



## Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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### Introduction to the Day

*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.*

***Maundy Thursday  
March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6 p.m.***



### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

*A moment of silent reflection.*

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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

### GATHERING SONG

"I Come With Joy"

ELW #482

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

### ***Welcome to Worship at Trinity Lutheran***

*Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So "church," thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the "church."*

*We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.*

### **READING: EXODUS 12:1-14**

Marci Silrum, reader

*Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

<sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>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. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

### **GOSPEL: JOHN 13:1-17, 31b-35**

*The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.*

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 13, selected verses.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>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 put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. 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 the table, 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>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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? <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, servants 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>31b</sup>“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Mark Narum

## **HYMN OF THE DAY/OFFERING**

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

ELW #659

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please pray for James, Ellen, Morgan, Tom, Denell, Terry,  
Michelle, Julie, Lynette, Joan, Mike, Martin, George, Leona & Knut.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING (SETTING 8)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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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:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW pg. 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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.

## **COMMUNION SONG**

“Lamb of God”

ELW pg. 208

Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.  
Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.  
Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen.**

### STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The altar represents our Lord Jesus Christ. The removal of the altar fixtures is symbolic of Christ, being stripped of his power and glory, and being turned over to the hands of his captors.*

Selected verses of Psalm 22 are read, and quiet music is played as the altar is stripped.

***The service concludes in silence. When the music concludes, you may leave quietly.***

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### **Please join us for worship on Good Friday and Easter Sunday**

Good Friday Worship: 12:15 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Worship: 7 a.m.

Easter Sunday with Festival Brass: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

*Come celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR HOLY WEEK 2024

**RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM** is in memory of Alice Marks, given by family.

**RUMMAGE SALE** - All are invited to help with our Spring Rummage Sale! Funds raised will go toward our youth ministry.

- We start accepting donations Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Help unpack items/set-up Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Just stop on by and unpack a box or 10!
- Help bag items people purchase during the sale Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> (8a-5p) & Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> (10a-2p). Please let Gracia know if you can help.
- Help pack up the leftovers starting @ 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please let Gracia know if you can help or just come on by & help.

**SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING** - Our Special Easter Offering will go to supporting Soul 57, a local non-profit that works to help youth who are experiencing grief. With the help of mental health professionals, as well as trained individuals who provide tools in the grieving process, Soul 57 offers a setting where youth can connect, communicate, and navigate their grief with peers who have experienced similar loss.” This gift to Soul 57 is being gathered in memory of Doug, Amy, Christian, and Everett Larsen. Please mark your donation as “Soul 57” or “Special Easter Offering” in the memo of the check written to Trinity Lutheran.

**ONLINE GIVING** - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity’s online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!



**Friday, April 26**  
@ 8 am – 5 pm &  
**Saturday, April 27**  
@ 10 am – 2 pm

**Semi-Annual TRINITY'S RUMMAGE SALE**

**Drop Off Items:**  
Thursday, April 18 – Friday, April 19 & Monday, April 22–Tuesday, April 23 during office hours (8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm)

**Not Accepting:**  
❌ Electronics, TVs  
❌ Opened Makeup  
❌ Sanitizer  
❌ Exercise Equipment  
❌ Food  
❌ Car Seats  
❌ Medical Devices

**In the Community Center**

**Funds raised will support Trinity's Youth Ministry.**

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