

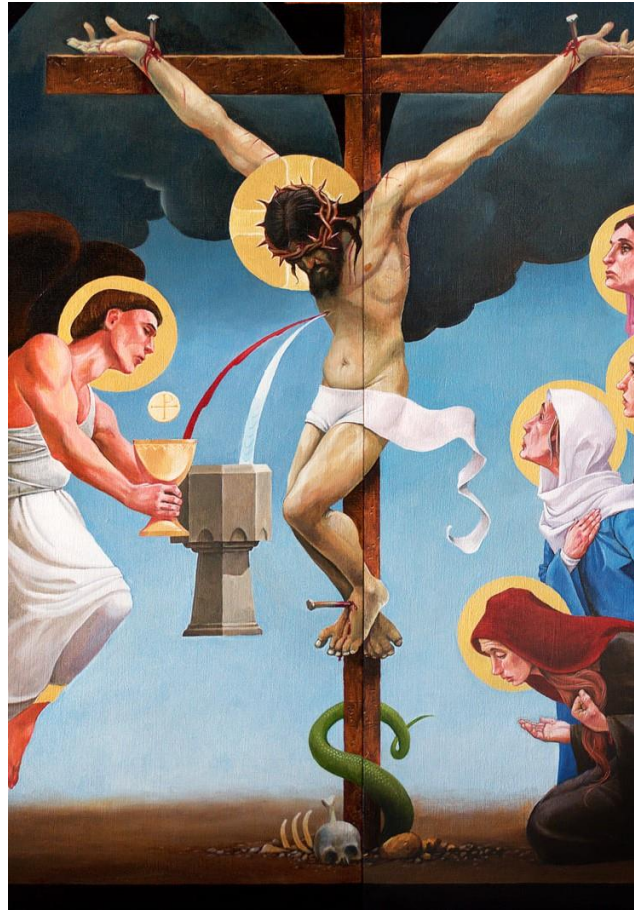
# Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

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*Maundy Thursday*

WELCOME



*In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service.  
May your experience of worship and fellowship this evening be spiritually refreshing and ready  
you for the week ahead.*



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# Maundy Thursday

## Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Kurt Kaiser

*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.

**P** I will go to the altar of God,

**C** to God my exceeding joy.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Sit*

**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. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread 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 for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C 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?

**C Yes.**

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go ✠ in peace.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Word

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436

- 1** Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2** Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3** Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4** Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

## Introit

- L** God forbid that I should boast,  
**C** Except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**L** In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead.  
**C** By Him we are redeemed and set at liberty.  
**L** God be merciful to us and bless us,  
**C** And cause His face to shine upon us.  
**L** That Your way may be known on earth,  
**C** Your salvation among all nations.  
**L** Let the peoples praise You, O God,  
**C** Let all the peoples praise You.  
**L** God, our own God, shall bless us.  
**C** God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

## Kyrie

LSB p. 186

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**L** Let us pray.  
O Lord, who left to us in a wonderful Sacrament a memorial of Your Passion, grant we implore You that we so use this Sacrament of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption continually may be manifest in us; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 12:1-14*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Hand Chime Choir

Lenten Meditation

Paul McIlvee

**Epistle Reading**

*1 Corinthians 11:23-32*

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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

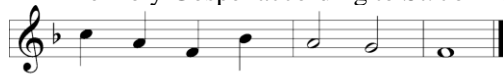
**C** Thanks be to God.

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**Holy Gospel**

*John 13:1-15, 34-35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.



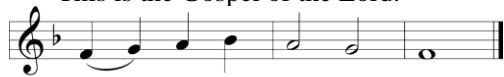
**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with Me." Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For He knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, "Not all of you are clean."

When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

Hymn

Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

LSB 597

- 1 Water, blood, and Spirit crying, By their witness testifying  
To the One whose death-defying Life has come, with life for all.
- 2 In a wat'ry grave are buried All our sins that Jesus carried;  
Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried Us across death's raging flood.
- 3 Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us, Past the scowl of death He leads us;  
Spreads a table where He feeds us With His body and His blood.
- 4 Though around us death is seething, God, His two-edged sword unsheathing,  
By His Spirit life is breathing Through the living, active Word.
- 5 Spirit, water, blood entreating, Working faith and its completing  
In the One whose death-defeating Life has come, with life for all.

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Sermon

Washed By Jesus

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Almighty God, in the Passover You used the blood of a sacrificial lamb marked on the doorposts of Your people's houses to spare the lives of those faithful to You, and You called for the observance of the Passover to be a lasting remembrance of Your grace and salvation. Remind us always of Your goodness toward us also, O Lord, and open our eyes to see how Jesus, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. As we are marked by the blood of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, so bring us from death in sin to life forevermore in Your great love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** On this night when we remember how Jesus gave us His Holy Supper and allowed Himself to be betrayed so we can be saved, let us pray for ourselves, for Christ's Church, and for the world. Holy Lord, since Your Son taught us that as often as we eat His bread and drink His cup, we proclaim His death until He comes, use every such proclamation of Christ to turn those without faith to trust in the Passover Lamb who offered Himself for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Holy Lord, as Your Son washed His disciples' feet and then offered Himself in service by going to the cross, give us humble hearts that are ready always to serve our families, our friends, our communities, and even our enemies, caring for everyone in Your name and using our lives to do Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Holy Lord, Christ entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood; He has redeemed us and inaugurated Your new covenant. Teach us to examine ourselves, so that confessing our sins, we come in repentance to receive our Savior's body and blood. By those gifts that You place in our mouths at this altar, give us Christ's forgiveness and renew us in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Holy Lord, we remorsefully confess that we are prone to stray. Guard and defend each of us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our own sinful inclinations. Forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, and keep us as Your own until You bring us to feast with angels, archangels, and all Your saints at Your heavenly table. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR**

✠ Ray McDaniel, as he has a heart procedure tomorrow.

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we place ourselves and all those for whom we pray, confident of the mercy that You show to us because of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**Offering**

*[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]*

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**Offertory**

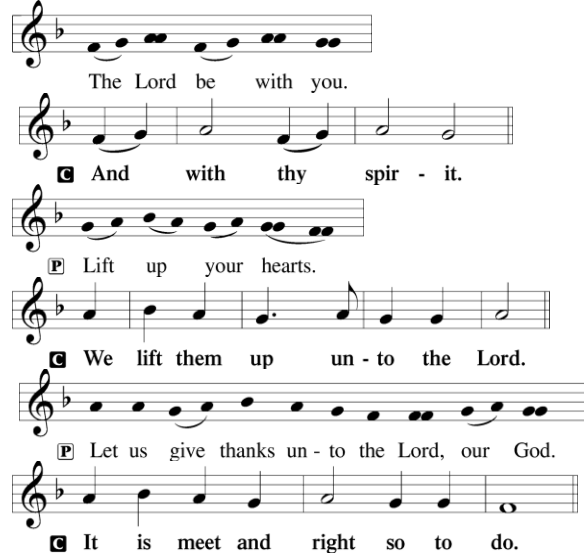
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**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB p. 194



The Lord be with you.

☐ And with thy spir - it.

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

☐ It is meet and right so to do.

☐ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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

LSB p. 195



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.



**C**

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

LSB p. 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB p. 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

### Distribution

*During the Distribution, the camera will be focused on the cross at the front of Zion to allow for privacy for those who commune.*

*Zion Lutheran practices the policy of close communion, communing only those who share our common Biblical view of the Lord's Supper. If you are not a confirmed LCMS Lutheran, please confer with the pastor before communing.*

**Hymn****Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed***LSB 437*

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?**
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!**
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died For His own creatures' sin.**
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.**
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.**

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**Hymn****A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth***LSB 438*

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing;  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."**
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior,  
Whom God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor.  
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said, "And free My children from their dread  
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by Your passion they will share The fruit of Your salvation."**
- 3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what You command Me.  
My will conforms to Your decree, I'll do what You have asked Me."  
O wondrous Love, what have You done! The Father offers up His Son,  
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong You are to save!  
You lay the One into the grave Who built the earth's foundation.**
- 4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,  
Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure!  
When I appear before Your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought,  
As Your own bride shall we be brought To stand in joy beside You.**

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**Hymn****My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less***LSB 575*

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain**
- ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

- 2 **When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain**
- 3 **His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain**
- 4 **When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain**

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*Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

### **The Dismissal**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C Amen.**

### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Stripping of the Altar

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

### **Psalm 22**

**P** My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

**C Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?**

**L** O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,

**C And by night, but I find no rest.**

**P** Yet You are holy,

**C Enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

**L** In You our fathers trusted,

**C They trusted, and You delivered them.**

**P** To You they cried and were rescued;

**C In You they trusted and were not put to shame.**

**L** But I am a worm and not a man,

**C Scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

**P** All who see Me mock Me,

**C They make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;**

**L** "He trusts in the Lord; let Him deliver Him;

**C Let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"**

**P** Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;

**C You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.**

**L** On You was I cast from My birth,

**C And from My mother's womb You have been My God.**

**P** Be not far from Me, for trouble is near,  
**C** **And there is none to help.**  
**L** Many bulls encompass Me;  
**C** **Strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;**  
**P** They open wide their mouths at Me,  
**C** **Like a ravening and roaring lion.**  
**L** I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint;  
**C** **My heart is like wax; it is melted within My breast;**  
**P** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks to My jaws;  
**C** **You lay Me in the dust of death.**  
**L** For dogs encompass Me;  
**C** **A company of evildoers encircles Me; they have pierced My hands and feet—**  
**P** I can count all My bones—  
**C** **They stare and gloat over Me;**  
**L** They divide My garments among them,  
**C** **And for My clothing they cast lots.**  
**P** But You, O Lord, do not be far off!  
**C** **O You My help, come quickly to My aid!**  
**L** Deliver My soul from the sword,  
**C** **My precious life from the power of the dog!**  
**P** Save Me from the mouth of the lion!  
**C** **You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!**  
**L** I will tell of Your name to My brothers;  
**C** **In the midst of the congregation I will praise You:**  
**P** You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,  
**C** **And stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!**  
**L** For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His face from Him,  
**C** **But has heard, when He cried to Him.**  
**P** From You comes My praise in the great congregation;  
**C** **My vows I will perform before those who fear Him.**  
**L** The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!  
**C** **May your hearts live forever!**  
**P** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
**C** **And all the families of the nations shall worship before You.**  
**L** For kingship belongs to the Lord,  
**C** **And He rules over the nations.**  
**P** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
**C** **Before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep Himself alive.**  
**L** Posterity shall serve Him;  
**C** **It shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**  
**P** They shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
**C** **That He has done it.**

*(There is no Benediction on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. The services flow into each other until the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, when the Benediction is again given.)*

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## **LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION**



### **ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER THIS EVENING**

The bulletin cover for Maundy Thursday is a portion of "The Zion Altarpiece" painted in 2017 by Edward Riojas, a Lutheran artist from Grand Rapids, Michigan for Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau, Wisconsin. The artist notes that Jesus' body is intentionally shown in advanced decay. The weight of His body pulls against the nails. Rigor mortis is already setting in. The artist drew inspiration from John 19:34-37, "But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: 'Not one of his bones will be broken.' And again, another Scripture says, 'They will look on him whom they have pierced.'" This is underscored by an angel collecting the blood in a Chalice and the water in a Baptismal font. The Father has turned His back on His sin-absorbing Son, evidenced in the blackened sky. The Man Christ Jesus is dead, yet the Tri-radiant nimbus behind His head proclaims Him a Person of The Holy Trinity. He IS God. He has defeated death and the devil for us as depicted by the skeleton and serpent crushed at the foot of the cross. In death Jesus is victorious and showers His grace upon us.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

During Holy Week the Church remembers the greatest outpouring of God's love and grace as we walk with Jesus through the events leading up to His crucifixion, and then celebrate His glorious resurrection. Here is a schedule of services for the coming week. Please make plans to attend each service to receive God's outpouring of grace and blessings in the Word and Sacraments. We look forward to seeing you at Zion!

Friday, March 29—Good Friday Service, 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 30—Great Vigil of Easter, 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday Divine Service, 10:00 AM

### **CHALICE AND PATEN USED TONIGHT**

The Chalice (the large common cup) and the Paten (the plate) used during Communion Distribution this evening are made of olive wood from the Holy Land. Pastor Clayton purchased these vessels in Bethlehem on his recent trip there.

### **EASTER VIGIL SERVICE**

Once again this year, Zion will be hosting an Easter Vigil Service, sometimes called the "Great Vigil of Easter" on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. It is at the same time both the last service of Lent and the first service of Easter (it switches in the middle of the service)! This is one of the most meaningful, most powerful, and most dramatic services of the whole year. The service starts in the dark with lights out (the Lenten part), the Paschal Candle is lit from a (small, carefully controlled) fire in a fire-pit outside symbolizing Jesus' new life, and then after a series of readings, all the lights are turned on, the announcement is made, "Christ is risen!" and the Easter party starts. It really is a great service, and one that is very meaningful, also for children who really notice the dramatic changes and enjoy the different feel to the service. The service will start at 7:00 PM on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, and probably last until about 8:30 PM. Of course, Holy Week is extremely busy, but you are encouraged to add this service to your schedule.

### **HYMN FESTIVAL APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> AT ZION LUTHERAN, MASCOUTAH**

This year, 2024, is the 500th Anniversary of the publication of the first Lutheran hymnal, Etlich Cristlich lider, (also often called the Achtliederbuch) which was published in Wittenberg early in 1524. In honor of this anniversary, Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah, IL will be hosting a Hymn Festival on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 4:00 PM. The Hymn Festival will feature several hymns first published in this earliest Lutheran hymnal, as well as more recent Lutheran contributions to hymnody. Each hymn will be preceded by a commentary given by an area LCMS pastor to give the background and meaning of the hymn. The Hymn Festival is free and open to all. Come and join in the great Lutheran tradition of singing hymns together at Zion Mascoutah at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>!

**THOSE WHO SERVE MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton  
Altar Guild: Joyce Hendrix & Lita Timmerman  
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

**THOSE WHO SERVE GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton  
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

**THOSE WHO SERVE EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Lector: Rev. Karl Gregory  
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton  
Altar Guild: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton  
Liturgist: Sem. Rob Laird  
Organist: Nancy Peterson  
Sound Tech: Blake Twenhafel  
Acolytes: William Huth, Rylan Ganey, & Brady Twenhafel (crucifer)  
Altar Guild: Mary Kay Krausz & Lita Timmerman  
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

**THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION**

Thurs.	<i>No Preschool</i>	
	Maundy Thursday w/communion	7:00 PM
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
	Good Friday Service	7:00 PM
Sat.	Great Vigil of Easter	7:00 PM
Sun.	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS IV w/communion	10:00 AM