

Alamance Lutheran Church

Alamance, NC

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

March 29, 2018

7:00pm



WELCOME to

Alamance Lutheran Church

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. – Thurs. 9:00a – 12:00p

and by appointment

If you are a guest with us today, please sign the guest registry located in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary.

Also, Pastor Ron would like all worshippers to sign the Communion record book found at the end of each pew, denoting any prayer concerns and requests for pastoral visits. Thank you.

CLERGY:

Rev. Ron Philabaum, *Pastor*

STAFF:

Kay Howe, *Bookkeeper*

**Matt Swaim, *Director of Contemporary Music;
Coordinator for Media and Publications***

Joy Rust, *Director of Traditional Music*

GENERAL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30 Contemporary Worship

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Worship

For a complete calendar of events, please see our monthly newsletter or our website.

Large Print Bulletins Are Available

Call the church office and request one in advance.

Bulletins can be accessed from our website, www.alamancelutheran.org, on the “Publications” page for viewing on your mobile device.

As Lutherans we understand that in, with and under the forms of bread and wine, we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We do not pretend to understand how this can be, we trust only in the promises he made—“this is my body...” and “this is my blood” Matthew 26, Mark 13, Luke 22, and I Corinthians 11. **If you are visiting with us, you are welcome to receive this gift with us.** We offer either wine or grape juice for those who prefer it. The pre-filled glasses contain juice. For people unable to tolerate gluten in their diet, gluten-free bread is available. Simply say “gluten free” when bread is offered.

Restrooms are located near the church office and are accessed via the right-hand side door at the front of the sanctuary or via the outside sidewalk to the left of the front entry doors.

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THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Cindy Smith Alcantar, *Violin*

Please rise

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

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.

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.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

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.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Please be seated. Those who desire may come forward and kneel at the kneeling rails for the laying on of hands. The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn:

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

*The person may respond: **Amen.***

Please rise.

APOSTOLIC 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

C: **Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Exodus 12: 1-4 [5-10] 11-14

L: The Word of the Lord,

P: Thanks Be To God.

PSALM 116: 1-2, 12-19 *(Read responsibly by whole verse)*

¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

² **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

¹² What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.

You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord!

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Hope of the World”

Words and music by Lloyd Larson

*Hope of the world, help to the helpless;
A humble Servant, Savior, Friend.
God's only Son, sent to redeem us;
Hosannas ring praise without end.
Amazing love! How great a Savior!
Christ comes to set the captive free.
A love beyond all comprehension,
The grace of God for all to see.
Amazing love for you and me!*

Please rise.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to John (13: 1-17, 31b-35).

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Ron Philabaum

“Authentic Gratefulness”

A silence for reflection follows the sermon. Please rise for the singing of the Sermon Hymn.

SERMON HYMN

ELW 566

“When Twilight Comes”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A On this holy night, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy.

A brief silence.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of your church. Where there is division, grant healing. Where there is fracture, grant unity. Where there is indifference, grant passion.

A brief silence.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the creation. Put an end to destruction and renew our commitment to the fullness of life you intend for every living thing.

A brief silence.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the human family. Bring understanding and a spirit of cooperation to nations and communities in conflict. Dissolve distrust into understanding and transform disregard into profound care for one another.

A brief silence.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit, especially **Jerry Combs, Bucky Fogleman, Ruth Gaines, Melba Iwaniec, Jim Phelps, Carolyn Pickard, Linda Jo Smith, Tony Solazzo, Helen Stokes, Evan Cameron, Gray Carpenter, Bobby and Beth Crutchfield, Efran Cruz, Amy Deal, Lawrence Edwards, Brooks Estep, Harold Griffin, Melanie Hall, Stacy Hall, Chris Huneycutt, Tempy Kimrey, Cheryl Lauzau, Jerrod Martin, Jill Page, Dixon Riley, Johnny Rogers, Alex Sharp, William Sims, Billy Slaughter, Ron Spear, Marlene Sullivan, Anne Swaim, Sue Swaim, and Gail Whitesell.** Feed those who hunger, give shelter to those without a home, heal the sick, and grant rest to the dying.

A brief silence.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of this community. Help us seek not so much to be served, but to serve; not to be loved, but to love; not to be forgiven, but to forgive, for the sake of the gospel.

A brief silence.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness within us. Cast out all fear of separation from you, and join us to the communion of saints (especially Hans Nielsen Hauge) who celebrate at your eternal banquet table.

A brief silence.

P Into the arms of your tender embrace, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who, on the cross, opened his arms to all: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

(Worshipers may exchange the peace of the Lord by greeting one another, "Peace be with you.")

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING AND SETTING OF THE TABLE

Please rise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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 remembrance of me.

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 remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

(ELW p. 112)

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.**

P Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to share in the gift of Holy Communion with this congregation. The Baptismal font is open and available for those who wish to remember their Baptism by tracing the sign of the cross in water on their forehead prior to kneeling for Holy Communion. Worshippers are invited to approach the altar using the center aisle and kneel or stand at the kneeling rail on their side of the sanctuary before returning to their seats using the outside aisles. Communion will be brought out to those who are unable to approach the altar. Empty cups taken from the cup tray will be filled with red wine from a pouring chalice. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the center of the cup tray in prefilled cups and our Communion bread is gluten-free.

ELW 608

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

After all have communed please rise.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to eternal life. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A 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.**

Please be seated.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22 (Each verse is canted as a solo, *all* join on the antiphon (Refrain))

Refrain:



My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?

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

My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;
by night, but I | find no rest.

Yet you are the | Holy One,
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

Our ancestors put their | trust in you,
they trusted, and you | rescued them. **Refrain**
They cried out to you and | were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,
scorned by all and despised | by the people.
All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.
“Trust in the Lord; let the | Lord deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.” **Refrain**
Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,
and kept me safe on my | mother’s breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my | mother’s womb.
Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,
and there is no | one to help.
Many young bulls en- | circle me;
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me. **Refrain**
They open wide their | jaws at me,
like a slashing and | roaring lion.
I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.
Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;
they pierce my hands | and my feet. **Refrain**
I can count | all my bones
while they stare at | me and gloat.
They divide my gar- | ments among them;
for my clothing, | they cast lots.
But you, O Lord, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.
Deliver me | from the sword,
my life from the power | of the dog.
Save me from the | lion’s mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
I will declare your name | to my people;
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you. **Refrain**
You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is
the Lord's face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.
From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.
The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
For dominion belongs | to the Lord,
who rules o- | ver the nations. **Refrain**
Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the Lord.
Their descendants shall | serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.
They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | Lord has acted!" **Refrain (2X)**

All depart in silence.

Those Serving in Worship Tonight:

Acolyte: Luke Lewis

Worship Assistant: Lisa Lewis

Lector: Sarah Widderich

Communion Assistants: Ted Milling and Barry Crouse

Communion Setup: Ruth Koester

PARISH CALENDAR**Thursday, March 29****Maundy Thursday**

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Holy
Communion Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 2

6:00pm PoundFit

Friday, March 30**Good Friday**

7:00pm Good Friday Passion Worship
(Chapel)

Wednesday, April 4

10:00am Alanon
10:30am Bible Study at Low's
6:30pm Chapel Choir Practice

Sunday, April 1**Easter Sunday**

7:00am Sunrise Service (Cemetery)
8:00am Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
8:45am Easter Egg and Hunt and Games
9:15am Chapel Choir Sound Check
9:25am Alamance Ringers Rehearsal
9:45am Chapel Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Easter Celebration Worship

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WORSHIP WITH US DURING THIS SPECIAL TIME OF THE CHURCH YEAR:

- **Good Friday, Tomorrow, March 30th**, 7:00pm in the Chapel. A service remembering Jesus' crucifixion and death will be held with music from the chapel choir, who will be performing music from the Indie musical artist Sufjan Stevens.
- **Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31st**, the chapel and the sanctuary will be open all day for those who would like to meditate or pray.
- **Easter Morning, April 1st:**
 - *Sunrise Service*, 7:00am in the Cemetery.
 - *Breakfast* will be served following the sunrise service in the fellowship hall at around 8:00am. If you are interested in helping to prepare breakfast, please bring breakfast casseroles, fruit, pastries, etc. Unbaked casseroles can be left in the church refrigerator on Saturday evening and the men will bake them on Sunday morning.
 - *Easter Egg Hunt and Games*, 8:45am. All children are invited to an egg hunt and games Easter morning. The older children will hide eggs at 8:30am.
 - *Easter Celebration Worship*, 10:30am in the Sanctuary. A festive worship service will be held with special music and instrumentalists to celebrate Christ's resurrection.