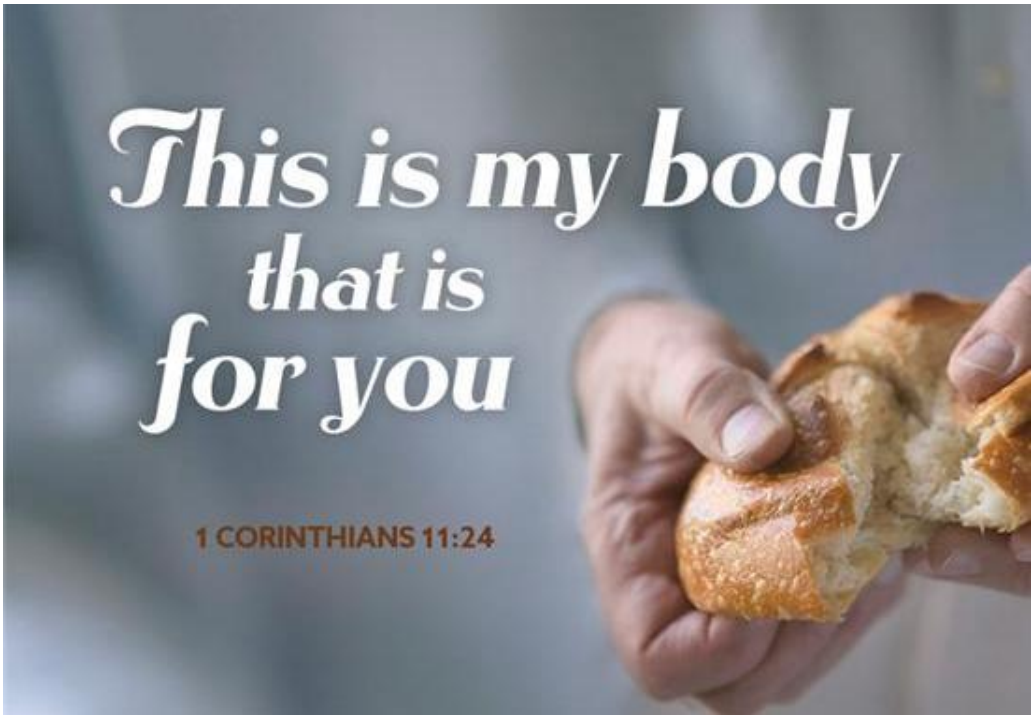
MAUNDY THURSDAY

A Service of Word & Sacrament

April 2, 2026



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

85 E. Brandt Boulevard
Landisville, PA

The Rev. Tim Seitz-Brown, Pastor
John Landis, Director of Music

Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God

Maundy Thursday

P: Pastor *A: Assisting Minister* ***C: Congregation (bolded)***

† THE GATHERING †

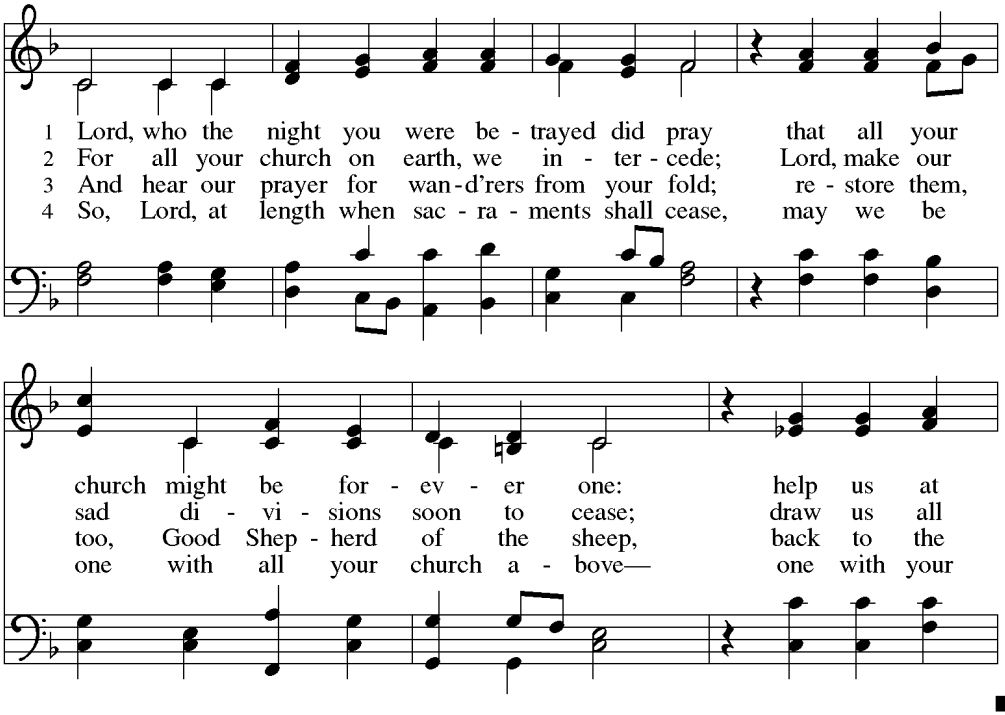
INTRODUCTION

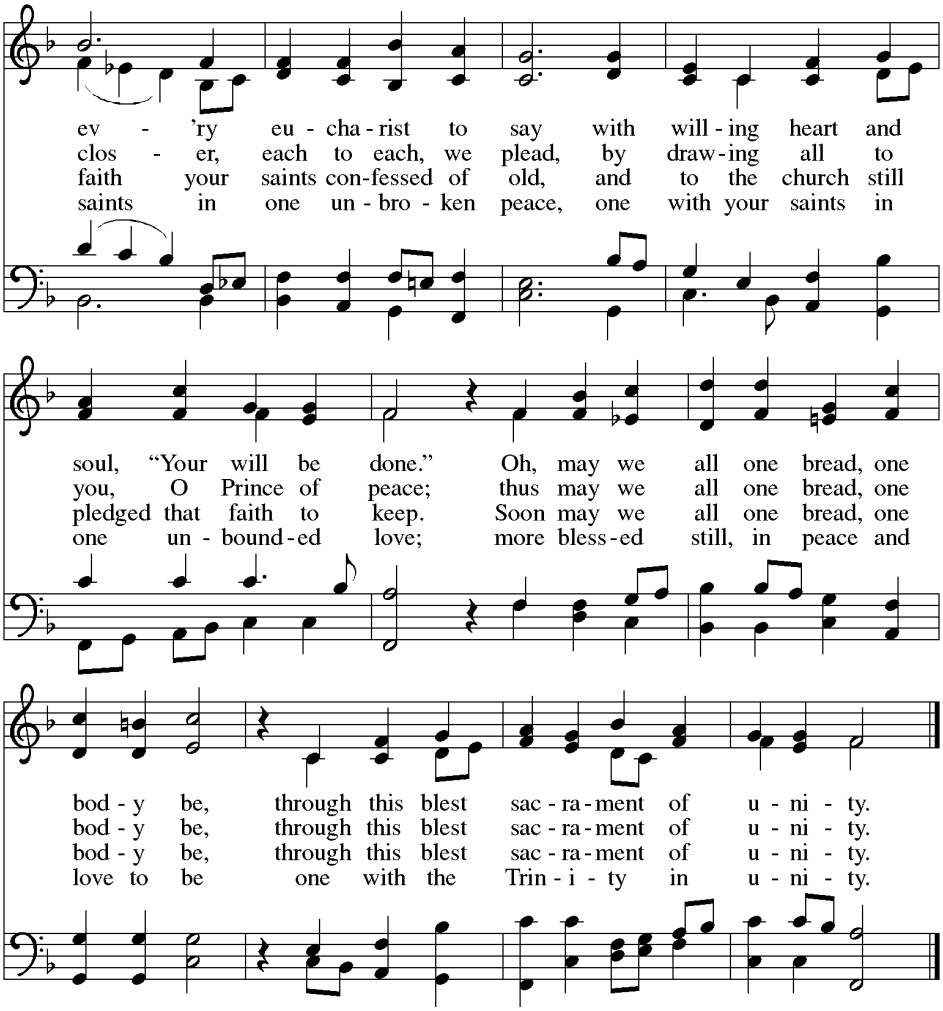
This evening our Lenten journey ends. We gather with Christians around the world to begin the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember his last meal with his disciples. We hear his command to love as he loves. He knelt and washed their feet. So we are called to serve one another with humble, living love. At this table we are made one body in Christ. We are changed by his compassion and sent to share it with the world. We leave in silence, waiting for what is to come.

PRELUDE

Please stand if you are able.

OPENING HYMN ***Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed***





Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.
Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

C: Friends in Christ, during this Lenten season we have heard Jesus' call to turn from sin, death, and all that separates us from God and one another. This is the same struggle we were called to at our baptism.

In the church, God never tires of forgiving us and giving the gift of peace. Tonight, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor, and enter the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection reconciled with God and with each other.

Most merciful God,
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.

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.
Amen.

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 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

EXODUS 12:1-14

The passover of the LORD.

A: [1]The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: [2]This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. [3]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. [4]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. [5]Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. [6]You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. [7]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. [8]They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. [9]Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

[10]You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. [11]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. [12]For 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. [13]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. [14]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.

C: Thanks be to God.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

Proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A: [23]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, [24]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." [25]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." [26]For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

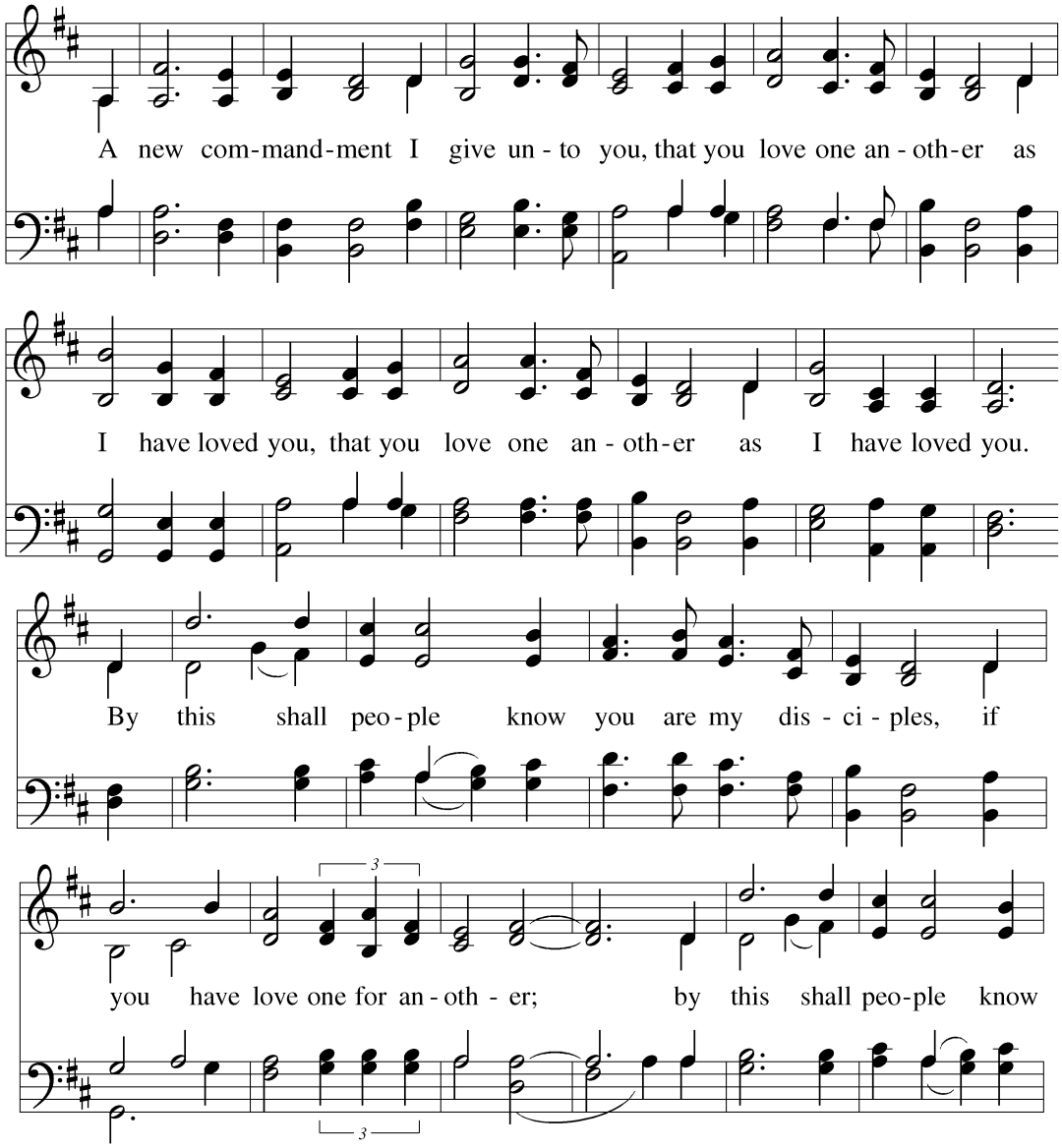
The Word of the Lord.

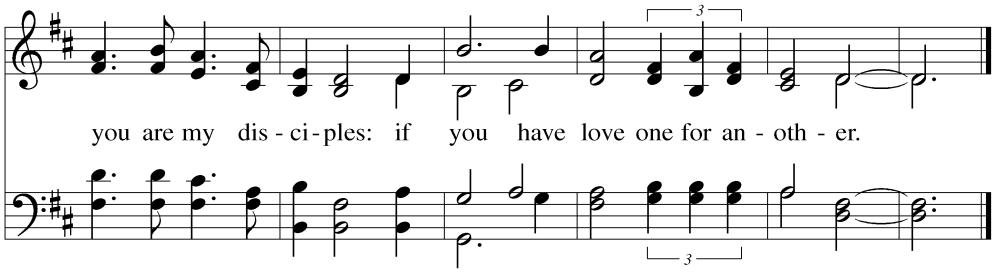
C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ***In All Our Grief and Fear We Turn to You*** **Thomas Keesecker**

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***A New Commandment***





Text: John 13:34–35
Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

John 13:1-17, 31b-35
The service of Christ: footwashing and meal.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1]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. [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.
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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

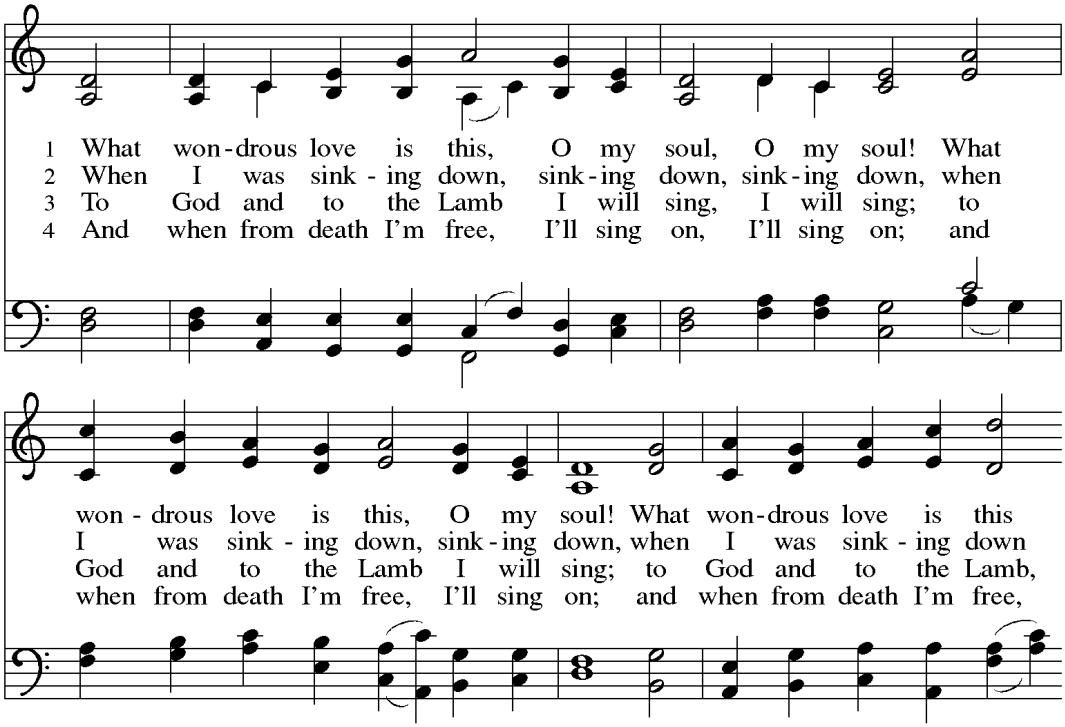
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

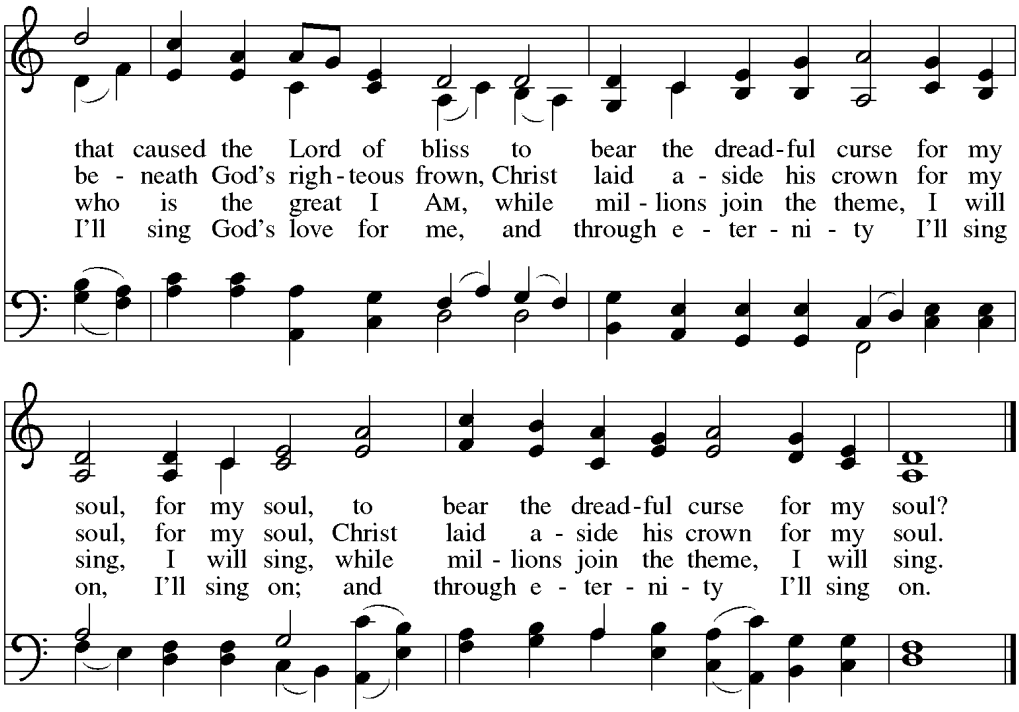
Please be seated.

SERMON **Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown**

Please stand if you are able.

SERMON HYMN ***What Wondrous Love Is This***





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Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.
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APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us profess our faith together.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: On this night, when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

A brief silence.

Gracious Host, you knelt to wash your disciples' feet. Cleanse us from pride and selfishness, and teach us to love as you have loved us. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Creator God, the earth and all it holds belong to you. Awaken us to care for your creation and protect the diversity of life. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, guide the leaders of the world in justice and peace. Where they use power unfairly, confront them. Where they ignore suffering, awaken their hearts. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely, grieving, or in pain. Comfort those in captivity and those in need. Draw near to all who suffer, especially those on Zion's prayer list. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Blessed Redeemer, we give thanks for this community of faith (Zion) and for all who gather at your table of grace. Unite us in love for you and for one another. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who rest in you. Gather us with them at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that your Spirit will strengthen us to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

† THE MEAL †

PRAYER

A: 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.

C: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of mercy and love.

We give you thanks for your steadfast love, for a love that never lets go, that reaches to the heavens and holds us through every generation.
We thank you for creating the world and calling it good. We thank you for leading your people out of Egypt, for the blood on the doorposts that saved them, for the lamb whose life gave freedom, and for guiding them through the wilderness into hope.

We thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son, who loved us to the very end. On the night before he died, he shared a meal with his friends. He knelt and washed their feet, showing the path of humble service, and calling us to love one another as he loves us.

We thank you for this gift of mercy and life. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.*

He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.*

With this bread and cup we remember Christ's love poured out for us, and we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come, Holy Spirit. Move among us at this table. Wash away our pride, our fear, our selfishness. Call us to kneel, to serve, to love. Help us comfort the lonely, feed the hungry, bring peace where there is conflict, and follow Christ's commandment to love without limit.

We give thanks, O God, for this table, for your Son, and for the promise of your unending love.

Gather us, with the saints of every time, with the earth and all its creatures, and with your Church, to praise and thank you, now and forever.
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 AND HANDWASHING

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

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

HANDWASHING

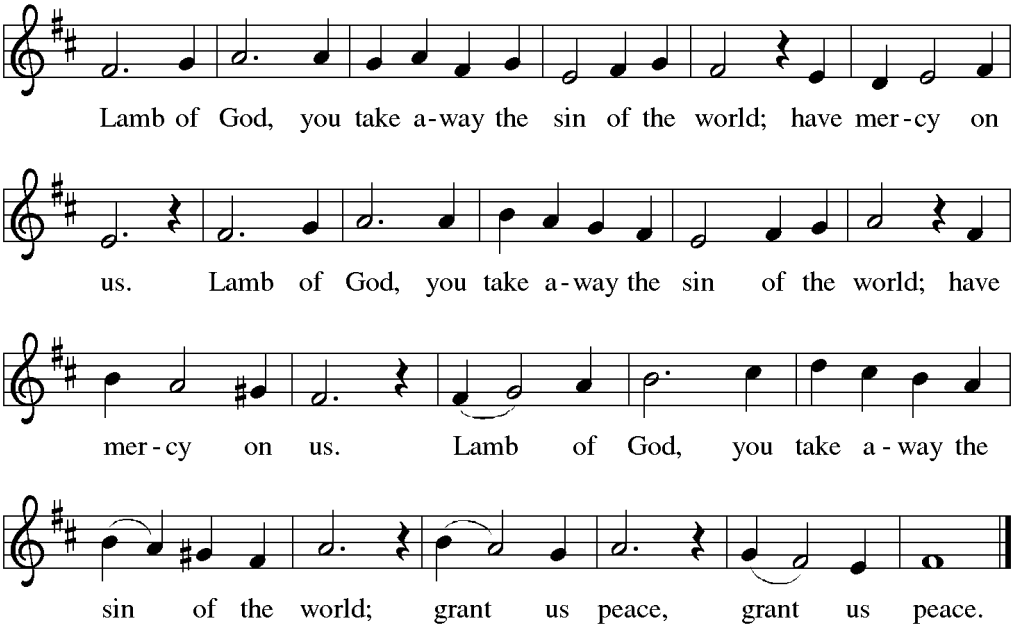
PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament by coming forward to receive the elements. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know and the pastor will come to you.

For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."

Please use this time for quiet reflection until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.

COMMUNION MUSIC



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: Lord Jesus, in this holy meal you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May the gift of your body and blood take root in our lives, so that the love, mercy, and life you have given may shine through all we do. 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

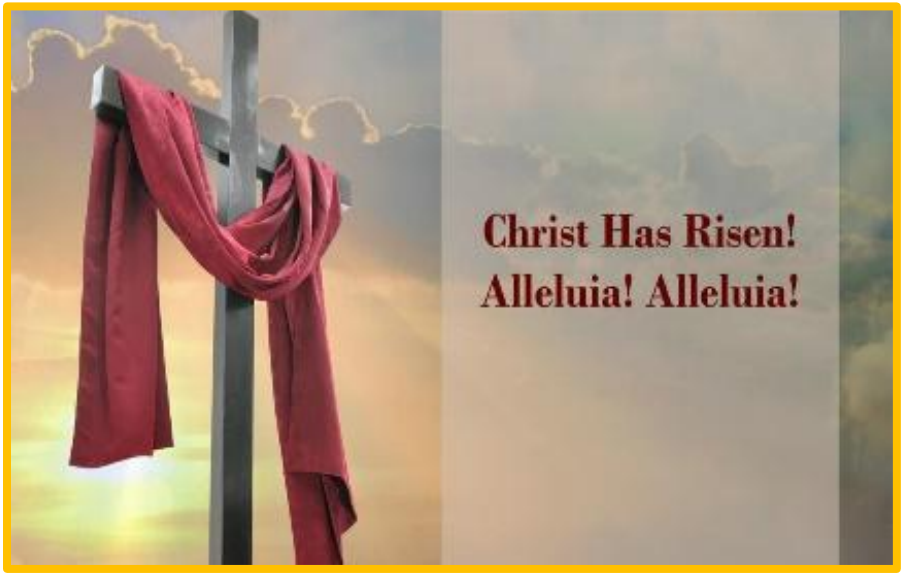
Psalm 22

Reader: [1]My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? [2]O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. [3]Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. [4]In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. [5]To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. [6]But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. [7]All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; [8]"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver — let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" [9]Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. [10]On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. [11]Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. [12]Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; [13]they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. [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; [15]my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. [16]For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; [17]I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; [18]they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. [19]But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! [20]Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! [21]Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. [22]I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: [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! [24]For 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. [25]From you comes my praise in the great

congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. [26]The poor shall eat
and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live
forever! [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. [28]For dominion belongs to
the LORD, and he rules over the nations. [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. [30]Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the
LORD, [31]and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has
done it.

Silently pray for a time and then depart in peace.

Friday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m.