

Zion Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday Worship

with First Communion

6:30 pm Service on March 28, 2024



Artwork: *Golden Hour* by Rev. Nicolette Peñaranda

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**please stand as you are comfortable for those sections marked with an asterisk (*)*

Wandering Heart

Streams of Mercy



Water jar and Basin: In a humble, subversive act, Jesus washes the disciples' feet. This act of grace is meant to be emulated and is therefore an unending, overflowing, fountain of mercy for all.

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians all over 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.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have journeyed with Peter and the disciples, bringing our Wandering Hearts to Jesus. Together 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.

(Extended Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)

L: Please stand as we join in confession. Most merciful God,

**All: 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.**

L: 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. **All: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *with Laying on of Hands*

Come to me, All Pilgrims Thirsty ELW#777

(At this time, come forward for a laying on of hands and anointing as you desire.)

*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

All: And also with you.

L: Let us pray,

All: 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 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

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

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

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I re-pay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

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

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

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

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

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

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

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

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁵In 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.' ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

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

P: The holy gospel according to John the 13th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now 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.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & MEDITATION

Pastor Sarah Gunderson

Poem by Rev. Sarah Speed, *With My Outside Voice*

We've been taught
to wait our turn,
to ask politely—
we do not want to appear greedy.

We've been taught:
just a pinch of salt,
just a dash of sugar,
nothing in excess.

We've been taught:
raise your hand,
keep your voice down,
no talking in church.

We've been taught to
never make a scene,
but I simply cannot abide.

I am one part questions,
two parts hunger.
I am a million prayers
and deep hope
wrapped up in one.

I am famished and hopeful,
eager and humbled.

I am using my outdoor voice inside.

I am saying,
Not just my feet,
but my head and my hands!
I want to go where you go.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love

ELW# 708

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Congregational response after each petition: L: Lord, in your mercy. **All: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you. (Share a sign of God's peace with one another)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

We offer our gifts and our hearts in service for our neighbor and for the mission of God through the church.

*OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

All: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: 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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.



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

All: Christ had died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

**All: 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.

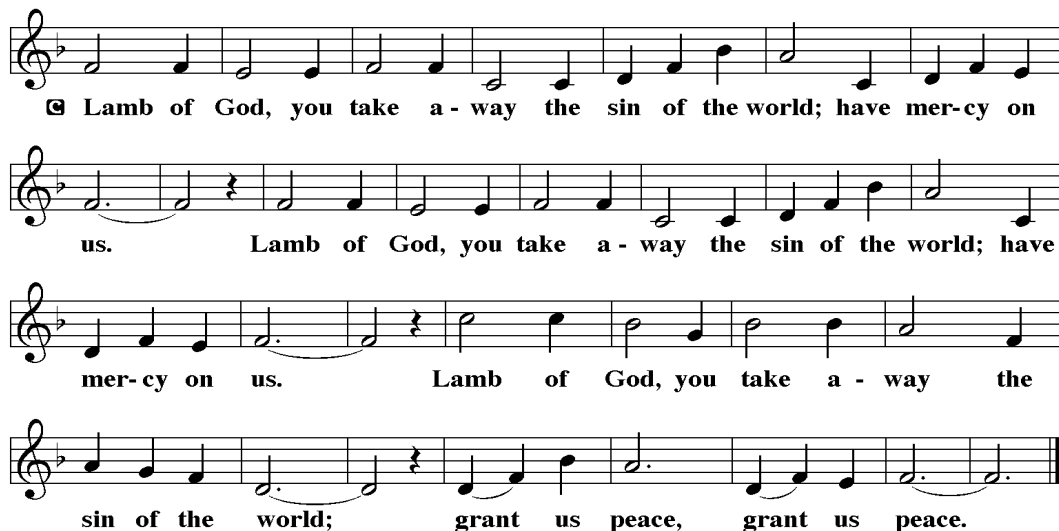
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome to the table! Our Lord Jesus Christ as Lord invites all to participate in this meal of Holy Communion. This evening we will be having those receiving First Communion and their families commune first at the altar. The congregation then may come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Receive the bread in your open palm. Select a cup, either dark red (grape juice) or light (wine). Young children and those not communing may leave their hands folded and receive a blessing from the pastor. All are welcome here.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Lamb of God



The musical notation is written on four staves in G-clef (treble clef) with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The final note of the fourth staff is a double bar line.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Sister Gretchen Johnston

*COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

All: Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

P: 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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus

by Johann Crüger

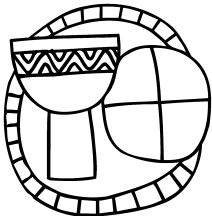
STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The service tonight ends without a benediction or dismissal. During the reading of Psalm 22, the altar guild will remove all the sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books from the altar space. Lights are dimmed as our worship space is stripped.

After reading is complete, you may leave in silence.

Our service continues tomorrow evening on Good Friday at 6:30pm.

Today we celebrate with our young people
who are participating in their First Communion:

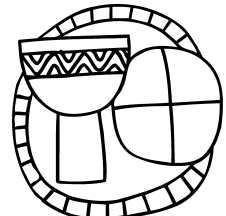


Anna Pagsisihan

Adyn Pedersen

Gabrielle Raunio

Owen Raunio



Welcome to the Lord's table!

May God bless you and keep you as you continue to grow in faith.
All are invited after worship to have cake & refreshments in the fellowship hall
to celebrate this faith milestone.