



Maundy Thursday

March 24, 2016

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Vicar



Tonight we share in the communion meal instituted by Jesus himself. Welcome, as we celebrate this profound yet humbling gift—and privilege. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register at the rear of the nave and please join us for worship again. We have a transport chair available to members and guests when needed. It is located at the foot of the ramp in the hallway off the narthex.

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.

As Lutherans, we believe that the bread and wine of Holy Communion are signs given by God that Christ is fully present among us. We invite you to participate in receiving this miraculous presence. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, be assured that even in the words, Christ is present to you. You are welcome to come to the Table to be fed and nurtured with us.

GATHERING

The assembly stands (if you are able).

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and evil—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.

(Silent prayer and confession.)

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 In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

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.

C Amen.

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.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1–4[5–10] 11–14

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.

L A reading from Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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.

℣ Word of God, word of life.

☩ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19

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

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

¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³I 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.

¹⁵Precious 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.

¹⁷I 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,

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

SECOND READING: 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.

℣ A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

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.

℣ Word of God, word of life.

☩ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Assembly stands.*)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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.

℣ The holy gospel according to St. John.

☩ 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.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly remains seated for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (ELW 359)

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A At this service of communion at Christ's table, let us join together in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A Blessed are you, O God, for the church. Bring all people into your fellowship of love. Make us worthy to share your food. Pass us over from death into life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Blessed are you for this good earth. Protect the waters from pollution. Bless the growing crops with your rain and sun. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Blessed are you for this table. We pray for the hungry, those in need, the sick (*especially*), and for those alienated from you. Answer their cries. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Blessed are you for this community of faith. Form us into servants for this neighborhood. Give us your spirit of service. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Blessed are you for all believers who have gone before us. Bring us all at the end into your everlasting glory. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive, O loving God, our prayers, and grant that we and all people may know the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

THANK AND TELL

OFFERTORY *(Assembly stands.)*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

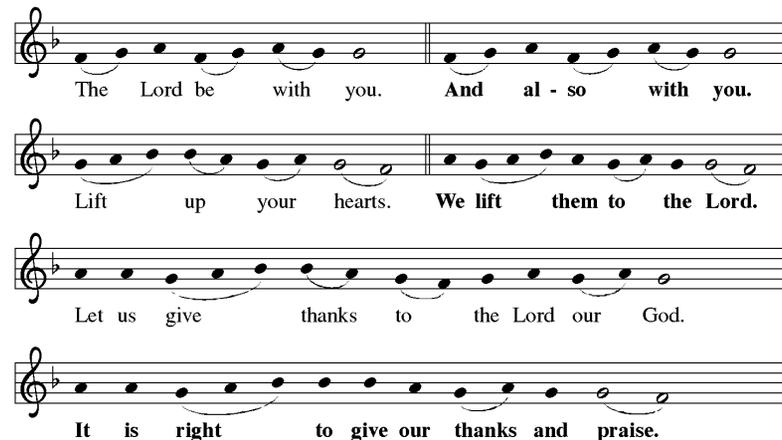
Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

OFFERING PRAYER

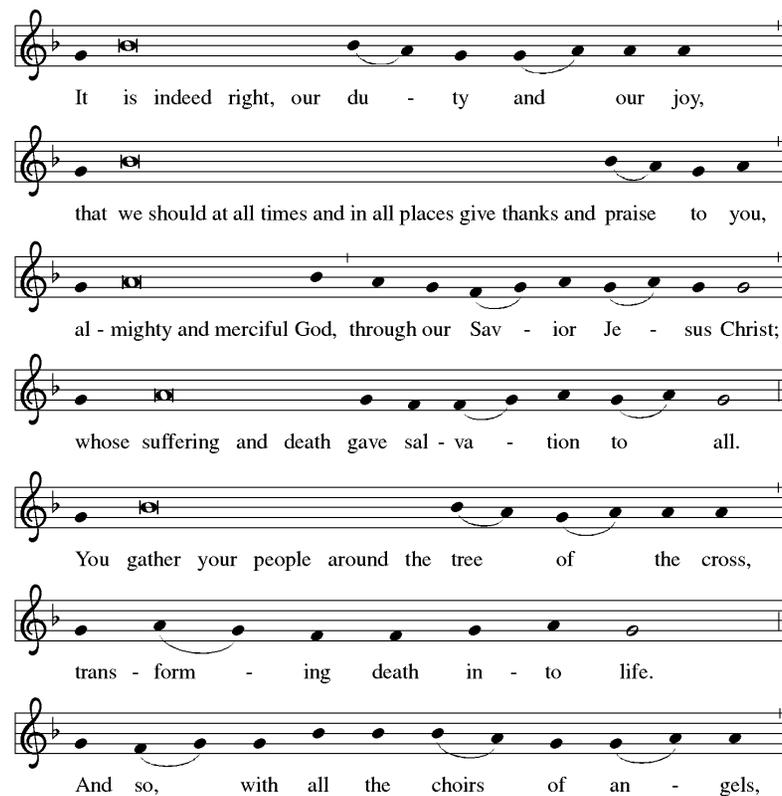
- A** God of glory,
C receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.
As Jesus served you, let us also serve your name.
Draw us to your heart in the midst of this world,
that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom,
from darkness to light, and from death to life;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
whose suffering and death gave sal - va - tion to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
trans - form - ing death in - to life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

From *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* copyright © 2006. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license # _____.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P** Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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:

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P 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.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

- P** 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.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

- ☐ With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

☑ Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

- ☐ Where charity and love abide, there is God.
Rejoice in this holy meal.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive the wine from the pouring chalice, please pick up an individual cup from the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread from the pastor, proceed to the pouring chalice or the common cup to receive the wine. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. If you would like to have communion brought to your seat, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor come to you.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

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.

TABLE BLESSING *(Assembly stands.)*

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.
☑ Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ Let us pray.
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.

The assembly is seated.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

After the communion, the service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. Members of the assembly are requested to assist.

READING: Psalm 88

The assisting minister reads the Psalm from the rear of the nave.

O LORD, God of my salvation,
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,
²let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry.
³For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
⁴I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;
I am like those who have no help,
⁵like those forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
⁶You have put me in the depths of the Pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
⁷Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.
Selah
⁸You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a thing of horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
⁹my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call on you, O LORD;
I spread out my hands to you.
¹⁰Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the shades rise up to praise you?
Selah
¹¹Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
¹²Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³But I, O LORD, cry out to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
¹⁴O LORD, why do you cast me off?
Why do you hide your face from me?
¹⁵Wretched and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.
¹⁶Your wrath has swept over me;
your dread assaults destroy me.
¹⁷They surround me like a flood all day long;
from all sides they close in on me.
¹⁸You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;
my companions are in darkness.

DEPART IN SILENCE

Copyright © 2016 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS023009.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

- SERVING TONIGHT -

Vicar Pam Illick.....Presiding Minister
 Teresa Papoutsis..... Assisting Minister
 Terry Eberly.....Lector/Communion Assistant
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice..... Pianists/Organists
 Don Becker..... Usher
 Amy Dennis..... Usher
 Linda Fleagle Usher
 Judi Rice Usher
 Carolyn and Earl DuffeyAltar Care



Our **Community Good Friday Service** will be held at Trinity tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. Speaker for the service will be The Rev Joe Detrick. Special music will be provided by the United Methodist Church Choir.

Our celebration of Easter will begin with the **Community Easter Sunrise Service** at Harbaugh Church Cemetery at 7 a.m. An Easter Breakfast will follow at the United Methodist Church.

Our festival celebration of Easter will be at 10:45 a.m. with **Holy Communion**. There will be no Youth Sunday School or Adult Forum on Easter morning.

Complete Glory

Although Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet may get the lion's share of our attention today, it is worthwhile to notice John's interpretation of the footwashing. In today's gospel we learn that Jesus is fully aware that it is his time, the moment of his glorification. Furthermore, his love is complete. He has loved all those he was called to love, and he has loved them to the end. Near the end of the reading we learn that in the footwashing Christ's glory extends to God's glory, so that the various kinds of glory are all united at once.

It is as if time, space, and relationship are all transcended or fulfilled in this singular moment in Jesus' ministry. It's as if Jesus really is everything. Jesus is here, in this moment, in this place and performing this action, and he is at the same time the glory of God.

What could possibly be so important about Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet? John describes this moment as if it were the most important transition point in his whole gospel, shifting from Jesus' earthly ministry, which is now completed, to his crucifixion.

Right here, between his earthly ministry and his crucifixion, Jesus is in complete control while handing over everything to others. He leads by serving. He is glorified by giving glory. He is exalted in his humility. He loves so completely that he hands the freedom to love over to those he loves without reserve. Right here, in this moment, Jesus' glory is complete. There is nothing more glorious, more beautiful, than someone washing a friend's feet. On this day, we remember Christ glorifying himself and God in this way, and we are inspired to imagine the many opportunities we have to go and do likewise.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

12043 Old Route 16 - PO Box 240

Rouzerville PA 17250-0240

trinityrouzerville.com

(717) 762-1228

admin@trinityrouzerville.org



Like us on Facebook

Pam Illick, Vicar

LTSG

Box 121

61 Seminary Ridge

Gettysburg PA 17325-1742

(443) 876-4736

pillick@ltsg.edu



- Our Mission -

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rouzerville, Pennsylvania is to build, strengthen, and increase our faith community to better love and serve God – and the world community – with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



- Our Vision -

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a flourishing, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered home for all.



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.