

*W*elcome to *W*orship
St. Luke's **E**vangelical
Lutheran **C**hurch



Maundy Thursday
April 6, 2023



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

Assisting in Worship

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To the Glory of God

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North Baltimore Food Pantry April requested donations include: canned meats.

Please join us on **Good Friday @ 7pm** for a Taize Worship Service. On **Easter Sunday** we will begin with **breakfast @ 9am** followed by a **Celebration of the Resurrection @ 10:15.**

Order of Worship

Maundy Thursday - April 6, 2023

*God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism. *please stand as you feel comfortable. Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.*

GOD GATHERS US

PRELUDE AND GREETING

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all. **ALL: And also with you.**

Please share God's peace using the "peace sign."

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. **ALL: Amen**

* GATHERING HYMN #349

AH HOLY JESUS

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Welcome to worship. A feast of love has been prepared for us.

ALL: We gather to taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Leader: Tonight, we relive the solemn journey of the "Great Three Days" that changed the world.

ALL: We ask the Lord's blessings on our journey.

Leader: On this night Jesus took a towel and basin, and washed his disciples' feet. On this night he told them to do the same.

ALL: We hear the Lord's call for us to serve and love one another.

Leader: On this night, Jesus broke bread and poured wine for his followers, inviting them to continue to partake of this meal.

ALL: We gather at the table of the Lord's love.

Leader: This is the night when Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God, was denied, betrayed, and led away for trial and crucifixion.

ALL: We give thanks to the Lord who gave himself FOR US.

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: God, our God, as we gather on this holy night, feed us, strengthen us, and love us once again. Forgive us our sins, our denials, our betrayals. Guide us to love one another as our Lord Jesus has loved us. In his name we pray. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROPHETIC READING

ISAIAH 25:6-8

Reader: In Jerusalem, the LORD of Heaven's Armies will spread a wonderful feast for all the people of the world. It will be a delicious banquet with clear, well-aged wine and choice meat. There he will remove the cloud of gloom, the shadow of death that hangs over the earth. He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign LORD will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against his land and people. The LORD has spoken!

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM READING

(responsively)

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

Reader: I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy.

ALL: Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!

Reader: What can I offer the Lord for all he has done for me?

ALL: I will lift up the cup of salvation and praise the Lord's name for saving me.

Reader: I will keep my promises to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**ALL: The Lord cares deeply when his loved ones die.
O Lord, I am your servant; yes, I am your servant, born into your household; you have freed me from my chains.**

Reader: I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

**ALL: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people
— in the house of the Lord in the heart of Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

DISCIPLESHIP READING

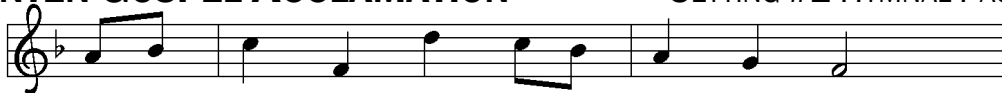
1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

Reader: For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.” For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

* LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 125



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



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* GOSPEL

JOHN 13:4-5, 12-17, 34-35

John's gospel account of the last supper recalls a remarkable event: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples, urging them to do the same for each other.

Leader: The holy gospel according to John. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: So, he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

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

THE MESSAGE

* HYMN OF THE DAY #347

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: We confess our sins and all that falls short of God's glory.

ALL: Forgive us, Lord, and grant us peace.

Leader: We are sorry for the wrong we have done.

ALL: Forgive us, Lord, and grant us peace.

Leader: We are sorry for the times we have failed to do good.

ALL: Forgive us, Lord, and grant us peace.

Leader: God Redeems us, God forgives us, God restores us, in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. **ALL: Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

As Jesus calls us to love and serve one another, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

PRAYER SONG #751

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

We pray for Steve, Janet, Harry, Julie, Cheryl, John, Fred, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Jim, Barb, Jack, Gloria, Rex, Susan, Daryl, Aunt Mary, Brianne, Beth, Gerald, Frances, A.J., Frank, Mavery, Caroline, Mike, Chelsea, Ethan, Tom, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, Sally, Catherine, Ja-nét, David, Carol, Ann, Ed, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Braxton, Eric, Lisa, Cindy, Chris, Arlene, Logan, Don, Gus, Michelle, Barb, Riker, and Kelly.

.....who taught us to pray saying,

THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US

**ALL: 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**



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THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS



GOD NOURISHES US

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: Tonight's story began centuries ago, in the land of Israel. In countless Jewish homes, as the sun began to set, families would gather together to celebrate the Passover meal, where the age-old questions were asked:

ALL: Why is this night different from other nights?

Leader: Tonight is the Passover of the Lord. On this night the Lord "passed over" the land of Egypt. The first-born of the Egyptians were struck down, but the children of Israel were spared. On that night we ate the Passover Meal in haste, for the Lord was saving us from the slavery of Egypt, leading us forth with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe!

Leader: The Lord led us to safety across the Red Sea, and through the desert to Mount Sinai. There God made a covenant with us. He became our God and we became God's people. The Lord gave us a Law that we would observe. For forty years in the desert, the Lord gave us manna to eat and water from the rock to drink. Finally, God led us into the land of Canaan, gave us victory over our enemies, and gave us a land of our own.

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe!

Leader: On this night we are also reminded of the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. It is the night of the New Passover, the night before Jesus died a cruel death for our salvation.

ALL: Why is this night different from other nights?

Leader: We share in the one bread, communion in the Body of Christ. Though there are many, we form a single body.

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe!

Leader: This cup of blessing is communion with the Blood of Christ. We lift up the cup of salvation, calling on the name of the Lord.

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord, Jesus, took bread

...

ALL: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this and remember me.

Leader: In the same way, after the meal was eaten, he took the cup of wine ...

ALL: This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this and remember me.

Leader: We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ died, when the world washed its hands of him.
Christ was raised, God's hands breaking death's grip on him.
Christ will come, to take us by the hand leading us to heaven.**

*** COMMUNION HYMN #592**

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: On this holy night, we praise our God with thanksgiving!

**ALL: We eat this bread in gladness. We drink this wine in joy!
Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe! Blessing,
honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

For those who are not receiving the elements where you are, feel free to join in the Prayer of Spiritual Communion:

ALL: Forgiving and faithful God, I believe that you are present in the most blessed and Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my heart and spirit. Since I cannot now receive You through bread and wine, come at least spiritually into

my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Create in me a clean heart, O God. And renew a forgiving spirit within me. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

GOD SENDS US

CLOSING RITE EXPLANATION

POST-COMMUNION READING

MATTHEW 26:36-46

Leader: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

CROSS LIGHT EXTINGUISHED, STREPITUS SOUNDED

When the cross light is re-lit, we depart in silence reflecting on the life-giving passion and death of our Savior

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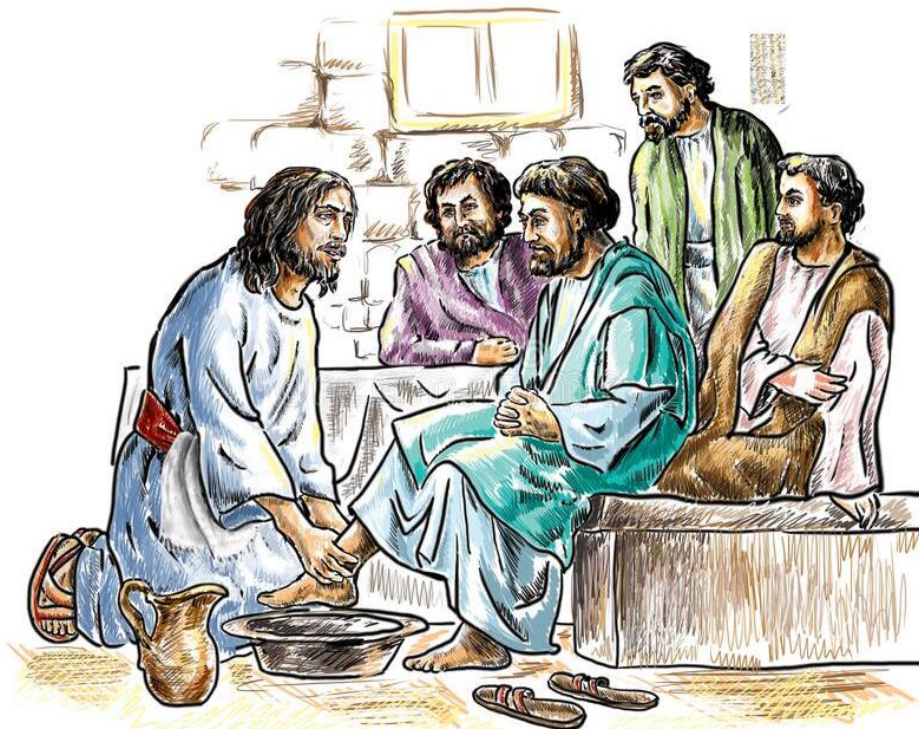
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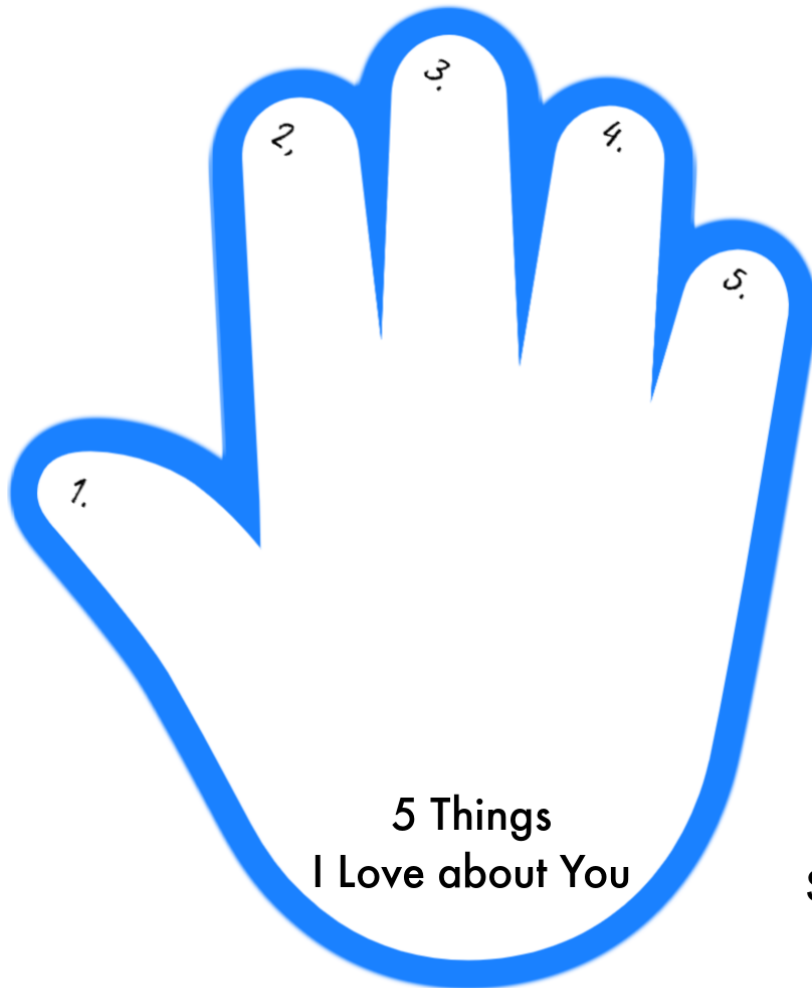


Prayer for Maundy Thursday


A photograph showing a person in a white robe pouring water from a clay jug into a basin. The person's hand is visible, holding the jug. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on the white robe and the water being poured.


O Lord, the King of Kings, who led and taught not as a mighty ruler, but a servant leader, show me how to lead and live through love. Teach me how to love and serve others with a gracious and humble heart. Help me to always remember your words, being reminded each time I come before your table to share in the cup and the bread. As I come before you to eat the bread of redemption and drink the cup of your salvation, may I recommit my heart to serving you and leading through love. To you, O Lord, who are mighty to save, pour out your mercy and grace and lead me in your way. Amen.


Hand Washing Prayers Maundy Thursday



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 On Maundy Thursday Jesus washed his Disciples feet.

 Why not wash the hands of someone in your house.

 As you wash their hands tell them 5 things you love about them.



Thank you God for sending us Jesus, the Servant King. Help us to always be kind & help others . Amen



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

WE GIVE THANKS: for the celebration of Maundy Thursday and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Thanks be to God!

MEMBERS: Steve Pritts, Janet Holloway, Brittany Vanaman, Jim Wymer, Harry & Julie Friess, Cheryl & John Kruse, Fred Husing, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha & Jim Carter, Barb Williams, Rex McCarty.

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MILITARY: for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

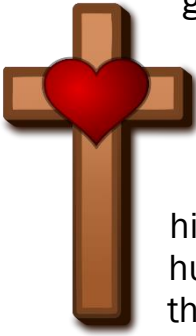
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THE WORLD: for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

All You Need Is Love

Jesus' command today to love one another is not about having good feelings for each other or being "nice." Jesus tells his disciples that they are to love one another "just as I have loved you." By this definition, love means compassion, mercy, and plenty of hard work. As we see in today's gospel, Jesus' love is active in service and, ultimately, sacrifice. All we need is love, but to love as Jesus loves is no easy thing.



Jesus' love is also inclusive, not meant only for the inner circle. Taken in the context of Jesus' teaching and ministry, his love, and the love he has in mind for us, is offered to all of humanity and, in fact, all of God's creation. The world will know that the church follows Jesus not only by our behavior within our own community, but also as we relate to the world. To love as Jesus loved is to cross boundaries, to stand with the lowliest among us, and to challenge the accepted ways in which the world does business.

John's is the only gospel in which Jesus does not institute the Lord's supper at his last Passover with the disciples. At John's last supper Jesus gives himself to them in a different way. His washing of his disciples' feet is an enactment of his witness to the dominion of God: the first will be last; the lowly will be lifted up; whoever loves their life will lose it. This act of self-sacrifice, one which prefigures his death on the cross, is a living example of Jesus' countercultural definition of love, one which he passes on to the twelve and to us. Washed by Jesus in our baptisms, we too are blessed with and challenged by God's love in Christ and the command to share that sacrificial love with the whole world.

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