

Maundy Thursday
A Service of Word & Sacrament
April 1, 2021



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
85 E. Brandt Boulevard
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Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ZION! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us with in-person or online. The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). Should you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with Pastor Sell.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION

IN-PERSON: All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. Easter Sunday services will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The Good Friday service tomorrow evening will be held at 7:00 p.m. Please call or text Anne Rankin (717-945-4585) to reserve seating.

ONLINE: Worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: [*http://bit.ly/Zion_Live*](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live). Because there will be two services on Easter Sunday, the 9:00 a.m. services will be the service that is live-streamed. If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes.

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON

- ❖ Please social distance at all times and sanitize your hands using the hand sanitizer units located on the walls in the hallways, Connection Zone, and Social Room.
- ❖ Please wear masks at all times.
- ❖ A no-touch temperature screening is required by all who enter the church prior to worship.
- ❖ Only one individual may be in restrooms at a time. Please follow the signs on the restroom doors.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. Currently, nursery care is not available.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

A Service of Word & Sacrament

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation

ABOUT THIS EVENING'S SERVICE

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.

PRELUDE

It Is Well With My Soul

Arr. by R. Lau

Please stand if you are able.

GATHERING

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.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

Please be seated.

CONFESSION

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.

You are invited to hum along or read the words as a prayer.

1. Where charity and love prevail,
 there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
 by love we thus are bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear,
 God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
 now love God in return.
3. Let us recall that in our midst
 dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
 in him we are made one.
4. Let strife among us be unknown;
 let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
 be his our only peace.
5. Let us forgive each other's faults
 as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
 in Christian gentleness.

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: Let us pray. Holy God, source of 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 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.

C: Amen.

† THE WORD †

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

A: 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A: 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 stand if you are able.

GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

¹²After 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?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher,

have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I 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 Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Melody Sell

SPECIAL MUSIC

Meditation on Wondrous Love

Arr. by W. Wold

Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

A: United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world.

You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word.

Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all.

You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war.

Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying.

Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service, that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church.

Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again.

P: *Additional petitions may be inserted.*

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

C: **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

† THE MEAL †

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SETTING OF THE TABLE

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Dialogue

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.**

The Preface

P: It is indeed right and our duty and 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 with these words:

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. Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ in the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: We pray together.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

The congregation opens the wafer packet.

P: The body of Christ given for you.

C: Amen.

The congregation opens the cup.

P: The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: Amen.

Please place communion cups & wrappers in the trash as you exit the Sanctuary.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: **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.

C: **Amen.**

† THE SENDING †

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

“Were You There” will be played quietly as the altar is being stripped. You are invited to pray the words as you meditate on the crucifixion of our Lord.

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

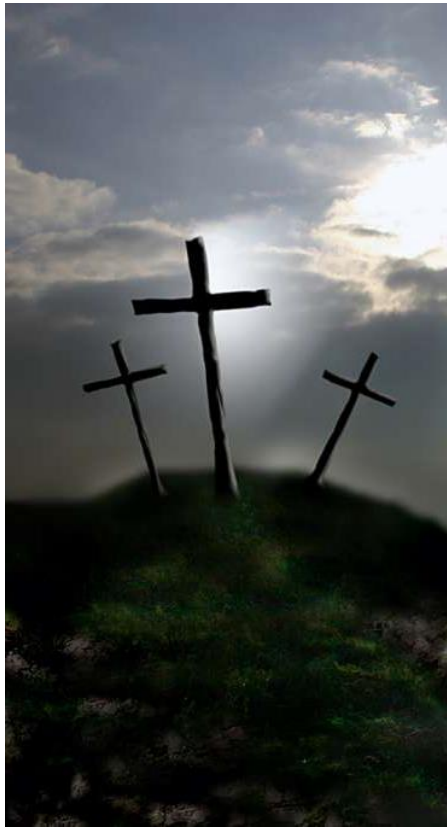
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Please leave the Sanctuary in silence at the conclusion of the service.



RECEIVING AND HANDING ON

Paul writes to the Corinthians, “For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.” He refers to the institution of the Lord’s supper, but the pattern of receiving and handing on applies to so much more in Christian faith and practice: We hand on the faith, hope, love, and understanding we have received. Conversely, we cannot give what has not first been given to us.

Jesus’ first disciples learn this in the last supper according to John. As John 13 begins, Jesus’ “hour” has arrived. At the meal Jesus washes his disciples’ feet and commands them to pass on the loving service to others: “You also should do as I have done to you.” Jesus too hands on to his disciples what he has first received from God: “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you” (John 15:9). Jesus does not just command servant love, nor does he merely exemplify it. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus enables his followers to love. Jesus’ example of servant love in washing his disciples’ feet literally grounds them for all that is to come and all that disciples are called to do.

This potent image helps us interpret Jesus’ giving of himself in death, and it undergirds the community of loving service formed in Christ. As Peter discovers, Jesus’ disciples must first receive from Jesus in order to have a “share” with him (John 13:8). Then disciples are called to follow him in giving themselves away—not just for the sake of serving, but also for the sake of being drawn into relationship with Jesus and with his Father. Through that relationship we are drawn into the community of disciples, where we receive and hand on Christ’s meal and the gift of servant love.



IMAGES IN THE READINGS

*A primary image for Maundy Thursday is the **servant**. We recall from Passion Sunday's Servant Song that the image of servant is not a readily accessible symbol in today's society. John's gospel offers us a lowly, even dirty, task as appropriate for a true servant.*

*The readings are filled with **body**: the body of the dead lamb, cooked and eaten; the body of Christ, shared in the bread; the body of the neighbor's literal feet. For people who like to keep their individual space, it is countercultural to share in one another's body in this public way.*

*The first reading says that it is the lamb's **blood** that reminds God not to punish the Israelites, and Paul says that the wine is a new covenant in Jesus' blood. In the ancient world, life was seen as residing in the blood. Thus pouring out of blood is giving up of life. Isn't it interesting that small children lick bleeding wounds in hopes of keeping their blood inside their bodies?*

*In all three readings, the people of God experience themselves as a **meal** community. Humans must eat to live, and humans eat together to become and maintain community. The Israelites are to keep the Passover meal "as a perpetual ordinance"; Paul assumes and corrects the meal practice of the Corinthians; John describes the last loving meal Jesus had with his disciples before his arrest. So it is that over the centuries most Christian assemblies have shared a meal at their weekly meeting. The liturgy of the Three Days begins with this meal.*



GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER WORSHIP



April 2

7:00 p.m.

Live-Stream:

http://bit.ly/Zion_Live



Come celebrate the
Resurrection of Our Lord!

April 4

9:00 a.m.

&

10:30 a.m.

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WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

In-Person Worship
Sundays, 9:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday (4/1), 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday (4/2), 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday (4/4): 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Live-stream & Recorded Worship Link
http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Sunday School Class (Zoom)
**On Easter Sunday, only the 9:00 service will be live-streamed*
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>
10:30-11:15 a.m.

**No Class on Easter Sunday; will resume on 4/11*

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