



**MESSIAH**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MADISON, ALABAMA  
*God's People. Reaching Out*

**March 28, 2024**  
***Maundy Thursday***



*This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

**Welcome!**

Guests, we are so glad you are here.  
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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

\* Please stand as you are able

THE PRELUDE and SILENT PRAYER

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

arr. Wayne L. Wold

\*HYMN: “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

LBW 99



- 1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
- 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
- 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
- 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and all our earth - ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.  
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
so teach us to de - ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930

Music: CAITHNESS, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635

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### \*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.

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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**THE FIRST READING**

Exodus 12:1-4,11-14

<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.

**THE PSALM** *Psalm 116:1-2,12-19*

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

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

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

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

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

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

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

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

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

## THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<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.

## \*THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

<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.”

## MEDITATION

\*HYMN: “In the Hour of Trial”

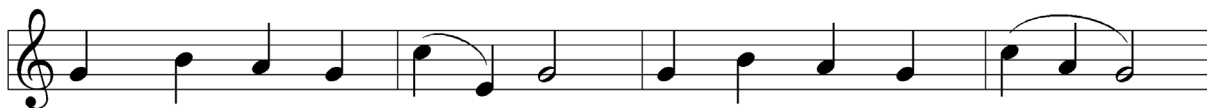
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1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,  
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm,  
3 Should thy mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,



lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.  
or its sor - did trea - sures spread to work me harm,  
or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,



When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;  
bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne,  
grant that I may nev - er fail thy hand to see;



nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.  
or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.  
grant that I may ev - er cast my care on thee.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854  
Music: PENITENCE, Spencer Lane, 1843–1903

## THE OFFERING

Choir Anthem (7:00): “Thy Will Be Done” (Craig Courtney)

\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

# \*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

## THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Jesus Remember, Me"

WOV 740



Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in-to your king - dom.



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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.  
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (7:00)

Psalm 22

*Depart in Silence*

**A NURSERY**, staffed by Sarah Walker, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

**YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST!** Serving times are from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Please help the youth plan for quantities by completing the quick reservation form online. On the menu: Quiches, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Muffins and More!

**KIT MINISTRY ITEM** - Dark Towels (52 x 27) **FOOD PANTRY** - Peanut Butter & Jelly (No Glass)

**\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

**Thursday, March 28**

12:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service of Worship w/ Holy Communion  
7:00 p.m. - \*Maundy Thursday Service of Worship w/ Holy Communion  
7:45 p.m. - Messiah Choir

**Friday, March 29**

7:00 p.m. - \*Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Worship

**Saturday, March 30**

10:00 a.m. - Youth Meet & Prep for Easter Sunday  
12:00 p.m. - MOES Meet & Prep for Easter Sunday

**Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday**

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: Easter Sunday w/the Lord's Supper  
9:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast - Parish Hall  
11:00 a.m. - \*Service of Worship: Easter Sunday w/the Lord's Supper

\*These services are live streamed on [mlutheran.org](http://mlutheran.org)

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**April 6** - MLC Rummage Sale and Plant Sale, Too!

**April 21** - Celebration of Mission & Retirement of Claire Strand

**May 5** - Congregation Meeting with Elections and Potluck

**May 19** - Pentecost Sunday, Affirmation of Baptism, Graduate Blessings

**June 3 - 9** - Messiah Music Camp - Register Today at [www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org](http://www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org)

Online Giving



<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Natalie Zesinger (7:00)
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Ushers</u>	Bruce Machamer (12:00)
<u>Organist/Accompanist</u>	Melanie Payne		Paul Arnold, Mark Thompson (7:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Lectors</u>	Laura Peterson (12:00)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		Mike Mabry (7:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Altar Guild</u>	LeeLinda Baggett (12:00)
	Meredith Kilby		Jutta DeMarsh (7:00)
<u>Nursery</u>	Sarah Walker	<u>Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby, Lee Seitz

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Pastor's Office Hours are M-W 10 am -12 pm

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