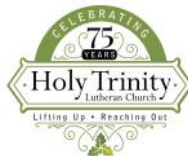




**March 28th, 2024**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
7 P.M. WORSHIP**



**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Lifting Up, Reaching Out**

## WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

*We are so glad you are joining in our worship. Whether this is your first time or you are a regular participant, we are happy to welcome you tonight.*

### **Receiving and Handing On**

Paul writes to the Corinthians, “For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.” He refers to the institution of the Lord’s supper, but the pattern of receiving and handing on applies to so much more in Christian faith and practice: We hand on the faith, hope, love, and understanding we have received. Conversely, we cannot give what has not first been given to us.

Jesus’ first disciples learn this in the last supper according to John. As John 13 begins, Jesus’ “hour” has arrived. At the meal Jesus washes his disciples’ feet and commands them to pass on the loving service to others: “You also should do as I have done to you.” Jesus too hands on to his disciples what he has first received from God: “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you” (John 15:9). Jesus does not just command servant love, nor does he merely exemplify it. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus *enables* his followers to love. Jesus’ example of servant love in washing his disciples’ feet literally grounds them for all that is to come and all that disciples are called to do.

This potent image helps us interpret Jesus’ giving of himself in death, and it undergirds the community of loving service formed in Christ. As Peter discovers, Jesus’ disciples must first *receive* from Jesus in order to have a “share” with him (John 13:8). Then disciples are called to follow him in giving themselves away — not just for the sake of serving, but also for the sake of being drawn into relationship with Jesus and with his Father. Through that relationship we are drawn into the community of disciples, where we receive and hand on Christ’s meal and the gift of servant love.

PRELUDE *Schmücke dich*.....Johannes Brahms

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy God,

C **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

C **Amen.**

P Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

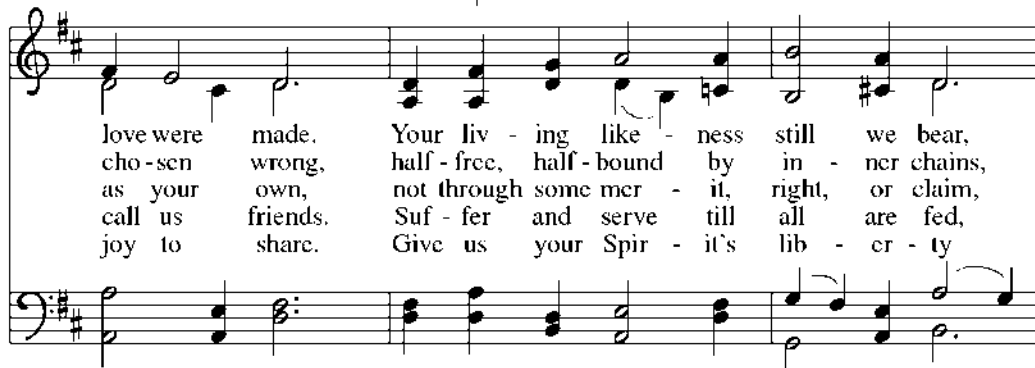
# GATHERING HYMN

*Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here* .....ELW 358


(Verses 1, 3, 4, & 5)



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.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889–1953

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## 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.

## FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

<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>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled

congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ] <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.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

### ANTHEM

*Panis Angelicus* .....by C. Franck  
arr. by John Leavitt  
Christus Choir

Translation: "*The bread of angels becomes the bread of men, the heavenly bread gives end to earthly forms. O marvelous sacrament, on the Lord they feast, a poor one, slave, and humble one.*"

### GOSPEL READING: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*Please stand as you are able*

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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."

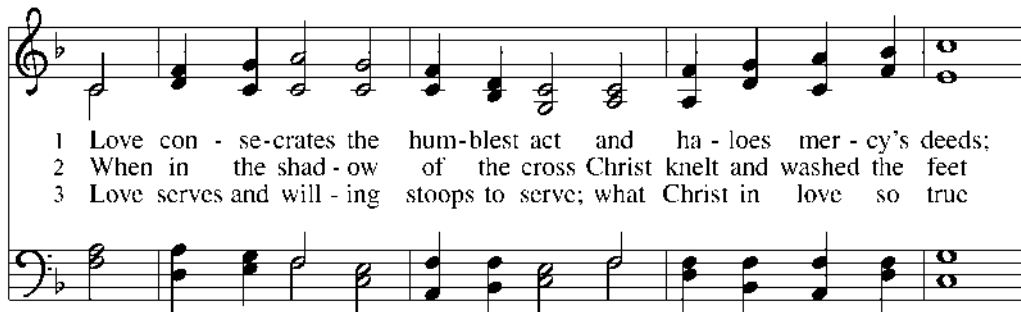
P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

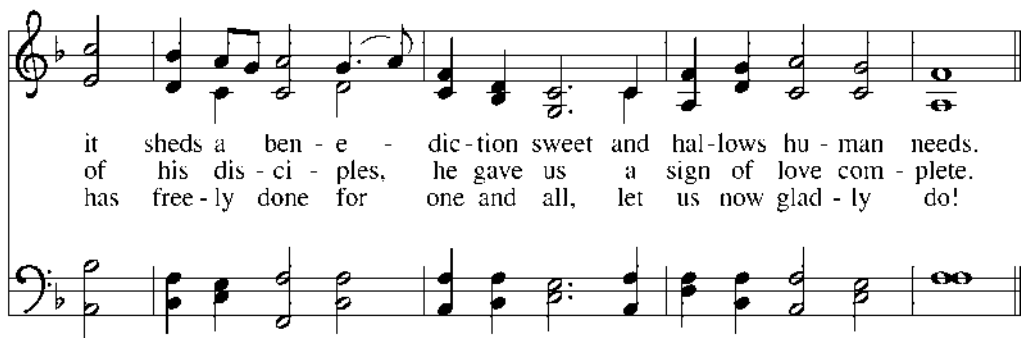
SERMON.....Vicar Allison Vincent-Beckman

# MESSAGE HYMN

*Love Consecrates the Humblest Act*.....ELW 360



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;  
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet  
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.  
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845-1917  
Music: TWENTY-FOURTH. arr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842



# FOOTWASHING

*The assembly is seated.*

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. 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. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

*The ministers and people may wash each other's feet.*


## FOOTWASHING HYMN

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*.....ELW 708

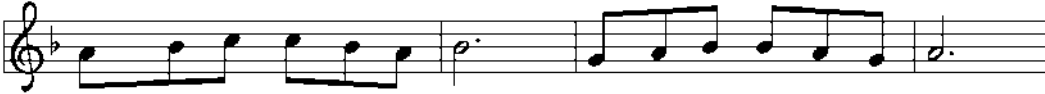
*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHIEREPONL Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please stand as you are able*

A Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near (*especially*). Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Watch over our military and members of agencies serving to keep us safe and free. Bless, strengthen, and defend them with your heavenly grace, give them courage in the face of peril, and grant them a sense of your abiding love and presence wherever they may be throughout the world. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Watch over all your children, Lord, including any who have not felt welcomed by the members of your church. Help us to truly be a Reconciling in Christ congregation: a welcoming and safe community for all. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to people celebrating first communion today, and to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints (*especially*). In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

C **Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated. Please also sign the red Friendship Register and pass it to the next person in your pew*

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God,  
our living Water and our merciful Guide,  
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs  
we bless and magnify you.  
You led your people Israel through the desert,  
and provided them water from the rock.  
We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,  
who joined us in our desert,  
pouring out his life for the world.  
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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.  
Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**C Amen**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** As one body of Christ, let us pray together as Jesus taught us.


**C** **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come, for all things are now ready.  
Come to the table with all your kin  
and share with all in need—  
the gift of healing for those in pain,  
the gift of forgiveness for those in sin,  
the gift of assurance for those in doubt,  
and the gift of hope for those in tears.

C **May we who share these gifts,  
share Christ with one another  
and with all our kin. Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD.....ELW S191



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

P This is the body of Christ, given for you.

C **Amen.**

P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

# COMMUNION HYMN

*In This Feast of Love* .....ACS 962

*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä*  
 1 In this feast of love, in this  
 2 In this bread and wine, in this  
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

*pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le*  
 feast of love, Lord, you share your  
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

*it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*  
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as you are able*

- P Let us pray.  
Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
- C **Amen.**

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The assembly sits or kneels.*

*Silence is kept as Psalm 22 is read and the altar is stripped as a sign of Jesus' humiliation at the soldier's hands. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.*

*The transition is made from the joyful Eucharistic celebration to Jesus' crucifixion and death. There is no benediction, as the service continues tomorrow on Good Friday.*

*All depart in silence*

*The omission of benedictions at the end of the liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate the continuity with the Triduum, a three-day (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) of celebration of the Christian Passover: the passage of Christ through death, and the Christian's passage from death to life through Baptism.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	Pastor Mike Gutzler
Preaching Minister	Vicar Allison Vincent-Beckman
Assisting Minister	Deacon Deb Haynes
Tech Team	Ben French and Jeff Taylor
Musicians	Josh Brown, Director of Music & Cantor Greg Bloy, Organ Christus Choir

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