**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Series: **“The Seven Last Words of Christ”**

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 **“It Is Finished.”**

 **Maundy Thursday**

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April 6, 2023

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ***“It Happened on That Fateful Night”*** -setting by Charles W. Ore

**GATHERING**

**\*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.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this day/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 and self-examination.* *We kneel as able.*

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.**

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.**

**[we stand]**

**\*Opening Hymn “Go To Dark Gethsemane” Hymn # 347**

**\*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**

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]

**WORD**

**First Reading Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14**

**12**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**I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and 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.

**After the Reading:** The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19** (read responsively by whole verse)

**1**I love the Lord because he has heard
    my voice and my supplications.
**2Because he inclined his ear to me,
    therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

12What shall I return to the Lord
    for all his bounty to me?
**13I will lift up the cup of salvation
    and call on the name of the Lord;**14I will pay my vows to the Lord
    in the presence of all his people. **15Precious in the sight of the Lord
    is the death of his faithful ones.**16O Lord, I am your servant;
    I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
    You have loosed my bonds. **17I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
    and call on the name of the Lord.**18I will pay my vows to the Lord
    in the presence of all his people,
**19in the courts of the house of the Lord,
    in your midst, O Jerusalem.
 Praise the Lord!**

**Second Reading** I Corinthians 11:23-26

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, 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.

**After the Reading:** The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

[we stand]

**Gospel Reading** John 19:28-30

*The gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 19th chapter.

 **Glory To You, O Lord.**

**28**After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” **29**A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. **30**When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

*After the reading:* The Gospel of the Lord.

 **Praise to You, O Christ**.

Message  **“A WORD OF TRIUMPH”**

**\*The Hymn *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”*** **Hymn # 335**

**Prayers of Intercession**

United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy day/night for the needs of the world. [We kneel as able.]

***A brief silence.***

You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. From all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation’s ministries of service that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord’s death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the One who loves us to the end. Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

\*The Peace Is Shared

**THE OFFERING**

Offering is Received (*The loose offering received today/tonight will go toward The Dream Center of Pickens County.)*

Anthem -    Thomas Tallis/John Wilson

 ***“To Mock Your Reign O Dearest Lord”***

To mock Your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns;

Set You with taunts along that road from which no one returns.

They did not know, as we do now, that glorious is Your crown;

That thorns would flower upon Your brow, Your sorrows heal our own.

In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they snatched a purple cloak,

Your passion turned, for all they cared, into a soldier’s joke.

They did not know, as we do now, that though we merit blame

You will Your robe of mercy throw around our naked shame.

A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, they thrust into Your hand,

And acted out their grim charade to its appointed end.

They did not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall,

Your Kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.

\*Offertory Hymn ***“Let the Vineyards”*** **Hymn #181**

\*Offering Prayer (The congregation responds with **AMEN.**) page 129

**MEAL**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)**

 **L.** The Lord be with you.

 **C. And also with you.**

 **L.** Lift up your hearts**.**

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

 **L.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God**.**

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

**\*The Words of Institution** page 130

**\*The Lord’s Prayer** (Traditional Version)

L**.** 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.**

**\*Communion Hymn *“Lamb of God”*** page 135

The Communion

*Invited to commune at this altar are all baptized believers. Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing.*

 *On the way up, you are to pick up a cup and bring it to the altar. Prefilled cups in the center of the tray contain grape juice; otherwise wine will be dispensed at the altar into empty cups. Gluten free wafers are available as needed.  Please notify the Pastor.*

*To have the elements brought to you for communion, please notify an Usher. It would be helpful if you would sit on the front pew or on the aisle.*

 *As you go to the altar for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers into the water of the Baptismal Font and make a sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism.*

\*The Communion Blessing Pastor Fischer

\*Prayer after Communion

***For the 12:00 Noon Service:***

(**Silence is observed for meditation as candles are extinguished**.)

*There is no benediction. The omission of benedictions at the end of the liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other and with the Vigil of Easter.*

**All leave in silence to show the connection to Good Friday.**

***For the 7:00 p.m. Service:***

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*Stripping of the Altar is symbolic of Jesus’ humiliation at the soldier’s hands. As the linens, paraments, worship ornaments, and candles are removed, Psalm 22 will be sung by members of the choir.*

**PSALM 22**  (*sung by Amy Goodson and Joshua Fischer)*

1My God, my God,

 why have you for-ꞌsaken me?

 Why so far from saving me so far

 from the wordsꞌ of my groaning?

2My God, I cry out by day,

 But youꞌ do not answer;

 by night, but I ꞌ find no rest.

3Yet you are the ꞌ Holy One,

 enthroned on the prais- ꞌes of Israel.

4Our ancestors put their ꞌ trust in you,

 they trusted,

 and you ꞌ rescued them.

5They cried out to you

 and ꞌ were delivered;

 they trusted in you

 and were not ꞌ put to shame.

6But as for me,

I am a worm ꞌ and not human,

scorned by all

and despised ꞌ by the people.

7All who see me laugh ꞌ at me to scorn;

 they curl their lips;

 they ꞌ shake their heads.

8“Trust in the Lord;

 let the ꞌ Lord deliver;

 let God rescue him

 if God so de-ꞌlights in him.”

9Yet you are the one

 who drew me forth ꞌ from the womb,

 and kept me safe

 on my ꞌmother’s breast.

10I have been entrusted to you

 ever since ꞌ I was born;

 you were my God when I was still

 in my ꞌ mother’s womb.

11Be not far from me,

 for troub-ꞌ ble is near,

 and there is no ꞌ one to help.

12Many young bulls en-ꞌ circle me;

 strong bulls of Ba-ꞌ shan

 surround me.

13They open wide their ꞌ jaws at me,

 like a slashing and ꞌ roaring lion.

14I am poured out like water;

 all my bones are ꞌ out of joint;

 my heart within my breast

 is ꞌ melting wax.

15My strength is dried up

 like a potsherd;

 my tongue sticks to the roof

ꞌ of my mouth;

 and you have laid me

 in the ꞌ dust of death.

16Packs of dogs close me in,

 a band of evildoers

ꞌ circles round me;

 they pierce my hands ꞌ and my feet.

17I can count ꞌ all my bones

 while they stare at ꞌ me and gloat.

18They divide my gar-ꞌ ments

 among them; for my clothing, ꞌ they cast lots.

19But you, O Lord, be not ꞌ far away;

 O my help, hasten ꞌ to my aid.

20Deliver me ꞌ from the sword,

 my life from the power ꞌ of the dog.

21Save me from the ꞌ lion’s mouth!

 From the horns of wild bulls

 you have ꞌ rescued me.

22 I will declare your name ꞌ to my people;

 in the midst of the assembly ꞌ I will praise you.

23You who fear the Lord, give praise!

 All you of Jacob’s ꞌ line, give glory.

 Stand in awe of the Lord,

 all you off-ꞌ spring of Israel.

24For the Lord does not despise

 nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

 neither is the Lord’s face

 hid-ꞌden from them;

 but when they cry out,

 ꞌ the Lord hears them.

25From you comes my praise

 in the ꞌ great assembly;

 I will perform my vows

 in the sight of those

 who ꞌ fear the Lord.

26The poor shall eat ꞌ and be satisfied.

 Let those who seek the Lord

 give praise!

 May your hearts ꞌ live forever!

27All the ends of the earth

 shall remember and turn ꞌ to the Lord;

 all the families of nations

 shall bow ꞌ before God.

28For dominion belongs ꞌ to the Lord,

 who rules o-ꞌ ver the nations.

29Indeed, all who sleep in the earth

 shall bow ꞌ down in worship;

 all who go down to the dust,

 though they be dead,

 shall kneel be-ꞌ fore the Lord.

30Their descendants

 shall ꞌ serve the Lord,

 whom they shall proclaim

 to genera-ꞌ tions to come.

31They shall proclaim God’s deliverance

 to a people ꞌ yet unborn,

 saying to them,

 “The ꞌ Lord has acted!”

**All leave in silence to show the connection to Good Friday.**

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Presiding Minister Rev. J. Chris Fischer

Organist/Music Director Jill Helgeson

Acolytes (12:00 noon) Nancy Korn

 (7:00 p.m.) Cathy Rudisill

Assisting Ministers/Lectors (12:00 noon) Beth Cribbe

 (7:00 p.m.) Susan Straup

Ushers (12:00 noon) Mike Oates, Mike Cox

 (7:00 p.m.) Mike Metz, Leon Chute

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for commandment. The overarching theme of the day is Jesus’ new mandate to “love one another even as I have loved you,” a love sharply focused by the contrast of the betrayal which followed. Jesus’ love is demonstrated both in His example of servanthood and in His gift of Himself in Holy Communion.

**2023 LENTEN WORSHIP AND SUPPER SCHEDULE**

**Sermon Series: “The Seven Last Words of Christ”**

Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday

[no meal] Maundy Thursday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

 Message: “A Word of Triumph”

Friday, April 7 – Good Friday

[no meal] Good Friday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

 Message: “A Word of Reunion”

Notes:

Maundy Thursday Services and Good Friday Services will be identical.

Our Anglican brothers and sisters in the Lord will join us at the 7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship.



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There will be choir practice after the 7:00 p.m. worship service tonight.



###  **Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion**

 **7:00 a.m. Breakfast to follow**

###  **Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.**

 A Nursery will be provided for the 11:00 a.m. Service

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 **Note:** There will not be an Adult Sunday School Class.



 **CROSS OF FLOWERS**

**Again, this year the cross will be outside in front of the church. Please remember to bring your flowers Easter Sunday morning from your garden or from the grocery store to cover the cross. This is a great opportunity for family photos. What a beautiful way to celebrate our risen Lord!**