

## Triduum Liturgy

### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

**P:** 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. 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:** 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.

**C: AMEN**

Prayer of the Day

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms: 116:1-2, 12-19

Second Reading: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Sermon

### We Respond to All That God Gives Us

Hymn of the Day #779 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" ([entire song](#))

We Proclaim Our Faith – Apostles' Creed:

**I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

**I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S 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 TO THE DEAD. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, AND HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND DEAD.**

**I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.**

Piano Anthem

Prayers

Our 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.**

### God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*Our worship ends this evening without the usual Benediction or ending blessing because our worship doesn't really end this evening. Instead, in the understanding of the Christian Church through the centuries, our worship from this evening through Easter Sunday morning forms one continuous whole over three days or "Triduum" in the traditional Latin. Instead, we take a temporary pause until tomorrow evening and are sent forth to do the work of God:*

Dismissal:

**P:** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Reading of Psalm 22 As We Reflect on the Sacrifice Made by Jesus for Us Over These Three Days

Piano Postlude and Silent Prayer

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## Our Mission

*St. John congregation, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, unites together to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission. With God's guidance and grace, we strive to boldly proclaim by word and action the reconciling Gospel of Jesus: Working together for justice and peace, and caring for those in need in our community and world. We invite everyone to join us wherever you are on your faith journey.*

*Adopted December 8, 2013*

## Serving Today

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.

Laurie Little

Judy Ferree

Roy Henry

Pastor

Young Christians Minister

Pianist

Council President

For the month of April, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts are dedicated to the Glory of God by LuAnn Ressler in loving memory of her husband, Jeffery Ressler. **Tree 4 Hope** sponsored by the Motter Family in celebration of the Easter season and Our Risen Lord Jesus. Support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania in honor of Lynn and Helen Henninger's 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary from their grandchildren Sadie & Ayden.

### Good Friday, April 2

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

7pm Solemn Good Friday Worship Featuring Youth Group Members Reading "The Passion of Jesus According to St. John" **(on Zoom only)**

### Holy Saturday/Easter Eve April 3

8am Youth Group Members Meet to Set Up for Annual Easter Egg Hunt

9am Annual Easter Egg Hunt

7pm Easter Eve Quiet Worship of Readings and Prayer **(on Zoom only)**

### Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day, April 4

6:30am Brief In-Person Sunrise Easter Worship **(We will gather on the field across from the pavilion and next to the sexton house with our masks covering both nose and mouth – no exceptions for anyone over the age of 2 – and maintain safe spacing. Instead of gathering beforehand in the foyer for warmth as in normal times, please remain in your car if needed until we are ready to begin.)**

9am Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study on Zoom; Youth Class, Confirmation Class, & SONDay Celebration Meeting In-Person at Church)

10:15am Worship **(In-Person and On Zoom)** Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons Attending In-Person **(For those who are attending worship in-person, please remember that a mask covering both nose and mouth is required to be worn by every worshipper over the age of two, with no exceptions for any reason at this time. Of course, please do not attend in-person worship if you aren't feeling well for any reason or if you have been exposed any time in the prior 14 days to a person who subsequently develops COVID-19-like symptoms or who tests positive for COVID-19. Ushers will guide you to designated safely-spaced seating.)**