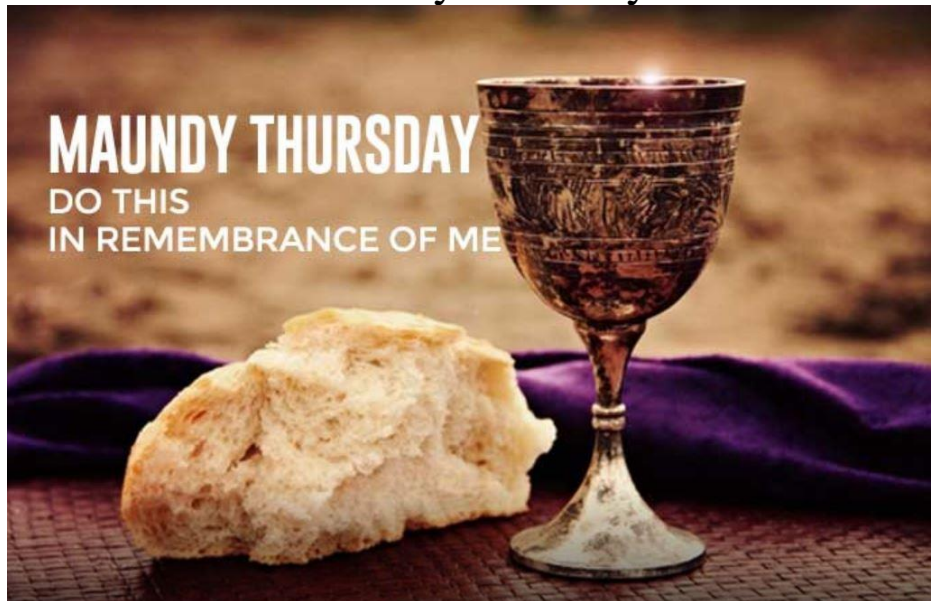


# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 28, 2024  
Maundy Thursday



**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!**

**Gospel in Action: Caring for all God's children, we shall serve God through worship, learning, and sharing.**

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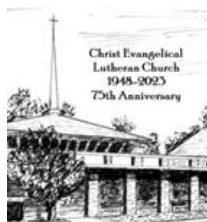
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## WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please use the gathering area to visit before worship. Once you have entered the sanctuary, please prepare your heart, mind, and spirit for worship by keeping a period of silence. Once the prelude begins, please bring all conversations to a close. Also, please silence your cell phones at this time.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

### 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.**

### GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. 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.

**C: Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to sit.*

**FIRST READING Exodus 12:1–4, 11–14**

L: The first lesson is from Exodus, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

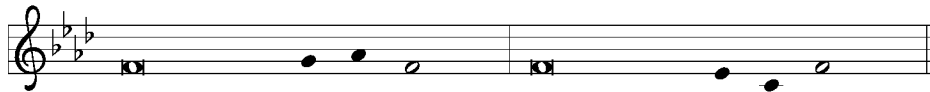
L: <sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each 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.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

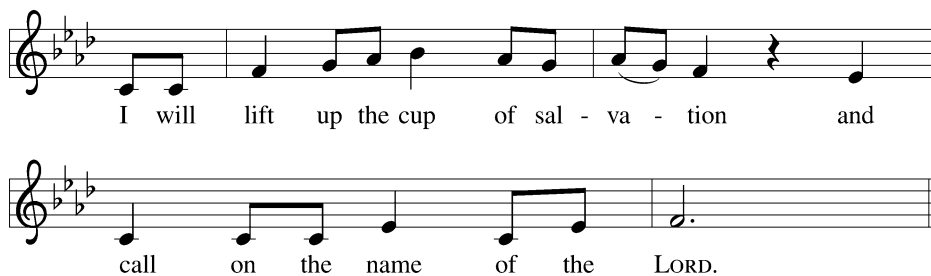
**PSALM: Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19**

**Tone**



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**Refrain**



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<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has <sup>1</sup>heard my voice,  
and listened to my <sup>1</sup>supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given <sup>1</sup>ear to me  
whenev- <sup>1</sup>er I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- <sup>1</sup>pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has <sup>1</sup>done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup <sup>1</sup>of salvation  
and call on the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD. R**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup>to the LORD  
in the presence of <sup>1</sup>all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your <sup>1</sup>sight, O LORD,  
is the death <sup>1</sup>of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I <sup>1</sup>am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me <sup>1</sup>from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice <sup>1</sup>of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup>to the LORD  
in the presence of <sup>1</sup>all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of <sup>1</sup>the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, <sup>1</sup>O Jerusalem. R**

## **SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23–26**

L: The second reading is from 1 Corinthians, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

L: <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.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

## **GOSPEL PROPER**

*Cantor only: I give you a / new commandment,\* that you love one another just as I / have loved you. (John 13:34)*

### **GOSPEL**

**John 13:1–17, 31b–35**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

P: <sup>1</sup>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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The congregation is invited to sit.*

### **SERMON**

**Rev. Laura Kuntz**

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

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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.

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: As Jesus calls us to love one another, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.  
*A brief Silence*

A: We pray for the church: Gather us together through your love. Heal the divisions holding us apart, especially at your table. Unite us in our common mission to be your servants in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For the earth: Sustain all living creatures with seasonable weather and suitable environments. Protect fragile habitats from harm. Bless farmers, ranchers, and gardeners whose labors bring food to our tables. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For the nations: Lead all in authority to work for peace and justice. Bring an end to oppression. Heal nations and communities torn apart by violence and fear. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For those in need: Fill the tables of the hungry. Comfort those who know the pain of betrayal, and all who suffer from grief or illness, especially those we say aloud or silently in our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For this assembly: Bless those who guide us in worship and those who lead us into the world to serve in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Bring us to the fullness of your promise of resurrection and eternal life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

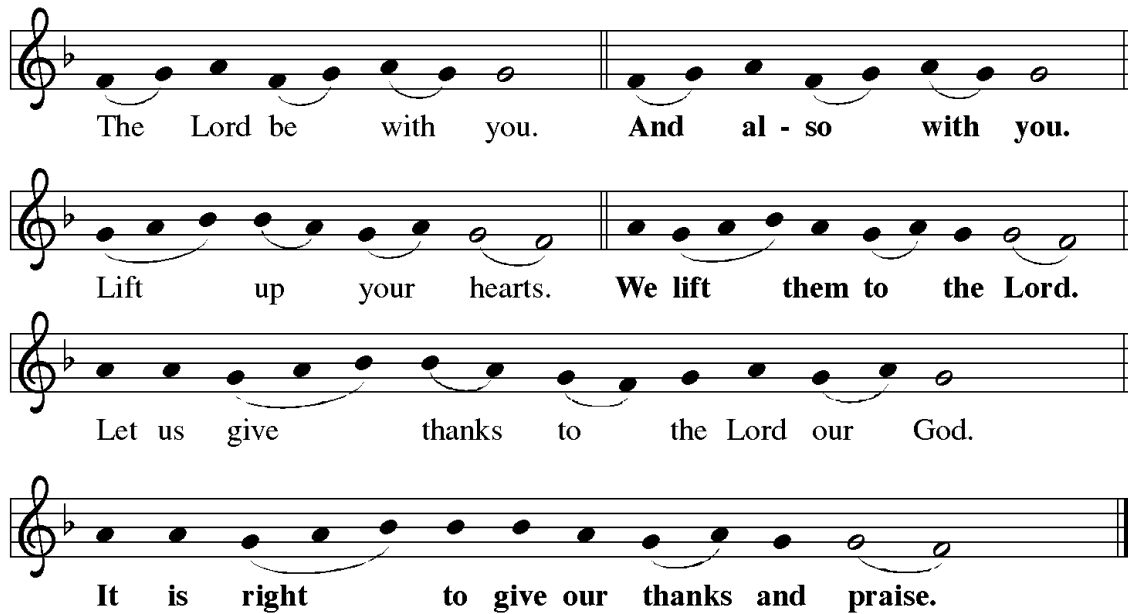
**OFFERING** (*Offering plates can be found on your way out of the sanctuary.*)

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin. In 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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

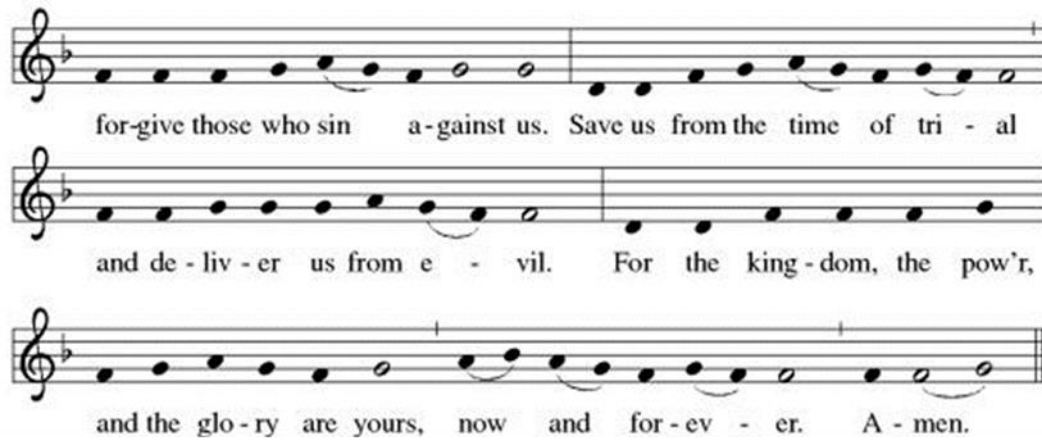
P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

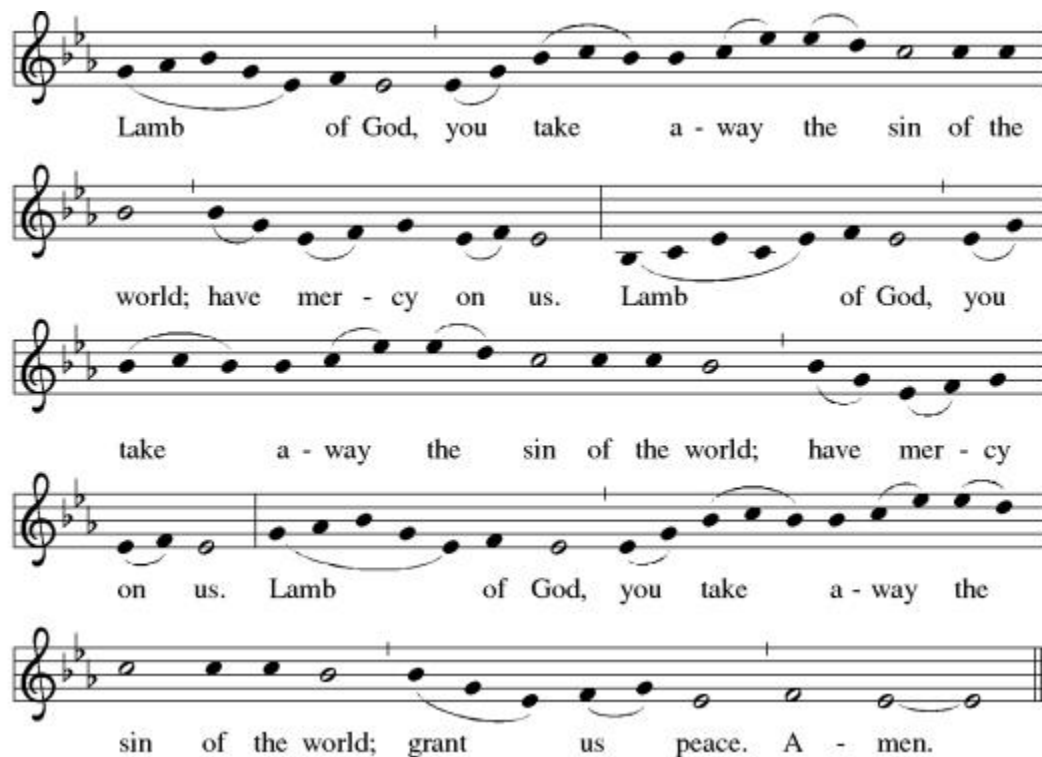
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.  
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

*The congregation is invited to sit.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Our communion bread tonight was baked by children of the congregation as they gathered before worship and learned about Jesus' command to remember him through this meal.*

## COMMUNION



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



*Refrain*  
 In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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HERE IS BREAD  
 3 3 4 4 3 3 5 and refrain

## A New Commandment



A new com - mand - ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth - er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth - er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo - ple know

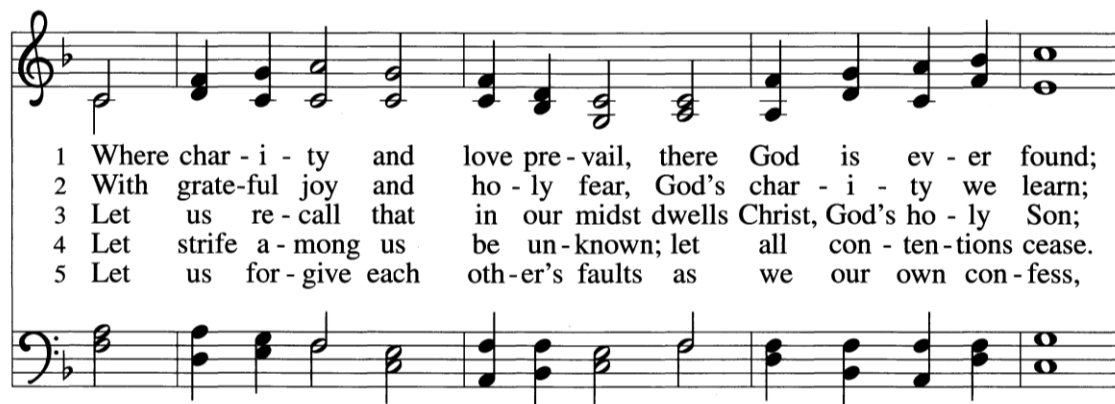


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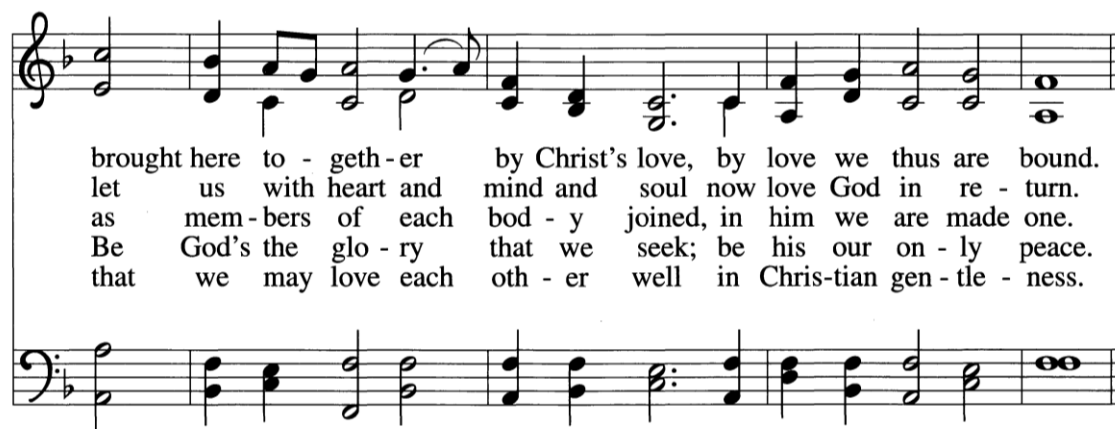
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## Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray.

**C:** 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. Amen.

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*After the communion, the service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits or kneels. Following the prayer after communion, the sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. Psalm 22 is sung by assistants and reflected upon by the congregation. Lights may be dimmed as the worship space is stripped.*

## PSALM 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?  
2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.  
3 Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
4 In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.  
5 To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.  
6 But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the people.  
7 All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;  
8 "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver —  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"  
9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.  
10 On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.  
11 Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.  
12 Many bulls encircle me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
13 they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.  
14 I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
15 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
16 For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shriveled;  
17 I can count all my bones.  
They stare and gloat over me;

18they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.  
19But you, O LORD, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!  
20Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!  
21Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.  
22I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
23You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
24For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.  
25From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
26The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live forever!  
27All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.  
28For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.  
29To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.  
30Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the LORD,  
31and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

***This night, we enter the Great Three Days, during which our Lord Jesus suffered betrayal, humiliation, and blameless death for the sake of the whole world. We remember his abandonment as we remove all the appointments from the altar. You are welcome to remain for meditation, or depart respectfully in silence.***

## 2024 Lent Schedule

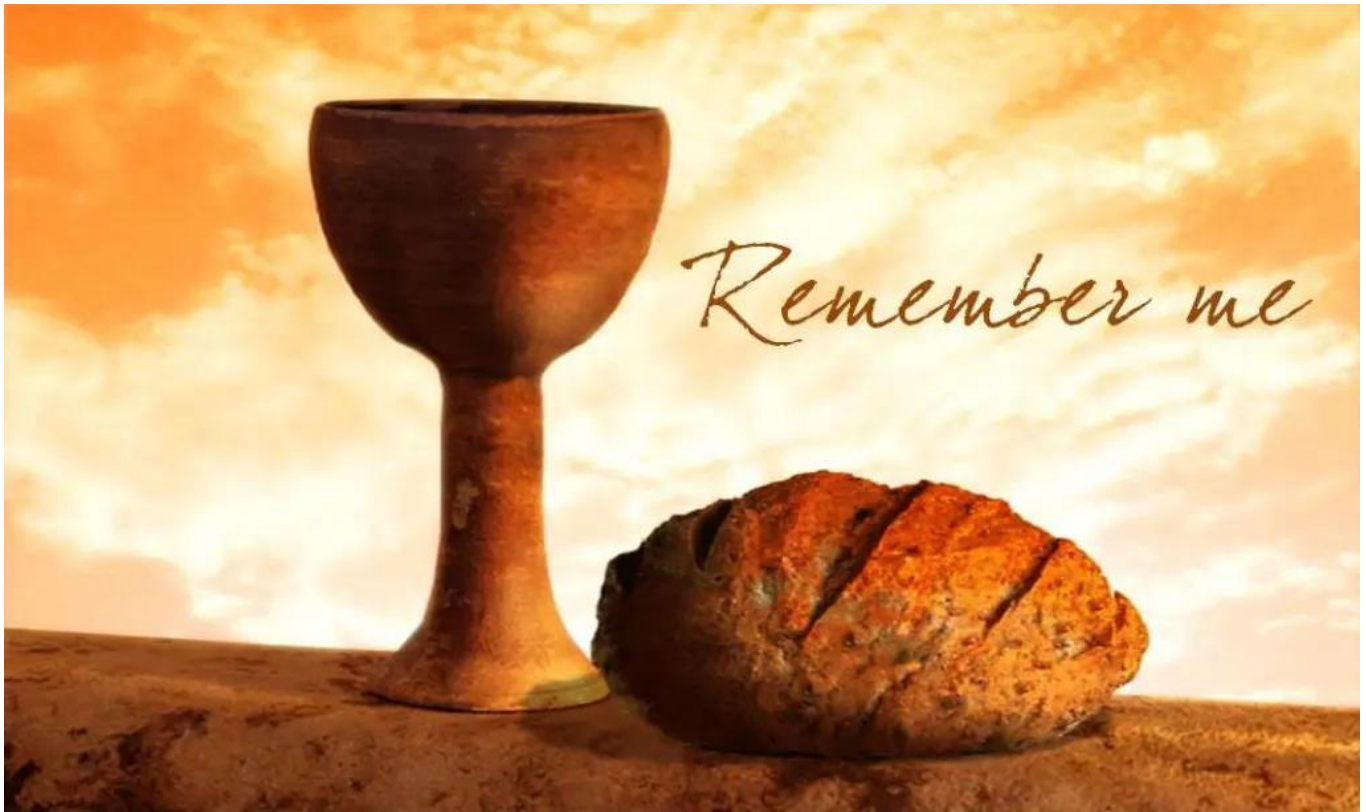
**Maundy Thursday- 7 p.m. March 28th**

**Good Friday Cross walk- 5 p.m.** at St. Joseph's Catholic Church 32929 Lake Rd.

**Good Friday- 7 p.m. March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Morning- 10 a.m. March 31<sup>st</sup>** Bring cut flowers from your yard or purchase some cut flowers to be used to decorate the flowering cross! Bring them to the cross in front of the Altar by 9:45 on Easter morning to be included for the service.





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