completed, the congregation may leave the sanctuary in silence.*

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