

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 18, 2019**

## WELCOME

*We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,*

*If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.*

*Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon, Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!*

### **Again welcome...**

Our worship this week is filled with drama. The church is in continuous worship all week long. The various services are designed as if they are one long service with many parts. Not all elements of worship are contained in each day's service such as the confession and forgiveness, the sermon, or communion. Some elements of worship only occur on these days such as the procession with the cross and the words at the Vigil.

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.*

*Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

### **PRE-SERVICE**

*The evening begins with a Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall.*

*We will process as a community from the Fellowship Hall to the Sanctuary for the continuation of the worship. Please follow the Processional Cross and the communion elements as we enter the Sanctuary in silence.*

*We sit.*

**PRELUDE**

*O Mensch, bewin' dein Sünde gross*

JS Bach

## THE GATHERING

*We stand and face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

We continue worship this Maundy Thursday, in the name of the Father, and the † Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **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. We have shared this discipline of Lent with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

*Silence is kept for 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.**

**HYMN***Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior*

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1 Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - ior, thee,  
 2 O blest me - mo - rial of our dy - ing Lord,  
 3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:  
 4 O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see:



who in thy sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;  
 who liv - ing bread to us shall here af - ford:  
 cleanse us, un - clean, with thy most cleans - ing blood;  
 may what we thirst for soon our por - tion be,



both flesh and spir - it in thy pres - ence fail,  
 oh, may our souls for - ev - er feed on thee,  
 in - crease our faith and love, that we may know  
 to gaze on thee un - veiled, and see thy face,



yet here thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.  
 and thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.  
 the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.  
 the vi - sion of thy glo - ry, and thy grace. A - men

**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.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

***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. Amen.***

*We sit.*

## THE WORD

**READING: Exodus 12:1-14**

*A reading from Exodus.*

<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**

*Please read the psalm responsively.*

<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.*

**READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

*A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.*

<sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>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.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**ANTHEM**

*Wash Their Feet*

P Choplin

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

The holy gospel according to John the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

***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.***



We sit.

**SERMON**

*Love One Another*

We stand.

**HYMN**

*What Feast of Love*

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1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?  
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?  
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION**

Trusting in Christ's Passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After each petition:*

Hear us O, God. ***Your mercy is great.***

*The Prayers conclude:*

Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## THE MEAL

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.***

### **PREFACE**

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, who's 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.

*Sanctus*

Schubert

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

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

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

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.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

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

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,*

***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**

Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

*We sit.*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to this Meal. Those who desire communion but who are not able to come forward will be communed first in their pew.*

*This night we will come to the altar and receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers and come down the side isles and enter the sides of the altar. You are invited to kneel if you are able. We will commune by intinction (to dip). You will receive the bread and you are asked to dip into the chalice (cup) of wine. You are invited to return to your pews for an additional time of prayer and meditation this night.*

*Please take this time to complete the Friendship Registration Pads which are located on the pew near the center aisle.*

*Please bow your heads in an act of prayer.*

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace. ***Amen.***

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We pray together.

***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.***

*We remain seated.*

## **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

### **PSALM 22**

*When the altar is stripped, the choir sings.*

***We leave in complete silence.***

***Worship continues Good Friday at 6:30***

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



This worship service will be a combination of choral music and Tenebrae service. Come and hear about the life of Jesus. Be reminded of the One who healed, the One who washed the feet, the One whom we crucified. Continue the journey to the Good Friday cross and the sealed tomb.

This is our Passover  
from Christ from  
darkness to light, from  
the bondage to  
freedom, from death to  
life.

Vigil of Easter

April 20th 6:35 pm  
*beginning at the fire pit  
next to the cemetery*



# Easter Morning Celebration



7:00 – 8:00 Join the Congregation in the Fellowship Hall for Breakfast

Bring flowers to decorate the cross.  
We will gather at 8:00 at the cross.







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### **CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**

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### **Friday, April 19, 2019 ~ Good Friday**

6:30 pm Cantata and Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)

### **Saturday, April 20, 2019 ~ Holy Saturday**

6:30 pm Vigil of Easter (fire pit in Cemetery)

### **Sunday, April 21, 2019 ~ Easter Sunday**

7:00 – 8:00am Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

8:00 – 8:20am Flowering of the Cross, Front Lawn

8:30 am Special Music, Sanctuary

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship

10:15 am Sunday School