



## Maundy Thursday Worship

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*Service of Forgiveness, Footwashing, and Holy Communion*

Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Whitehouse

April 17, 2025 + 7:00pm

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+ At this sign, all who are able are invited to stand.

+ Gathering Hymn *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 - flic - ted 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.

+ Confession and Forgiveness

☐ 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.... In the words of absolution we receive forgiveness as from God. This absolution we need not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God, for the forgiveness comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

☐ Let us make our confession to God. Gracious God,

Hymn During Communion

*Love Consecrates the Humblest Act*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

+ Communion Blessing

+ Post-Communion Prayer

☐ 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 *During the stripping of the altar, we hear Psalm 22 and the lights are dimmed. The congregation then departs in silence, and the story continues tomorrow...*

+ Eucharistic Prayer

+ 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

### Distribution of Communion

*This is Jesus' table. You are welcome. Please come forward by the center aisle to one of two stations at the front, receiving the bread first before taking a cup (red is wine, white does not have alcohol) from the assistant at the side. Any who do not commune are invited to come to receive a blessing.*

### Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### Special Music During Communion

*"Lord, I Stretch My Hands To You"—Ken Medema; Julie Zedlitz, solo*



**☩** have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

**P** God, who is rich in mercy loved us even when we were dead in sin... that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C Amen**

*The congregation may come forward through the center aisle to receive, along with the laying on of hands, individual assurance of forgiveness at one of two stations up front.*

+ Apostolic Greeting

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

+ Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray:

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **☩ Amen**

First Lesson

*Exodus 12:1-14*

Second Lesson

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

+ Holy Gospel

*John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

**P** The holy Gospel, according to John:

**☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(following the reading of the Gospel:)*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Vicar Natalie Downs*

+ Hymn of the Day

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Footwashing and Handwashing

*All who wish to do so may come forward for the washing of their feet or hands as a response to Jesus' command to love one another in selfless service.*

*There will be two stations at the front for foot and hand washing; come through the center aisle and then around to either side until you can be seated in front of a basin.*

Special Music during Footwashing "Our Lord Poured Water"

By Eric Dickey; Julie Zedlitz, solo

+ Prayers of Intercession *led by Assisting Minister*  
 + Sharing of the Peace *All share a sign of peace with one another.*

Offering

+ Offertory Prayer

☐ Let us pray: Faithful God,

☑ You have given us all we have, and more than this, you have given us all that you have in Christ Jesus, who poured himself out for us. We offer back to you these gifts with thanks, asking that, as you feed us at your table, you would use us and make us to become what we receive: the body of Christ our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen

+ Great Thanksgiving

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And also 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.

☐ It is indeed right our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.