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Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

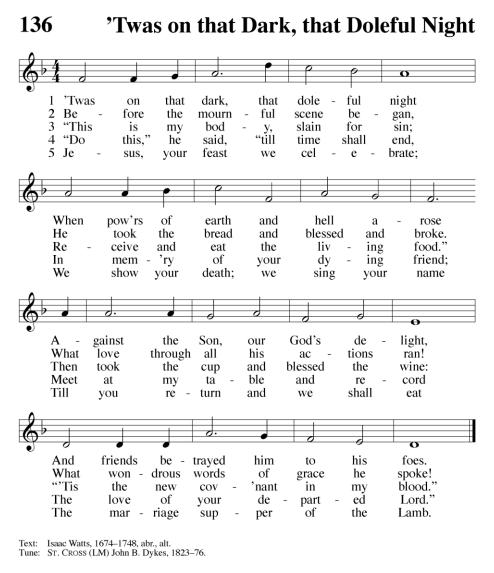
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

HYMN: #136 "Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night"

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); Tune: John B. Dykes (1823-1876)



SERMON: "Repent: Turn to Jesus and Receive a Special Assurance of Your Forgiveness"

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

²³ 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, ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

REMAIN SEATED

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

M: In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant. In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

STAND

C: Almighty God, merciful Father,

I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.

In what I have done and left undone,

I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.

I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation

- **M:** Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.
- C: Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

The minister pronounces a corporate absolution with these words:

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

EXHORTATION

- M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.
- M and C: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of

your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14

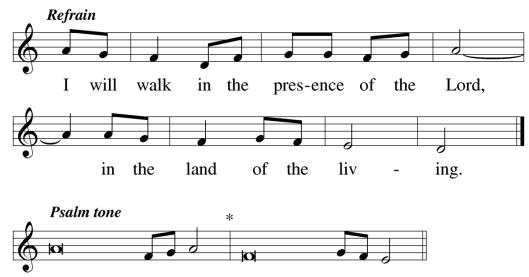
12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴ 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. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ 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.

⁷ "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. ⁸ They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰ And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

¹⁴ "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.

PSALM 116

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I love the LORD, for he <u>heard</u> my voice;* he heard my cry for <u>mer</u>cy.

Because he turned his <u>ear</u> to me,* I will call on him as long <u>as</u> I live.

The LORD is gracious and <u>right</u>eous;* when I was in great need, he <u>saved</u> me. *Refrain*

For you, O LORD, have delivered my <u>soul</u> from death,* my eyes from tears, my feet from <u>stum</u>bling. How can I repay the LORD*
for all his good<u>ness</u> to me?
I will lift up the cup of sal<u>va</u>tion*
and call on the name <u>of</u> the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

PSALM PRAYER: Lord Jesus, as I face death, turn my thoughts to your body, broken for me, and your blood, spilled for me. Let me rise as you have risen from the dead, to walk with you forever in the land of the living. I call on your name, for you have promised to be with me. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Note: This reading served as the Sermon text.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the choir)

As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor.11:26) **STAND**

GOSPEL: John 13:1-15,34

13 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.² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ 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, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 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." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² 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? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

³⁴ 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.

BE SEATED

ANTHEM: "Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor" Setting by George Frideric Handel.

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7 Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
Jesus, Thou, my Friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring—
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, Thy glory, given.

8 Jesus, Bread of life, I pray Thee, Let me gladly here obey Thee. By Thy love I am invited; Be Thy love with love requited.

From this Supper let me measure,

Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.

Through the gifts Thou here dost give me

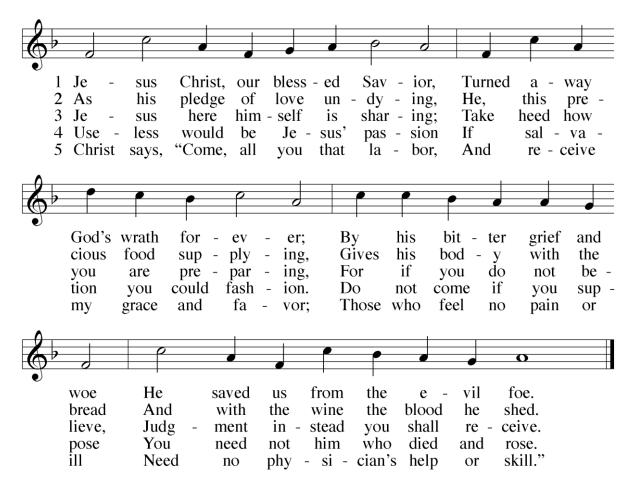
As Thy guest in heav'n receive me.

CHIEF HYMN: #313 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

Text: John Hus (1369-1415); trans. By Martin Luther (1483-1546)



Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken By the souls who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses, Surely you will be his guest And at his banquet ever blest.

Text: John Hus, 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, DER VON UNS (88 78) Klug, Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535, alt.

THE GREAT LITANY

Prayer of Approach to God

M: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

C: Have mercy on us.

Prayer for Deliverance

M: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord; spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

C: Spare us, good Lord.

- **M:** From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,
- C: Good Lord, deliver us.
- **M:** From all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
- C: Good Lord, deliver us.
- M: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart and contempt for your Word and your will,

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

- M: From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
- C: Good Lord, deliver us.

Prayer Recalling Christ's Saving Work

- **M:** By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom,
- C: Good Lord, deliver us.
- **M:** By your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial,

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment,

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

Prayer for the Church

M: Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to your will.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Enlighten all ministers with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Give us hearts to love and revere you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: To all your people, give grace to hear and receive your Word and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the fainthearted, raise up those who fall, and finally give us the victory.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

Prayer for Our Country

M: Rule the hearts of your servants, Joseph R. Biden Jr, President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

- **M:** Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.
- C: Hear us, good Lord.

Prayer for All People

M: To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give clothing, food, and shelter.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth and all young children, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

- **M:** Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.
- C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

C: Hear us, good Lord. *Concluding Prayer*

M: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

C: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: Grant us peace.

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Christ, have mercy on us.

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

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.

M: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the ages to come, life everlasting. **C: Amen.**

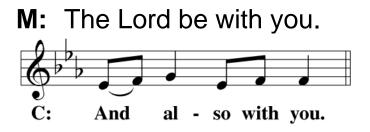
Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

STAND

THE SACRAMENT

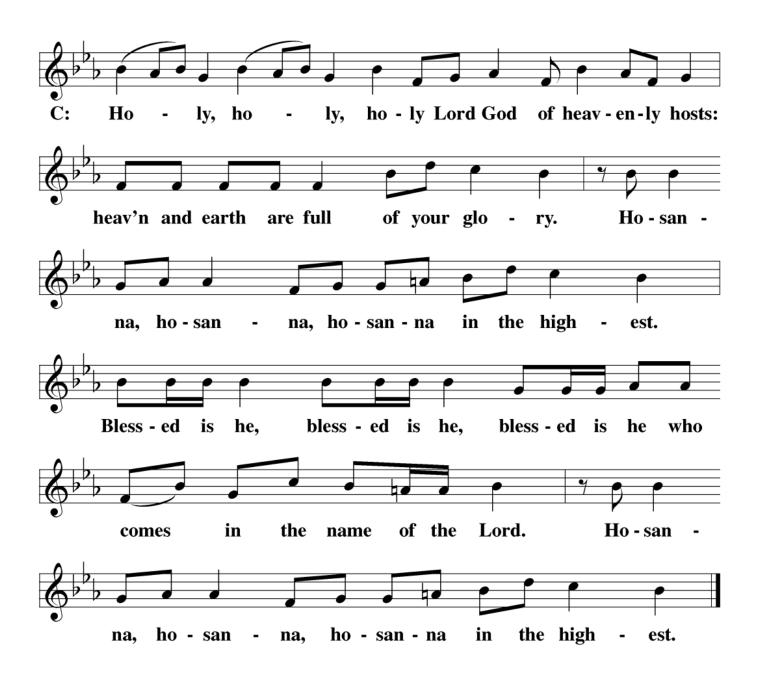
PREFACE



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

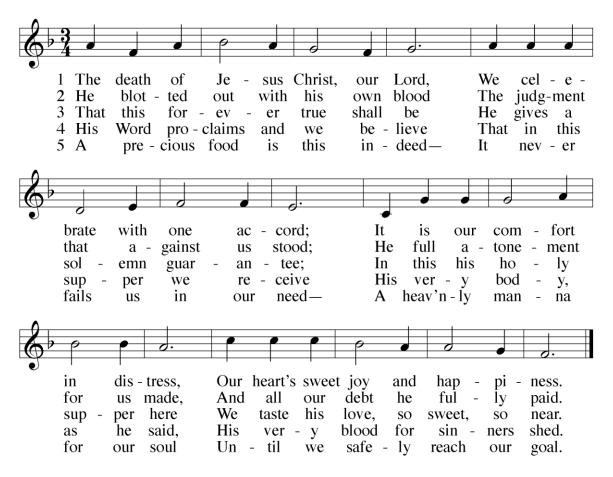


DISTRIBUTION The stripping of the altar and the closing hymn:

#135 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord" Text: Haquin Spegel (1645-1714)

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The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



- 6 Oh, blest is each believing guest Who in this promise finds his rest, For Jesus will in love abide With those who do in him confide.
- 7 The guest that comes with true intent To turn to God and to repent, To live for Christ, to die to sin, Will thus a holy life begin.
- 8 They who his Word do not believe This food unworthily receive, Salvation here will never find— May we this warning keep in mind!
- 9 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive Your supper and in you find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

Text: Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714, abr.; tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt. Tune: GOTTLOB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE (LM) Wagner, *Sammlung alter und neuer*...*Melodien*, 1742, alt. Officiant: Pastor Paul Schaefer Communion Assistant: Steve Wendland Organist: Jan Jacobi Choir: Senior Choir

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Friday

 - 1:00 PM Good Friday Service of Meditation on the Cross of Christ

Saturday Sunday

- 7:00 PM Easter Vigil Divine Service
 - 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Divine Service
 - 8:15 AM Easter Breakfast
 - 9:30 AM Easter Festival Divine Service

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