

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mission statement – “Loving God, Loving People”

### *Maundy Thursday*

April 2, 2026 – 7:30pm

In-Person & On Zoom

#### PRELUDE

#### \* 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.*

P Most merciful God,

**C 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.**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Gather us from the scattered places where we live,

**C: and bring us into the house of the Lord.**

P: Gather us from a world filled with anger and hate,

**C: and bring us into a house built by love.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN 358      “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”**

**\* GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**\* 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.**

FIRST LESSON: *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

<sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY**– *Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19*

**P** I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

**C** **for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

**P** How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

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

**P** I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people

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

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

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

**P** I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people,

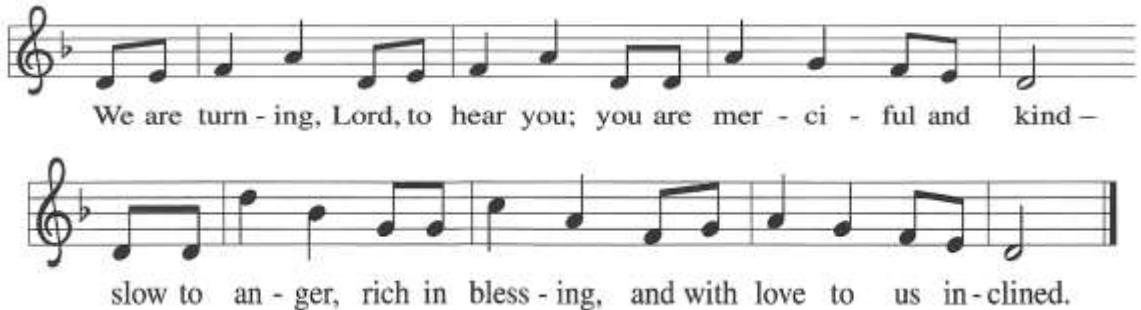
**C** **in the courts of the LORD’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**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**

(Setting 10, Page 205)



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -  
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> chapters

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

The Holy Gospel: *John 13:1-7,12-17,33-35; 14:1-6,16-20,27; 15:9-12,18-21; 16:19-23*

<sup>13:1</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>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>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.”

<sup>14:1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.<sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.<sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.”<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

<sup>16</sup> “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.<sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.<sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me;

because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

<sup>27</sup> “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

<sup>15:9</sup> “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>18</sup> “If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you, ‘Slaves are not greater than their master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. <sup>21</sup> But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.”

<sup>16:19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, ‘A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup> Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is in labor, she has pain because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. <sup>22</sup> So you have pain now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. <sup>23</sup> On that day you will ask nothing of me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**THE SERMON**

Rev. Daniel Swanson

**HYMN 708**

**“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”**

**\* THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered  
death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**\* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**\* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD**

THE CHURCH COUNCIL has designated our special Lent & Easter offerings as follows: LaVale Food Pantry.

*These offerings consist of Ash Wednesday, Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday envelopes and any loose money at these services and the special yellow Easter envelope.*

Anthem

“A Servant Song” (Duet by Heidi Rose, Debbie Fornwalt)

Chancel Choir

Martin

**\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\* OFFERTORY**

(Hymn tune 316)

**When grains of wheat fall in the ground,  
New life within their death is found.**

**When grapes are crushed, there flows new wine.  
So from Christ's death flow gifts divine.**

**With Christ we die; with Christ we live;  
To Christ our ransomed lives we give.  
With grateful hearts, our gifts in hand,  
Before the cross of Christ we stand.**

**\* OFFERING PRAYER**

P: 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**

**\* 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 God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right .....and join their unending hymn:

**\* (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)**

(Setting 4, page 153)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

**\* THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**\* THE 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.**

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

## THE AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

Hymn 336

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod and to be - come the Lamb of God, O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God, O Lamb of  
rod and to be called a lamb of God, O Lamb of

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me

in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Music: Twila Paris

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YOUR ONLY SON  
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## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Hymn 472

“Eat this Bread”

### \* POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

\* **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

\* **THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

Psalm 22

**Refrain:**

Robert Buckley Farlee



<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me  
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;  
by night as well, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> Our forefathers put their trust in you;  
they trusted and you delivered them.      **REFRAIN**

<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 no man,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads saying,

<sup>8</sup> "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him if he delights in him."      **REFRAIN**

<sup>9</sup> Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,  
and kept me safe upon 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 none to help.

<sup>12</sup> Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.      **REFRAIN**

<sup>13</sup> They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a ravening and a 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 mouth is dried out like a pot-herd; my tongue sticks to the roof of  
my mouth, and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

<sup>16</sup> Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.

**REFRAIN**

<sup>17</sup> They stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

<sup>18</sup> Be not far away, O Lord;  
you are my strength, hasten to help me.

<sup>19</sup> Save me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.

<sup>20</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth,  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.      **REFRAIN**

<sup>21</sup> I will declare your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

<sup>22</sup> Praise the Lord, you that fear him;  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give  
glory.

<sup>23</sup> For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does  
he hide his face from them;  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

<sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

**REFRAIN**

<sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall  
praise him:

"May your heart live forever."

<sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

<sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations.

<sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

<sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

<sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.      **REFRAIN**

***We leave in silence.***

*To be continued tomorrow evening –  
Good Friday at 7:30pm*

**Holy Week Services –**

**Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm In-Person and on Zoom**

**Easter Vigil, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm In-Person and on Zoom**

**Easter Service, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am In-Person and on Zoom**

**Lectors for our Services**

Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul Chiarenza

Good Friday, 7:30pm, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jack Murray

Easter Vigil, 8:00pm, April 4<sup>th</sup> –

Next Sunday Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Gary Llewellyn

**Organist** – Rae Ann Smith

**Ushers** – Bill Bingman, Jeff Smith

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