

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Maundy Thursday - Service of Holy Communion  
April 17, 2025  
Welcome – Pastor Cathy Schibler

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## PRELUDE

## GATHERING

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

*~ silence is kept ~*

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

### LAYING ON OF HANDS/INDIVIDUAL FORGIVENESS

In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins.

### GREETING

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

Let us pray together. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### CHOIR ANTHEM

*"Room at the Table"*

Lantz III

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Cathy Schibler**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Jesu, Jesu"*

#708

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

- 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them.**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

- 2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,  
Neighbors are nearby and far away.**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

3. These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

4. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you,

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

## HAND WASHING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need.

*Petitions end:* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of  
Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

## RECEPTION OF OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

## OFFERING SONG

*"Come to the Table"*

*(sing 2x) #481*

**Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed.  
Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. Gracious Provider,

**you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we  
prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING—spoken**

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.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER****LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread!

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*"Lamb of God"*

#336

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.*

2. Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died. The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.*

3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.*

*"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"*

#335

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.

*In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

*In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

*In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

*"Love Consecrates the Humblest Act"*

#360

1. Love consecrates the humblest act and haloes mercy's deeds;  
it sheds a benediction sweet and hallows human needs.
2. When in the shadow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet  
of his disciples, he gave us a sign of love complete.
3. Love serves and willing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true  
has freely done for one and all, let us now gladly do!

## **TABLE BLESSING**

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

## **SENDING**

## **RECITATION OF PSALM 22 and STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

Leave in silence.

## **POSTLUDE**