

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday

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4:00 PM



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**GLORIA DEI**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

**We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.**

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.

**Participating in Today's Service:**

**Pastor:** Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara

**Music Director:** Len Cremisio

**Assistant Ministers**

**Reader:**

**Crucifer:**

**Assisting Minister:** Patricia Bressler

**Ushers:** Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick, John Kelly,  
Craig Carlson

**Prelude:**

**WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly is seated*

**PREPARE FOR WORSHIP: ELW 801 "Change My Heart, O God"**

*Please Stand*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,

you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

*After the confession, people may come forward to receive individual forgiveness with the laying on of hands.*

*The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn.*

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

*The person may respond*

Amen.

**BACKGROUND HYMN DURING LAYING ON OF HANDS:  
ELW 814 "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"**

### **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...

*A brief silence is kept for our own intentions.*

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

### **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.*

<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.

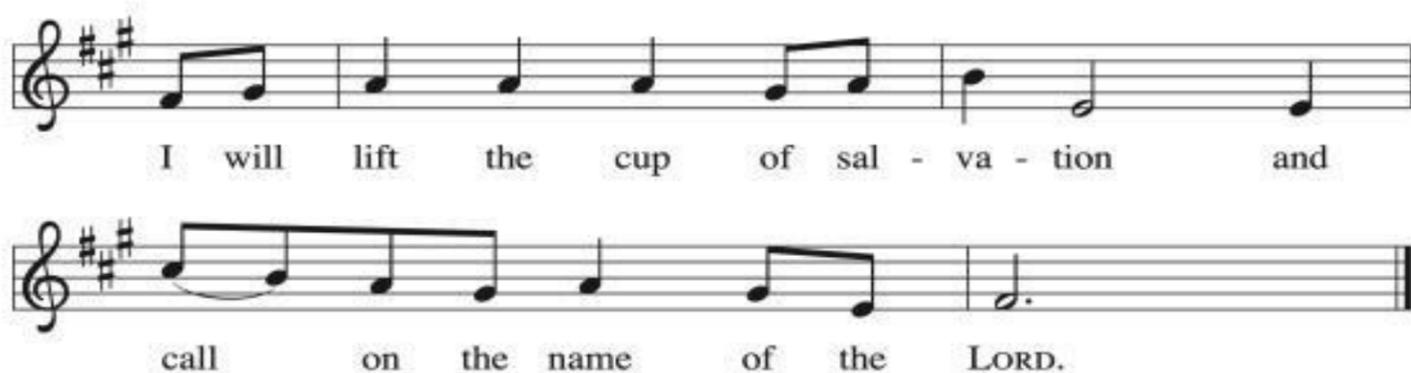
<sup>11</sup> This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup> I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and 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."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2,12-19**



Psalm 116:13.

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<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  
whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I re- | pay 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. R**

<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. 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.*

<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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 176 "Lenten Acclamation"**

### **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.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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 decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. 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 supper, 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 reclined again, 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, slaves 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."

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 810 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

## **FOOTWASHING/HANDWASHING:**

*You are invited to come forward and have your feet or hands washed. You may wash each other's feet or hands, or ask Pr. Lynn to wash your feet.*

### **Blessing for Maundy Thursday**

O God of love,  
as your Son washed the feet of his disciples,  
he revealed his undying love that would lead him to the cross.  
May this simple act be a sign of our love for one another,  
and our call to serve our neighbors and all those in need,  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **HYMN during FOOTWASHING: ELW 708 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

*When all have returned to their seats, the service continues with the Prayers.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## **PEACE**

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

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

# **MEAL**

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord, your God, which he has given you.

## **OFFERTORY: ELW 185 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer. Please stand at the invitation to 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.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS: ELW 189 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The Presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer*

O God triune, ... The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, ... The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

In the night ...

Gathered around this table ...The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, ... The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:*

Amen, and amen.

**Amen, and amen.**

**\*THE LORDS PRAYER** *(Sung)* **ELW Pg. 305**

*(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).*

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 pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

**LAMB OF GOD: ELW 198 "O Lamb of God"**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).*

*The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host.*

*The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non-alcoholic juice (small chalice).*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

*The body of Christ, given for you.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

*The appropriate response is:*

*Amen.*

*During the distribution, please pray silently or join in singing.*

**HYMN: ACS 966 “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”** *(see insert)*

**CHOIR: The Lord Jesus**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please remain seated:*

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**

**PSALM: Psalm 22**

*Read slowly during this time.*

**ALL DEPART IN SILENCE.**

***The end of Worship –  
The beginning of Christian Ministry.***

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**9:30 a.m.**

**Fellowship:**

**Communion Wine:** For April is given to the Glory of God

**Altar Flowers:** Given to the Glory of God



