

# Maundy Thursday



April 18, 2019 - 7:00 pm

St. Martin's Lutheran Church  
203 South Defiance Street + Archbold, Ohio  
Rev. Paul Reichert

## WORSHIP NOTES

*With nightfall and the beginning of this liturgy, our Lenten observance comes to its culmination. We gather with Christians around the world in celebrating the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection (known as the Triduum). Our remembering is more than a retracing of the last days of Jesus' life. Rather, throughout these Three Days, through word, sacrament, and ritual, we participate in the saving power of Jesus' passover from death to life. As the Three Days begin, we are invited to glory in the cross of Christ—our salvation, our life, our resurrection.*

*On this night we hear Jesus' new commandment (mandatum, the Latin word from which the word Maundy comes) to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example, living out our baptismal vocation with humility and care for one another, and especially for the poor and the unloved.*

*In remembrance of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples as an example of service and love, you may participate in the footwashing ritual if you desire to do so during communion distribution. (see note on page 3)*

*Tonight we also gather around the Lord's Table to remember the sacrifice of Jesus' life. We share the holy meal, becoming what we eat and drink: the body of Christ, offering ourselves in love for the life of the world. At that point in the service you will be invited to come forward and be seated at the table to receive Holy Communion. Please follow Pastor Paul's instructions for communion this evening.*

*At the conclusion of the liturgy, all adornments on the altar are removed, preparing us for Good Friday. Through this stark ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. A bare chancel will be the setting for tomorrow's worship service in the sanctuary. No benediction is given as we close our Holy Week services because they are one continuous service. We depart the service in silence, ready to continue this observance on Good Friday.*

***Tonight's offering will not be collected in the midst of the worship service.  
It may be left in the offering plate at the entrance***

## FOOT WASHING INVITATION



*You are invited to participate in the act of foot washing reminding us of our Lord's action with his disciples on the night of his last supper with them. The spirit of that action, though, is not to be simply a reminder of an historic event. Instead, it is a sign of who we are called to be in the world. Much as our Lord washed his disciples' feet as a sign to them of how they were called to act in the world, we now receive this as a sign of our call to service in Christ's name in our world in our time.*

*Admittedly, this can be an uncomfortable moment for many of us. We are not used to having someone wash our feet. When we read the Gospel story, we hear how this was an awkward and uncomfortable moment for those first disciples as well. But this act comes to us as a gift. This act of foot washing is a reminder of what Jesus does for us and the ministry with which he entrusts us; a ministry of service to his world in his name.*

*Obviously, it is your personal choice to participate or not. But please know that this is an opportunity to share in a symbol of ministry that is as old as the church.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Communion will be distributed at the large table at the front of the sanctuary. We will commune at tables of twelve. Jesus and the disciples would not have been seated at a table with chairs at the Passover meal, but we share in this method of distribution to bring us to a fuller understanding of having 12 seated together as Jesus shared this last supper with them.*



*In the midst of this supper Jesus predicted Peter's denial and he also knew that Judas was going to betray him. We all take our seat at the table acknowledging our own sinfulness bringing our own betrayals and denials of Jesus in our lives.*

*Once seated at the table Pastor Paul will distribute a loaf of bread to each side of the table. Please wait to eat the bread and drink the wine until invited to do so. Tonight's communion bread was made by our first communion students.*

## Prelude

## "What Wondrous Love Is This"

arr. T. Chesterton

## Welcome

## \*Hymn

## "O Lord, Who Through This Holy Week"



1 O Lord, who through this ho - ly week, you suf - fered for us all;  
2 We can - not un - der - stand the woe your love was pleased to bear:  
3 Your feet the path of suf - f'ring trod, your hand the vic - t'ry won:



The sick to heal, the lost to seek, to raise up them that fall.  
O Lamb of God, we on - ly know that all our hopes are there.  
What shall we ren - der to our God for all that he has done?



## \*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

### **And also with you.**

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.

## **Amen**

## Old Testament Reading

## Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

*The people of 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.*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell 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. <sup>4</sup>If 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.

<sup>11</sup>This 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. <sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>The 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.

<sup>14</sup>This 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**

## New Testament Reading

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*In his letter to the church in Corinth, Paul uses these words to say that in the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. By participating in this meal we proclaim Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

<sup>23</sup>For 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, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

<sup>25</sup>In 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."

<sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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## Gospel Reading

**John 13:1-17; 31-35**

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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then 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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After 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?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little 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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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## Message

***"Not A Suggestion, A Command"***

## Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our 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 sins against God and our neighbor, and enter the paschal celebration reconciled with God and with one another.

*(Silence for personal reflection and self-examination.)*

Merciful Father,

**I am a troubled sinner,**

**and I confess to you all the sins with which I have offended you  
and for which I justly deserve your punishment.**

**I am sorry for them, and repent of them,  
and pray for your boundless mercy.**

**Be gracious and merciful to me and forgive my sins,  
give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life,  
and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgive us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, 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.

**Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

### Sharing of the Peace

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *(2 Corinthians 13:11)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(We share with each other the words, "Peace be with you")*

## Chancel Choir

## “Wash Their Feet”

arr. by P Choplin

*There one night in the upper room, He laid aside His robe.*

*He wrapped a towel around His waist like a servant's clothes.*

*Then my Master, Lord and King, kneeled to do this amazing thing,*

*He washed their feet, He got down on His knees and washed their feet.*

*Why would my Master, Lord and King, come to do this amazing thing? He washed their feet.*

*The Lord said, “As I come to wash your feet to make you pure and clean,  
go out now and touch the world, do what you have seen.*

*Hear my call and live it true, do for them what I do for you.*

*Go, wash their feet. Be a servant, humble and meek, wash their feet.*

*Hear my call and live it true, do for them what I do for you. Go, wash their feet.”*

*When the Lord left heaven to come down, He laid aside His glory and His crown.*

*He did not cling to power or follow after fame. Still all heaven sings the glory of His name.*

## Words of Institution

O Lord our God, tonight we recall your love, your faithfulness and your grace as shown to us in the beauty and order of your creation, as experienced by Noah and his family, Abraham and Sarah, and the ancient people of Israel.

We give you thanks for giving us your Son, who became one of us to be near those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, and with us now.

*Tonight, 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 in 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.*

And so, remembering all that was done for us; the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, we long for Christ's coming again in glory.

## **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

As we gather around this table, send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord. Breathe life into our bones, that we may be people of hope, justice, and love. All glory and honor is yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

**Amen**

## The 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 Lord's Supper & Footwashing

*Communion will be distributed at the center table this evening. You are asked to come forward when indicated by the usher and take a seat at the table. A loaf of bread will be passed at each side of the table. Please wait and eat the bread and wine when instructed. Wait at the table until dismissed by the pastor. You may continue to one of the optional footwashing stations on the side opposite the communion table.*

## Communion Distribution

### **"Lamb of God Most Holy"**

*Please sing two times*

Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,  
pa - tient still and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn did of - fer;  
our sins by Thee were tak - en, or hope had us for - sak - en;  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!

# "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here"

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,  
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,  
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems  
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

# “Where Charity and Love Are Shown”

Refrain



Don-de hay ca - ri - dad ya - mor, a - llí es -  
Where cha - ri - ty and love are shown, our God is



tá,el Se - ñor, a - llí es - tá,el Se - ñor.  
there made known, our God is there made known.



1 One as - sem - bly at one ta - ble; one the cup, the bread, the  
2 At the ta - ble we are wel - comed to the ban - quet from a -  
3 This, the bread of life e - ter - nal; this, the sav - ing cup we



wine; in one love we are com - pan - ions, and in  
bove. We re - call the Lord's com - mand - ment that we  
claim, draw us close with - in one fam - 'ly, make us



u - ni - ty we dine. Brought to - geth - er by the  
live and grow in love. As the gifts of God are  
one in Je - sus' name. Let us tell the liv - ing



pres - ence and the prom - ise of God's Word, here in  
giv - en, Je - sus' bod - y and his blood, so we  
sto - ry of his suf - f'ring and his pain, and pro -



joy and in re - mem - brance we re - ceive our lov - ing Lord.  
give our - selves to oth - ers and we seek our neigh - bor's good.  
claim the ho - ly mys - t'ry: Christ has died, yet lives to reign.

Refrain

## Post Communion Prayer

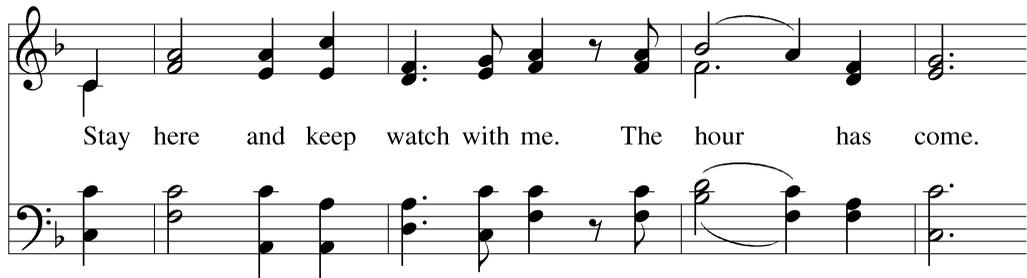
Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May we always remember your model for a godly life and live that life of servanthood all our days. Guide our hearts through the coming hours as we remember the pain and agony of your spirit.

**Amen**



## The Stripping of the Altar

*At the beginning and after each section of scripture, the following refrain is sung by the congregation:*



Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.



Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

### **Matthew 26:30-50**

*The following text is provided for your reflection.*

<sup>30</sup>When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”

<sup>32</sup>But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

<sup>33</sup>Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

<sup>34</sup>“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

<sup>35</sup>But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.

***Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.***

***Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.***

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup>He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

<sup>39</sup>Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

***Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.***

***Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.***

<sup>40</sup>Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup>“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

<sup>42</sup>He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

<sup>43</sup>When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

***Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.***

***Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.***

<sup>45</sup>Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup>Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup>Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came for.”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

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***Our worship continues tomorrow evening at 7:30.***

***You are asked to leave the Sanctuary in silence.***

***Go in peace.***

Organist/Pianist: Steve Basselman  
Pianist: Beth Reichert  
Lector: Zach Basselman  
Foot washing: Jo Ann Liechty, Joyce Winzeler  
Altar & Communion Table Assistants: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism Students

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **April 19 - Good Friday**

6am-6pm Good Friday Prayer Vigil

7:30 pm Good Friday Worship Service

*A bare chancel is our setting for worship. We will journey through the Passion narrative as recorded in Luke interspersed with song and prayer.*

### **April 21 - Easter Sunday**

7:00 am Easter Vigil Sunrise Service  
with Holy Communion (continuous)

*Worship begins in darkness. And while we recount the story of God's salvation history through scripture, we quickly reset the sanctuary to celebrate the feast of victory. The Luther League serves as worship leaders.*

8:00 am Easter Breakfast, hosted by the Luther League

9:00 am Sunday School (ending at 9:45)

10:00 am Festival Service with Holy Communion (continuous)

*The celebration continues! All the festive flare we can gather is included in the climax of our Easter festival. The Chancel Choir invites you to join them in our annual tradition of singing the "Hallelujah Chorus"*

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