# Trinity Lutheran Church

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# Thursday, April 17, 2025 Maundy Thursday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

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### **About Today's Service:**

Holy Thursday, occurring on the eve of our Lord's crucifixion, begins the celebration of the holy three days of Christ's Passover, commonly known as the Triduum. The service on this day culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Christ's Passion and Resurrection and leads into His sacrifice on our behalf. As such, the service, like that for Good Friday, exhibits a mood of restrained joy. The Service for Holy Thursday consists of four parts: the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, the Service of the Word, the Service of the Sacrament, and the Stripping of the Altar.

The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution signals the end of the Lenten preparations with the absolution and peace of Christ that stand at the center of the Three Days. The Service of the Word focuses upon Christ's sacrificial service demonstrated in His washing of His disciples' feet, a servant hood enacted on the cross and whose benefits are bestowed in His means of grace. The service culminates with the Lord's ministry to His people through the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ's servant hood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death on Good Friday. On Holy Thursday, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover from death to life and from captivity to freedom.

Because the Triduum is seen as one service in three parts, no Benediction is spoken at the conclusion of the last service on Holy Thursday. The Benediction spoken at the chief service on Easter Sunday concludes all the services of the Three Days.

#### Opening Hymn 445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning





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#### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **Exhortation**

- **P** I will go to the altar of God,
- **G** to God my exceeding joy.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.

#### **Confessional Address**

P During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good." As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with the wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

- C Amen.
- P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- C Amen.

#### **Confession of Sins**

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- **P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C Amen.
- P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- **G** Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

#### **Absolution**

- In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

#### Service of the Word

**Old Testament Reading** *Jeremiah 31:31–34* 

<sup>31</sup>"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm**

Psalm 116:12-19 (antiphon: v. 17)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>What shall I render | to the LORD\* for all his bene- | fits to me?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\* and call on the name | of the LORD,

<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows | to the LORD\* in the presence of all his | people.

# <sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight | of the LORD\* is the death | of his saints.

16O LORD, I am your | servant;\*
 I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
 You have | loosed my bonds.

# <sup>17</sup>I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\* and call on the name | of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows | to the LORD\* in the presence of all his | people,

<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house | of the LORD,\* in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!

#### **Epistle** *Hebrews 10:15–25*

<sup>15</sup>The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

16"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:
 I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>then he adds,

#### Holy Gospel Luke 22:7–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters <sup>11</sup>and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>12</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." <sup>13</sup>And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover

<sup>14</sup>And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup>And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

#### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life 

→ everlasting. Amen.

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Hymn of the Day 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee





#### Sermon - Pastor Wagner

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**Prayer of the Church** 

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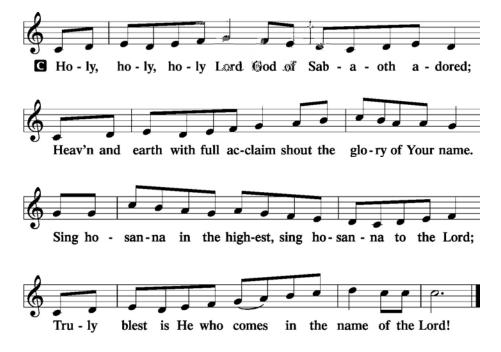
#### **Sharing of the Peace (7:00 pm only)**

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#### **Preface**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### **Sanctus**



#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### **Lord's Prayer**

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.

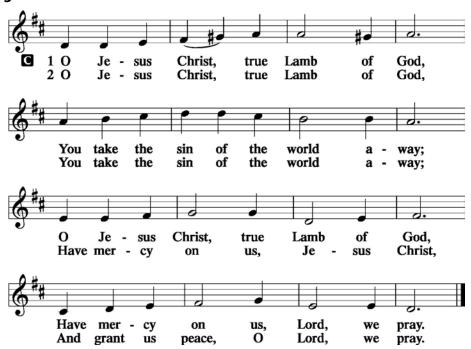
#### The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 
  → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Pax Domini**

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

#### **Agnus Dei**

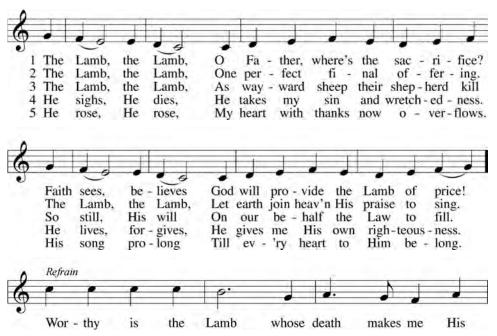


# Sit **Distribution**

### A Word About Holy Communion at Trinity:

Today we celebrate the Holy Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We joyfully receive our dear Lord's Body and Blood through the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who celebrate this Sacrament with us give public confession that they are one with us in our doctrines and beliefs. We seek to be obedient to the admonition of St. Paul who speaks for Christ concerning the proper administration and reception of this gift of life and for the spiritual welfare of those who receive this Sacrament. We ask that anyone wishing to partake of the communion who is not yet a confirmed member of this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, to please speak to the PASTOR or an ELDER prior to the worship service.

Distribution Hymn 547 The Lamb





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#### Distribution Hymn 634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



- We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive, Salvation here will never find—May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest;

For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.

8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest

Amen! They who believe are blest.

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## Stand



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

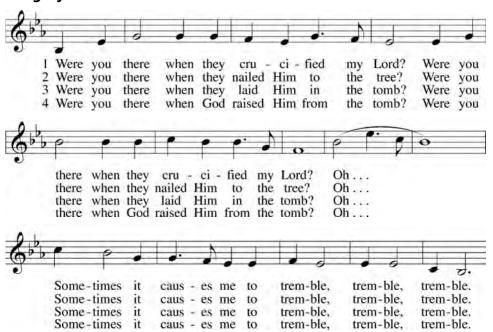
C Amen.

#### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  The Lord look upon you with favor and → give you peace.
- **G** Amen.

Sit

#### Closing Hymn 456 Were You There?





### **Stripping of the Altar (7:00 PM only)**

The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

### All leave the church in silence.

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Darkness 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

> Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday Divine Service 7:00 a.m. (Sunrise) Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Breakfast service between Easter Services

> > Monday, April 21 NO SERVICE

