



# OUR SAVIOUR'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Bringing Christ to the people and the people to Christ.*

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms of Christian worship, fellowship, and service to others.

*Come share the joy!*

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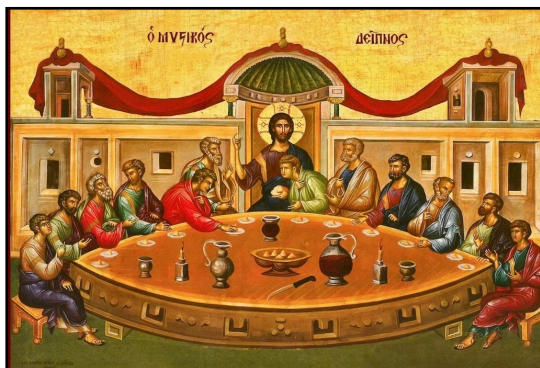
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## MAUNDY THURSDAY

(YEAR A)

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## Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith;

God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Our Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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### Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Daniel Lee

*You may use this time for silent meditation to prepare your heart for worship*

### Welcome to Our Saviour's

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Please sign the attendance roster.
- If you have any prayer requests, needs, or concerns, please complete the blue card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate.
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our LORD are welcome to receive Communion.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE" GREEN HYMNAL #109 VERSES 1-3*

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall;  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!

Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
Learn from him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at his feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

### INVOCATION

*As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our Baptisms.*

P: We gather in this sanctuary, and we worship, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

A: Holy Thursday begins the great three days that commemorate how God accomplished our salvation in Jesus Christ. The first part of the service is confession and forgiveness, the culmination of the Lenten season of repentance.

Holy Thursday then recalls the central events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. First, John's Gospel tells us of Jesus, in an example of love, service and humility, washes the disciple's Feet.

Next, the Gospel of Matthew tells of the Holy Thursday night when, during the Passover meal, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "This is My body." He then took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My blood of the new covenant." The old covenant involved regular repeated animal sacrifice. The new covenant involves the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus' blood, which fulfilled the old covenant once for all. We now participate in the LORD's Supper - His new covenant regularly; Simultaneously receiving God's Grace and giving God thanks for the forgiveness of our sins. The third central event recalled to night is the abandonment of Jesus by all who loved Him. This is remembered by the action of stripping the altar while Psalm 22 is read. This reminder and honoring of how Jesus was forsaken also assures us that we are not forsaken. Jesus is with us at times and in all places, now and into eternity.

#### **MANDATUM READING ~ JOHN 13:1-35**

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY MESSAGE ~ PASTOR JEFFERY CARPENTER**

#### **WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In this Lenten season we have heard our LORD's call to intensify our 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 committed at Baptism. God's forgiveness and the power of His Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of His love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of His Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God Himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our LORD.

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.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in His love. Remembering our LORD's last supper with His disciple, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together, we receive the LORD's gifts of Himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in Him.

The eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our LORD returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

P: Assured of God's love for us through our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sin against God and our neighbors, so that we enter these three days, reconciled to God and to one another.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD God shows compassion to those who fear Him.

P: As a called and ordained minister of Church of Christ, and by His authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness all your sins in the name of the Father, the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

#### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of God be with you. **C: And also with you.**

*At this time, we invite you to offer the peace of God to those around you.*

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The LORD be with you. **C And also with you.**

P: Holy God, your Son gave us a new commandment, and through his act of radical servanthood he showed us the way of true love. Grant that we may share his servant nature as we live out your reign awaiting the promise of his return; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated*

#### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

##### FIRST READING ~ EXODUIS 24:3-11

L: The first reading is from the book of Exodus, the 24th chapter.

*"See Insert"*

L: This is the Word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY ~ PSALM 116:12-19 ESV

L: We will read Psalm 116 responsively. *"See Insert"*

SECOND READING ~ HEBREWS 9:11-22

L: The second reading is from the book of Hebrews, the 9th chapter.  
*"See Insert"*

L: This is the Word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand*

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "RETURN TO THE LORD" LBW P. 83

Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love

THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 26:17-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 26th Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O LORD.** *"See Insert"*

P: This is the Gospel of the LORD. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please stand*

HYMN OF THE DAY "IN THE GARDEN"

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses

*Chorus*

And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing

*Chorus*

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling  
But He bids me go thru the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling

*Chorus*

PROFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLE'S CREED

A: Let us declare our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**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 to the dead.**

**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**

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: to love one another as He had loved them.

By your Holy Spirit, write this commandment in our hearts.

LORD, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed LORD, give us grace to complete our Lenten journey to the cross and empty tomb. Strengthen our faith and renew our hope in this annual remembrance of Your LORD's Passion, death, and resurrection. Equip us by Your Spirit to bring this good news to all who do not know what Your Son has accomplished to save us. LORD, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed LORD, we ask Your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit and who desire our prayers for them. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in You. We pray especially for those we name in our hearts now. (pause.)

LORD, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer**

A: We pray for our brother and sister Christians around the world who celebrate Holy Communion tonight, who will remember Jesus' death tomorrow, and who will victoriously proclaim You on Sunday morning declaring, "Christ is risen," that they and we will experience the oneness we have in Christ through our common reliving of the most important three days in the history of the world. LORD, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: O LORD, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our LORD. **C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Please stand and remain standing for Communion*

DOXOLOGY "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW" Green Hymnal #564

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

POST OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are You,

**C: O LORD our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us. Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen**

THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 88 LBW

P: The LORD be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O LORD, holy Father, through Christ our LORD; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

**C: Holy, holy, holy LORD, LORD God of pow'r 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 in the remembrance of me.*

P: 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 in the remembrance of me.*

P: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our LORD offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, LORD Jesus**

P: Send now we pray, Your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our LORD and of His resurrection, that we who receive the LORD's body and blood may live to the praise of Your glory and receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: LORD, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

*Please be seated*

LAMB OF GOD ~ Green Hymnal p. 92

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### DISTRIBUTION & COMMUNION HYMNS

#### "THE POWER OF THE CROSS"

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten  
then  
Nailed to a cross of wood

Now the daylight flees now the ground  
beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life  
Finished the vict'ry cry *Chorus*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Oh to see my name written in the  
wounds  
For through Your suff'ring I am free  
Death is crushed to death life is mine to  
live Won through Your selfless love

*Chorus*

This the pow'r of the cross  
Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross

This the pow'r of the cross  
Son of God slain for us  
What a love what a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross

“O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN” GREEN HYMNAL #197

O living Bread from heaven,  
How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows!

My Lord, you here have led me  
Within your holiest place,  
And here yourself have fed me  
With treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
with heav'nly food, while here  
my course on earth is lengthened,  
to serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit  
to leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit,  
where joys unmingled flow.

“TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS”

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!

*Refrain:*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow  
strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
O'er us sin no more hath dominion—  
For more than conqu'rors we are!

*Refrain*

His Word shall not fail you—  
He promised;  
Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell! *Refrain*

*Please stand*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep  
you in His grace.

**C: Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "SONG OF SIMEON"

Now, LORD, you let your servant go in peace,  
Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the Salvation,  
Which you have prepared in the sight of every people.  
A light to reveal you to the Nations, And the glory of your people, Israel.  
Now, LORD, you let your servant go in peace.

John 12:30-31

P: Now is the judgment of this world; now will the prince of this world be cast out.

**C: And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.**

*Please be Seated*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

**Psalm 22**

*As the verses of the psalm are read, the lights are lowered, and all linens and adornments are removed from the altar and the candles are extinguished. These are signs that our LORD Jesus was stripped, beaten, and crucified.*

P: This is the night in which our LORD was betrayed. After He had instituted the Sacrament of His body and blood, He and the eleven disciples went out to the Garden of Gethsemane, where He knew Judas would come to set in motion the events leading to His crucifixion. This evening, we will strip the altar of all adornments and linens -*which represents Jesus Himself*- just as He was stripped, struck, humiliated, tortured, and taken to the cross. While the items are removed, the words of Psalm 22 that anticipates our LORD's Passion will be read responsively

P: <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

**C: <sup>2</sup>O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.**

P: <sup>3</sup>Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**C: <sup>4</sup>In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.**

P: <sup>5</sup>To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

**C: <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

P: <sup>7</sup>All who see Me mock Me; they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;

**C: 8 "He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"**

P: 9Yet You are He who took Me from the womb; You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.

**C: 10On You was I cast from My birth, and from My mother's womb You have been My God.**

P: 11Be not far from Me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

**C: 12Many bulls encompass Me; strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;**

P: 13they open wide their mouths at Me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

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

P: 15My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks to My jaws; you lay Me in the dust of death.

**C: 16For dogs encompass Me; a company of evildoers encircles Me; they have pierced My hands and feet**

P: 17I can count all My bones. they stare and gloat over Me;

**C: 18 they divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.**

P: 19But You, O LORD, do not be far off! O You My help, come quickly to My aid!

**C: 20Deliver My soul from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog!**

P: 21Save Me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!

**C: 22I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:**

P: 23You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

**C: 24For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His face from Him, but has heard, when He cried to Him.**

P: 25From You comes My praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

**C: 26The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!**

P: 27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

**C: 28For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations.**

P: 29All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**C: <sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the LORD to the coming generation;**

**P: <sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.**

### **SILENT REFLECTION**

We keep silence at the conclusion of the service.

You can remain for a time to pray.

You can depart when you like.

### **OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING**

Greeter: Jan Moch  
Usher: Jeff Buntz  
Assistant & Cantor: Blaine Davis  
Reader: Carol Avent  
Communion Assistants: Blaine Davis, Susan Buntz, Annabelle Davis  
AV Booth: Jacob Levels and Jason Bothner

### **PRAYER LIST**

**OUR MEMBERS:** Penny Eastman, Joe Coke, Vivian Altabrandt, Stephen Gibbs, Susan Walker, Ed Lucas, Jana Snyder, Earl Wruck, Limuel Norris, Glory Gopinath, Tom Criswell, Jim & Janet Anthony, Bill Thomas, John and Mary Ferguson, Sam Hough, Amber Tizcareno, Jeanine Franklin, Carol Barner, Gloria Guilfoyle, Kathleen Grant, Phyllis Guysinger, Margo Williams, Joanne Hill, Sarah Lyles, Diane Polley, Curt & Joyce Peterson

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Carol Koja, Phil & Gloria Renaker, Jacob Carpenter, Evie Long, Steve Hall, Paul & Grace Long, Erin Gilland, Mark Malloy, Nick Lopez, Joanna Garrett

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