

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025 6:45 p.m. and Livestream



The Last Supper by Mike Moyers

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Rev. Drew McCaffery, Pastor

Prelude

Ave Verum

Mozart

Please stand as you are able.

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.

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 \dagger 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 be seated.

People may come forward for the laying on of hands and individual absolution:

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

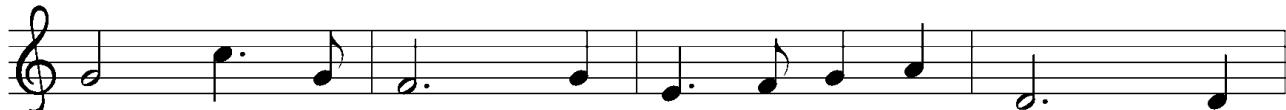
Response: **Amen.**

After all who desire have come forward, please stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn

Lift High the Cross

No. 660



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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.**

P *Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love,*
C **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.**

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

A *A Reading from Exodus. ¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.*

¹⁴This 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.

A *The word of the Lord.*
C **Thanks be to God.**

A *¹I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,*

C **²for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

A *¹²How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things God has done for me?*

C **¹³I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

A *¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people.*

C **¹⁵Precious in your sight, O Lord,
is the death of your servants.**

A *¹⁶O Lord, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed
me from my bonds.*

C **¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

A *¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,*

C **¹⁹in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A A reading from first Corinthians. ²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In 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.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please rise, as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



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.

Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P The holy gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ¹Now 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. ²*The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper* ³*Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God,* ⁴*got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.* ⁵*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.* ⁶*He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"* ⁷*Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."* ⁸*Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."* Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹*Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"* ¹⁰*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."* ¹¹*For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."*

¹²*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? "* ¹³*You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am.* ¹⁴*So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.* ¹⁵*For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.* ¹⁶*Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.* ¹⁷*If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."*

^{31b}*"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.* ³²*If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.* ³³*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.'* ³⁴*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.*

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By 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

The Rev. Drew McCaffery

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

No. 708

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Refrain

Please be seated.

P *On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. While in our time, the use of feet are not seen as common, as it was in the time of Jesus. In our time, we use our hands as tools to serve others. So tonight, we acknowledge our commitment to this loving service signified in the washing of hands, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.*

Those wishing to participate in hand washing come forward following the ushers' direction.

During the Washing

Domine, Domine

Taiže

After all who desire have come forward, please stand as you are able.

P *Jesus says, "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, then you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."*

C **Where charity and love are found, there is God.**

A *Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need.*

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A *God of Grace,*

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P *Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need.*

C **Amen.**

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

C **And also with you.**

After sharing the Peace, please be seated.

Offering & Anthem

The Upper Room

Don Besig

Chancel Choir

As the gifts are presented, 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 dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

A *Let us pray. Gracious Provider,*
C **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

★ THE EUCHARIST ★

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

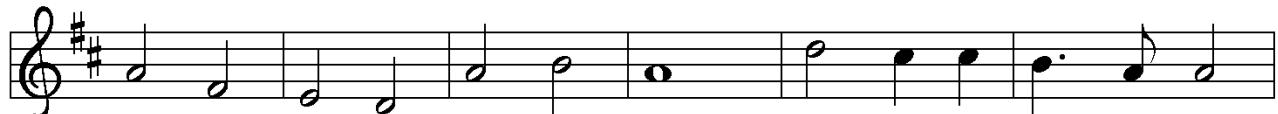
P *Lift up your hearts.*

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

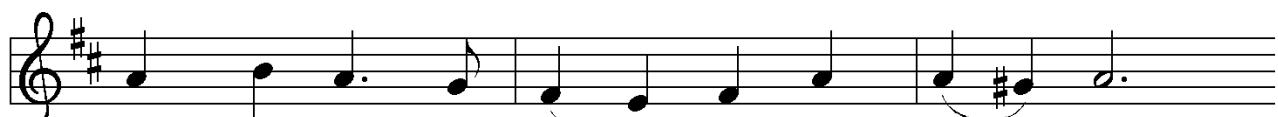
P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



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.

P *Blessed are you, O living God, sovereign of time and space. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Your word leads us across the sea to freedom, and you have carried us together to these holy Three Days. Blessed be God forever!*

C **Blessed be God forever!**

P *Blessed are you, O living God, for your glory revealed in Jesus Christ. He is our Servant, who washes our feet with love. He is our Lamb, whose blood takes away our sin. He is our Host at this meal, offering us the cup of salvation.*

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.

P *Blessed are you, O living God, for the gift of your loving Spirit. Fill this meal with the life of your Son. Make us servants of one another and of everyone in need. Bring us with all your people to the joy of the resurrection. Blessed be God forever!*

C **Blessed be God forever!**

P *Amen, and amen.*

C **Amen, and amen.**

P *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*
C **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 *All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.*
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table! Whether you are a member of this church or a visitor, the Communion celebrated here is "open" to all who trust that our Lord Jesus Christ—his true Body and his true Blood—is present for All of God's People.

(Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and white grape juice.)

During the distribution, the following is sung:

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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

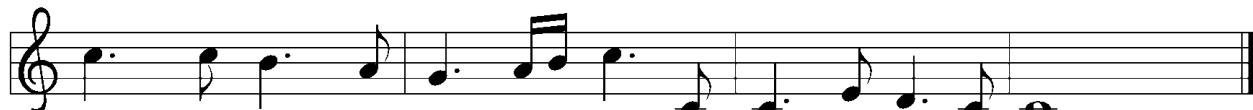
Bread of Life from Heaven

No. 474

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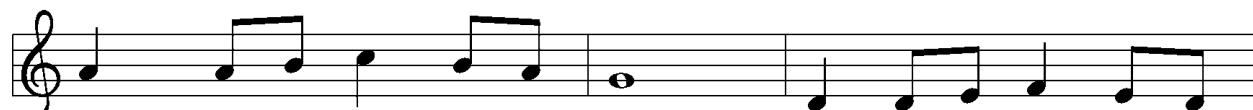
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

Refrain



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.

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

C **Amen**

A *Let us pray. Lord Jesus,*

C **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.**

Please be seated.

Stripping of the Altar

The altar is stripped of candles, paraments, and cloths, symbolic of Jesus, now captive, being stripped of freedom, respect, and fairness.

During the stripping of the altar, we read responsively Psalm 22

Psalm 22

A *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

C **2O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;**
and by night, but find no rest.

A **3Yet you are holy,**
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

C **4In you our ancestors trusted;**
they trusted, and you delivered them.

A **5To you they cried, and were saved;**
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

C **6But I am a worm, and not human;**
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

A ⁷*All who see me mock at me;*
 they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

C ⁸**"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver —**
 let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

A ⁹*Yet it was you who took me from the womb;*
 you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

C ¹⁰**On you I was cast from my birth,**
 and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

A ¹¹*Do not be far from me,*
 for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

C ¹²**Many bulls encircle me,**
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

A ¹³*they open wide their mouths at me,*
 like a ravening and roaring lion.

C ¹⁴**I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;**
 my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

A ¹⁵*my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my*
 jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

C ¹⁶**For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles**
 me. My hands and feet have shriveled;

A ¹⁷*I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;*

C ¹⁸**they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing**
 they cast lots.

A ¹⁹*But you, O LORD, do not be far away!*
 O my help, come quickly to my aid!

C ²⁰**Deliver my soul from the sword,**
 my life from the power of the dog!

A ²¹*Save me from the mouth of the lion!*
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

C **²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

A ²³*You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob,
glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!*

C **²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

A ²⁵*From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.*

C **²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall
praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**

A ²⁷*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.*

C **²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

A ²⁹*To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for
him.*

C **³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about
the LORD, ³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet
unborn, saying that he has done it.**

Please depart in silence.

*The story continues with the Good Friday liturgy at noon or 6:45 p.m. tomorrow
&
Easter Sunday worship and 8:30 & 11am.*

We welcome and thank Clarissa M. Ocampo, our guest singer today.



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At The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, we embrace the uniqueness of every individual and respect their dignity and worth, for all are created in the image of God. We strive to welcome everyone in the fullness of who they are.

Let us call together for reconciliation, and live out God's vision of love for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability, political persuasion, race, ethnicity, and personal history.

Let us walk together to strive for racial equity, as Jesus calls us to do.
All people are welcome here to worship, build community,
and grow together as Jesus' disciples at this place.

