

Triduum Liturgy of Holy Communion

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

In silence, We Gather to Worship

*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

(Following the shared words of forgiveness, you are invited to come forward and kneel – if able – before the altar to receive individual assurance of forgiveness of sin. Please come forward at the Usher's direction. After you have received the words of assurance, please return to your pew.)

*Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm: 116:1-2, 12-19

Second Reading: I Corinthians 11:23-26

*Gospel Acclamation (sung in unison):

WE ARE TURNING, LORD, TO HEAR YOU; YOU ARE MERCIFUL AND KIND – SLOW TO ANGER, RICH IN BLESSING, AND WITH LOVE TO US INCLINED. (Pg. 205)

*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

Announcements

Hymn of the Day #629 "Abide with Me"

*Prayers of the Church

Offering of Our Gifts and Choir Anthem

*Offertory Hymn (#182) (sung as gifts are brought forward):

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL LORD, AND FILL TO THE BRIM OUR CUP OF BLESSING. GATHER A HARVEST FROM THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN, THAT WE MAY BE FED WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE. GATHER THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF ALL; UNITE THEM WITH THE PRAYERS WE OFFER NOW. GRACE OUR TABLE WITH YOUR PRESENCE AND GIVE US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME.

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray... our Savior and Lord. **All: AMEN.**

We Share in God's Supper

*Words of Institution of Holy Communion

*Our Lord's Prayer – traditional version on right

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We Partake of Our Lord's Supper (As we share in the sacrament, please join in singing the praise song "O Lamb of God"):

O LAMB OF GOD, YOU BEAR THE SIN OF ALL THE WORLD AWAY; YOU SUFFERED DEATH OUR LIVES TO SAVE: HAVE MERCY NOW, WE PRAY. O LAMB OF GOD, YOU BEAR THE SIN OF ALL THE WORLD AWAY; YOU SET US FREE FROM GUILT AND GRAVE: HAVE MERCY NOW, WE PRAY. O LAMB OF GOD, YOU BEAR THE SIN OF ALL THE WORLD AWAY; ETERNAL PEACE WITH GOD YOU MADE: GIVE US YOUR PEACE, WE PRAY. (Pg. 208)

*Post Communion Blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

All: AMEN

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*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.

C: AMEN

Extinguishing of the Candles

Stripping of the Altar

In Silence, We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

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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

Ron Erb

Carol and Mike Hubler

Henry Family

Lilly Rabenold and Derrick Henry

Dana Klouser

Joshua Paul

Pastor

Young Christians Minister

Organist

Holy Communion Assistant

Altar Guild Preparation

Greeters

Acolytes

Lector

Lead Usher/Council President

For the month of March, the **Celebrate Inserts**, the support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** and the **Tree 4 Hope** are sponsored by Brian and Sheila Barder.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer. As we celebrate our Lord's Supper, we welcome to our table all baptized Christians who have received the sacrament in their home congregations. All persons who do not yet commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

About Our Worship

The name of this day, "Maundy" is an English form of the Latin word for "commandment." The overarching theme of the day is Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you," a love sharply focused by the contrast of the betrayal which followed. Our worship concludes this evening with the stripping of the altar, which is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldiers' hands. During this time, Psalm 22 (found in front of the hymns in ELW) will be intoned by the choir. You will recognize the first part of the first verse of this psalm as one of Jesus' words from the cross as recorded by the gospel writers. The psalm as a whole captures the spirit of the time of Jesus' arrest and betrayal—desertion and despair, but, through it all, an unquenchable faith in the final victory of God and his purposes. In a sense, however, our worship doesn't really conclude at all, for this day, Maundy Thursday, is a part of the ancient "Tridium," which means "Three Days." (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) have been viewed as, in effect and intent, one continuing experience of worship. Because of this, we conclude without the usual Benediction tonight, tomorrow night, and Saturday night, (As we gather for the Easter Eve Liturgy of Readings and Prayers).

Good Friday, March 29

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:15pm Youth Worship Leaders Meet to Prepare
7pm Solemn Good Friday Worship, with Leadership by Youth Group (In-Person and On Zoom)

Holy Saturday/Easter Eve, March 30

9am Youth Group Members Meet to Set Up for Annual Easter Egg Hunt
10am Annual Easter Egg Hunt
7pm Easter Eve Quiet Worship of Readings and Prayer (Downstairs In-Person Only)

Resurrection Of Our Lord/Easter Day, March 31

6:30pm Brief Sunrise Easter Worship (Outdoors In-Person)
7am First Annual Fred Weaver Memorial Easter Breakfast
9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
10:15am Worship, Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom)