

*Welcome to
Zion Lutheran Church*



Maundy Thursday - March 29, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

With nightfall 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. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

WELCOME!

Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church. May this time honor God and inspire you. Worship details: The “Welcome to Zion” pew pads can help you know the others in your pew. Large print bulletins are available from an usher. In this bulletin, bold print indicates congregation’s responses. Assisted listening devices are available in the narthex, ask an usher. Hospitality details: A family restroom is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary. The Children’s Sanctuary is open for your use at the rear of the worship space; parents, please accompany your child.

PRELUDE Meditation on: “Out of the Depths” - attr. Martin Luther Setting by Harold Owen

GATHERING

We gather together to repent in the Holy Spirit

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P 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.

Kneel

Silence is kept for reflection

P Most merciful God,

C **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.**

P 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.**

Stand

ELW 522 (red book) “As We Gather at Your Table”

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. Amen.**

WORD

We listen to Jesus' words through the Holy Spirit

Sit

Exodus 12:1–14 *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.*

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. 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.

R The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 *In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new*

covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

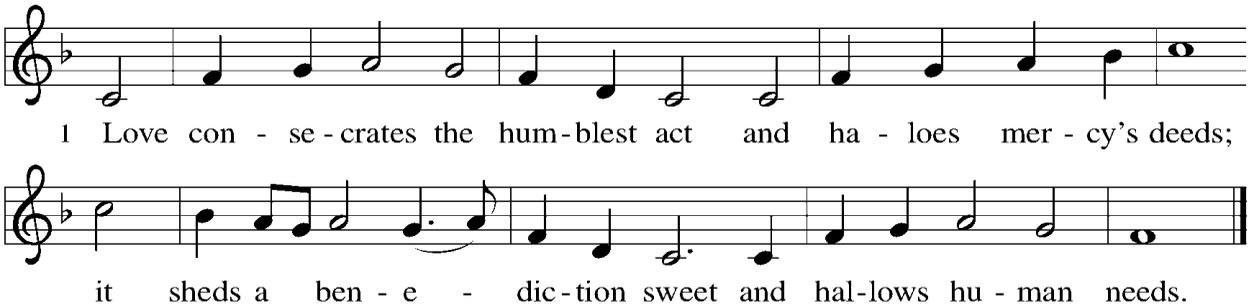
For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after 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.

R The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.

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.*

P The Holy Gospel according to John. C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After 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?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If 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."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act



2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
 3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
 has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Sit

HOMILY

“Do This in Remembrance of Me”

Pastor Mark Luepke

Stand

ELW (red book) 483

“Here is Bread”

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

MEAL

We remember Christ's words at the Holy Meal

Sit

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “A Lenten Walk” arr. By Hal H. Hopson Choir

Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: ELW (red book) 188 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. **God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION “Remember Now, My Children”

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

Sit

All who believe that Christ is truly present are welcome to partake of this meal.

Tonight communion is at the rail. Please come forward as the ushers direct you.

After you commune you may return to your seats.

Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are served.

Gluten-free wafers are available, please indicate to server if you wish to have one.

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

MEDITATION MUSIC “In Remembrance” by Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red

(Remain Seated)

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in God’s grace.
C **Amen**

A RESPONSIVE READING FROM VERSES FROM MARK 14

P After the supper, when they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
C **They went to a place called Gethsemane.**
P Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”
C **And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.**
P He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.”
C **And (three times) he came and found his disciples sleeping. “Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak.”**
P “Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, see, my betrayer is at hand.”

A READING OF PSALM 88 WHILE THE ALTAR IS STRIPPED

(The stripping of the altar and chancel area are symbolic of Jesus’ humiliation at the hands of the soldiers.)

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Friday, March 30, Noon: *Stations of the Cross*.

We join with other congregations to walk the final steps of Christ in a time of worship that travels to several congregations in our neighborhood. The walk begins at First United Presbyterian Church. It is anticipated that the time for Word, song, and prayer at Zion will be about 12:45 p.m.

Friday, March 30, 7:00 pm: Good Friday Worship

Saturday, March 31, 5:30 pm: Easter Worship

Sunday, April 1, 9:00 am: Easter Worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Mark Luepke

Organist: Dave Gaulrapp

Reader: Art Ollie

Communion Helpers: Skip & Judy Carstensen

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