



## **TRIDUUM + THE THREE DAYS**

Maundy Thursday + Good Friday + The Vigil of Easter

April 2-4, 2026

**University Lutheran Church of Hope**

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## Welcome. Peace be with you.

This worship guide spans The Three Days, The Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. In wonderful and mysterious ways, Triduum is a mix of ancient connections, holy experiments, and faithful practice. We're grateful to move through this time together. This bulletin may be left with the ushers to be reused for each of the three parts. There is a separate bulletin for Easter Sunday Festival Worship.

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule

#### Maundy Thursday

7pm - Sanctuary and YouTube

#### Good Friday

7pm - Sanctuary and YouTube

#### Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

7pm - Outdoors, Chapel, Sanctuary

#### Easter Sunday

10:30am - Festival Worship in the Sanctuary and YouTube

#### For those worshipping in-person, please remember:

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **On Maundy Thursday and during the Easter Vigil, we share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you. For those worshipping online, have bread and wine/grape juice at hand.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at [ulch@ulch.org](mailto:ulch@ulch.org).
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families.
- ❖ **After worship, take time for fellowship and conversation.** The lounge, courtyard and patio are great spots to linger and connect.

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### Land Acknowledgment

*This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgment, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.*

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

Maundy Thursday  
April 2, 2026  
7:00 PM

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## GATHERING

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**ELW** refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

**ACS** refers to *All Creation Sings*, an ELW supplement.

**Maundy** comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning “command” (*forgive, love, serve, remember, eat, drink*)

**Prelude**                      *Ubi Caritas (where there is charity and love, God is there)* Norah Duncan IV (2021)

### Welcome

### +Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to struggle against sin, death, and evil—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 day, 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 for reflection and self-examination.*

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. Turn us again, to you: 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 and Absolution

You are invited to come forward and kneel or stand for the laying on of hands and absolution. These words are used:

With redeeming love, and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

During this time, you are invited into song and prayer.

To You All Hearts Are Open, ACS 1012 by John Tirro

Musical notation for the hymn "To You All Hearts Are Open" by John Tirro. The score is written on a single treble clef staff in a common time signature. It consists of three lines of music. The first line begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics "To you all hearts are o - pen, to". The second line continues with "you all de - sires known. To you there are no". The third line features a triplet of eighth notes and ends with a double bar line and the instruction "Last time". The lyrics for this line are "se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you."

To you all hearts are o - pen, to  
you all de - sires known. To you there are no  
se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you.

Text: John Tirro, b. 1966; based on an 11th cent. collect, tr. *Book of Common Prayer*  
Music: ALL HEARTS ARE OPEN, John Tirro

Let Your Peace Rain upon Us, ACS 989, Palestinian traditional, *All sing in English*

Musical notation for the hymn "Let Your Peace Rain upon Us" by John Tirro. The score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics "Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi am - ter a - lay - na ssa - lam, Let your peace rain up - on us, O liv - ing God of . . . peace." The second line continues with "ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im la' qu - lu - ba - na ssa - lam. Let your peace rain up - on us, Lord, fill our hearts . . with your peace."

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Let your peace rain up - on us, O liv - ing God of . . . peace.  
ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im la' qu - lu - ba - na ssa - lam.  
Let your peace rain up - on us, Lord, fill our hearts . . with your peace.

### + Greeting

The grace of 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. Holy God, **source of all love, on this night, 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. Amen.**

## WORD

### 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. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the deities 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.”

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

En Egipto el Señor habló con Moisés y Aarón. Les dijo: Este mes será para ustedes el más importante, pues será el primer mes del año. Hablen con toda la comunidad de Israel, y díganles que el día décimo de este mes todos ustedes tomarán un cordero por familia, uno por cada casa. Si alguna familia es demasiado pequeña para comerse un cordero entero, deberá compartirlo con sus vecinos más cercanos, teniendo en cuenta el número de personas que sean y las raciones de cordero que se necesiten, según lo que cada persona haya de comer.

Comerán el cordero de este modo: con el manto ceñido a la cintura, con las sandalias puestas, con la vara en la mano, y de prisa. Se trata de la Pascua del Señor. »Esa misma noche pasaré por todo Egipto y heriré de muerte a todos los primogénitos, tanto de personas como de animales, y ejecutaré mi sentencia contra todos los dioses de Egipto. Yo soy el Señor.

La sangre servirá para señalar las casas donde ustedes se encuentren, pues al verla pasaré de largo. Así, cuando hiera yo de muerte a los egipcios, no los tocará a ustedes ninguna plaga destructora.

Este es un día que por ley deberán conmemorar siempre. Es una fiesta en honor del Señor, y las generaciones futuras deberán celebrarla

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

**Demos gracias a Dios.**

### Sung Response

Ubi caritas et amor (*Sung Twice in Latin*)

ELW 642

### 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.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Yo recibí del Señor lo mismo que les transmití a ustedes: Que el Señor Jesús, la noche en que fue traicionado, tomó pan, y, después de dar gracias, lo partió y dijo: «Este pan es mi cuerpo, que por ustedes entrego; hagan esto en memoria de mí». De la misma manera, después de cenar, tomó la copa y dijo: «Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre; hagan esto, cada vez que beban de ella, en memoria de mí».

Porque cada vez que comen este pan y beben de esta copa, proclaman la muerte del Señor hasta que él venga.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

**Demos gracias a Dios.**

**Gospel Reading** - John 13:1-17, 34-35, adapted

The gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to his Abba God. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus.

And during supper Jesus, knowing that God had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, 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 Jesus 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 reclined again, 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, slaves 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.

"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."

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Se acercaba la fiesta de la Pascua. Jesús sabía que le había llegado la hora de abandonar este mundo para volver al Padre. Y habiendo amado a los suyos que estaban en el mundo, los amó hasta el fin. Llegó la hora de la cena. El diablo ya había incitado a Judas Iscariote, hijo de Simón, para que traicionara a Jesús.

Sabía Jesús que el Padre había puesto todas las cosas bajo su dominio, y que había salido de Dios y a él volvía; así que se levantó de la mesa, se quitó el manto y se ató una toalla a la cintura. Luego echó agua en un recipiente y comenzó a lavarles los pies a sus discípulos y a secárselos con la toalla que llevaba a la cintura. Cuando llegó a Simón Pedro, este le dijo: —¿Y tú, Señor, me vas a lavar los pies a mí? —Ahora no entiendes lo que estoy haciendo —le respondió Jesús—, pero lo entenderás más tarde. —¡No! —protestó Pedro—. ¡Jamás me lavarás los pies! —Si no te los lavo, no tendrás parte conmigo.

—Entonces, Señor, ¡no solo los pies, sino también las manos y la cabeza! —El que ya se ha bañado no necesita lavarse más que los pies —le contestó Jesús—; pues ya todo su cuerpo está limpio. Y ustedes ya están limpios, aunque no todos. Jesús sabía quién lo iba a traicionar, y por eso dijo que no todos estaban limpios.

Cuando terminó de lavarles los pies, se puso el manto y volvió a su lugar. Entonces les dijo: —¿Entienden lo que he hecho con ustedes? Ustedes me llaman Maestro y Señor, y dicen bien, porque lo soy. Pues, si yo, el Señor y el Maestro, les he lavado los pies, también ustedes deben lavarse los pies los unos a los otros. Les he puesto el ejemplo, para que hagan lo mismo que yo he hecho con ustedes. Ciertamente les aseguro que ningún siervo es más que su amo, y ningún mensajero es más que el que lo envió. ¿Entienden esto? Dichosos serán si lo ponen en práctica. Este mandamiento nuevo les doy: que se amen los unos a los otros. Así como yo los he amado, también ustedes deben amarse los unos a los otros. De este modo todos sabrán que son mis discípulos, si se aman los unos a los otros». Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

**Demos gracias a Dios.**

**Homily** - "All In For Love Embodied"

Rev. Amanda Simons

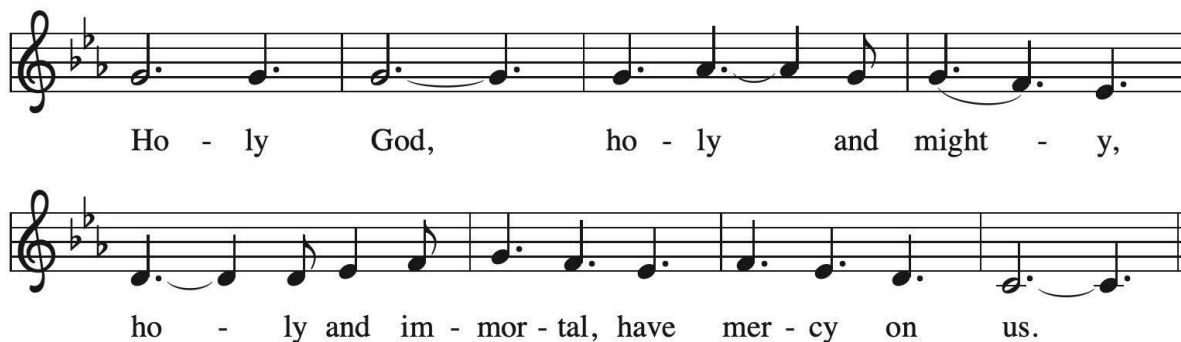
**Silence**

+ Prayers of the People (Sung)

Holy God

ACS 1011

*All sing the Refrain, prayer petitions sung by cantors James Flaten and Paul Stever*



Text: Traditional  
Music: CHICAGO TRISAGION, Daniel Schwandt, b. 1977  
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+ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

**And also with you.**

**Y también contigo.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."*

## MEAL

### Offertory

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg (2016)

*Uli Koester, cello; Hope Choir*

Text: George Matheson (1842-1906)

*O Love that wilt not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.*

*Thank you for your continued generosity! Donations may be sent electronically or by mail, or placed in the offering plate in the center of our space as you come forward for Holy Communion. A QR code is available on the last page of the bulletin.*

### + Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Dear Jesus, **you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

### + Words of Institution

### +The Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your**

**Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que  
estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu**

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.

reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

## Holy Communion and Footwashing

**Footwashing...** Following Jesus' command, we have the opportunity for footwashing. If you would like to participate, come to the chairs and remove your shoes and socks, or come to the table and simply extend your hand. Someone will wash your foot/hand, and then, if you'd like, you may wash the foot or hand of the next person.

**Communion...** We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake, regardless of age. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

**If you are at home and sitting with others...** When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."

**If you are at home on your own...** Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."

**If you are worshiping in-person today...** We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), receive either the red wine or white grape juice in your cup, place your used cup in the basket. Children of all ages are welcome to partake at Holy Communion.

**If you seek healing prayers today...** A healing minister is available during Holy Communion.. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will.

**If you are so inclined during this time...** You may dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, light candles for situations around the world and close to home or add a prayer to the prayer wall. All prayer slips remain anonymous. Periodically throughout the year, prayers are removed from the wall, blessed during worship, and burned in our courtyard fireplace as a sign of releasing our burdens and entrusting our concerns to God's care.

## Music During Holy Communion and Footwashing

Where True Charity and Love Are Shown

ACS 931

*All Sing Refrain in English, Choir sings the verses*

Refrain / Estribillo

Don-de hay ca - ri - dad y a - mor, a - llí es -  
Where char-i - ty and love are shown, our God is

tá el Se - ñor, a - llí es - tá el Se - ñor.  
there made known, our God is there made known.



1 U - na sa - la y\_u - na me - sa, u - na co - pa,  
 1 One as - sem - bly at one ta - ble; one the cup, the  
 2 At the ta - ble we are wel - comed to the ban - quet  
 3 This, the bread of life e - ter - nal; this, the sav - ing



vi - no\_y pan, los her - ma - nos com - par -  
 bread, the wine; in one love we are com -  
 from a - bove. We re - call the Lord's com -  
 cup we claim, draw us close with - in one



tien - do en a - mor y\_en u - ni - dad.  
 pan - ions, and in u - ni - ty we dine.  
 mand - ment that we live and grow in love.  
 fam - 'ly, make us one in Je - sus' name.



Nos re - ú - ne la pre - sen - cia y\_el re - cuer - do  
 Brought to - geth - er by the pres - ence and the prom - ise  
 As the gifts of God are giv - en, Je - sus' bod - y  
 Let us tell the liv - ing sto - ry of his suf - f'ring



del Se - ñor; ce - le - bra - mos su me -  
 of God's Word, here in joy and in re -  
 and his blood, so we give our - selves to  
 and his pain, and pro - claim the ho - ly

*Refrain / Estribillo*



mo - ria y la\_en - tre - ga de su\_a - mor.  
 mem - brance we re - ceive our lov - ing Lord.  
 oth - ers and we seek our neigh - bor's good.  
 mys - t'ry: Christ has died, yet lives to reign.

## **+Table Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

## **+Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray: 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 Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Stripping of the Altar**

*The community is seated as Psalm 22 is sung by Todd Hesla from the balcony. We depart in silence.*

*Please return your bulletin to the narthex for use at the next liturgy, or bring it with you on Good Friday.*

Blessing For Staying Awake<sup>1</sup> *by Jan Richardson*  
(poem for silent meditation on next page)

*Even in Slumber, even in dreaming,  
even in sorrow, even in pain:*

*awake, awake, awake my soul  
to the One who keeps vigil at all times for you.*

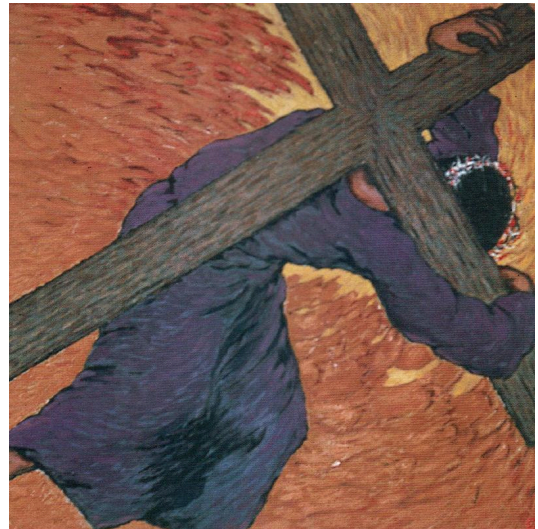
## **Maundy Thursday's Worship Leaders**

Pastor Amanda Simons, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); Marty Lewis-Hunstiger (assisting minister); Hope Choir, Paul Stever (musicians); Randall Brooks, Lisa Morse, Tim Hopkins, Gretchen Peik (communion servers); Kelleen Brooks (lector); Alex Carlson (worship tech facilitator); Don & Meri Hauge (greeter); Karen Jorstad (usher); Malena Carlson, (acolyte); Kelleen & Randall Brooks (communion clean-up); Ann Agrimson, Ann Rolle (healing prayer)

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<sup>1</sup> Richardson, Jan. *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*, pg 134. [www.janrichardson.com](http://www.janrichardson.com)

Good Friday  
April 3, 2026  
7:00 PM



*To Calvary by Frank Wesley (1923-2002)*

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*The steeple bell tolls three times, followed by some moments of silence.*

+ **Prayer of the Day**

Faithful One,  
this day you will find us in the garden,  
the scene of so many good intentions gone awry.  
We still eat the fruit and hide our nakedness.  
We fall asleep while Jesus prays what we do not dare.  
We barter and betray, instigate and draw our swords.  
Have mercy on us, and all the ways we still don't get it,  
all the ways we soften the sharp and painful edges,  
all the ways we rewrite the salvation story  
to save the state even while it is killing us and you.  
Find us in the garden, God.  
Wake us up and tell us a truer story than the ones we tell ourselves,  
through Jesus, who knows and lives to tell. **Amen.**

*Prayer written by Rev. Meta Herrick Carlson as part of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Minneapolis, MN) expansive prayer project. Used by permission.*

**Choral Music**

My Song in the Night

arr. Paul Christiansen (1967)

*O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night,  
Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight.  
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,  
My comfort by day, and my song in the night.*

*O why should I wander, a stranger from Thee,  
Or cry in the desert, Thy face to see?  
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight—  
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.*

## The Journey of Shadows

*As we do most years on Good Friday, today we read the passion from John's gospel. Historically, this passage has been interpreted through an anti-Semitic lens that characterizes Jewish people as evil or more perverse than others. Such interpretations neglect Jesus' position within Jewish traditions and promote the hatred of Jews and Judaism. Therefore, we acknowledge Christianity's entanglement with anti-Semitic racism throughout history and today, and we reject any interpretation of our sacred texts that lead to the subjugation of our Jewish neighbors.*

*This service is modeled on the ancient service of Tenebrae, which means "darkness" or "shadows". In this service, as each scripture is read, one candle is extinguished. The increasing darkness symbolizes the flight and denial of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The moment of darkness recalls the death of Jesus.*

### **The Shadow of Betrayal** **John 18:1-14**

Silent meditation

**Music** Go to Dark Gethsemane (vss. 1-2) ELW 347

### **The Shadow of Denial** **John 18:15-27**

Silent meditation

**Music** Out of the Depths I Cry to You (vs. 1) ELW 600

### **The Shadow of Questioning** **John 18:28-38a**

Silent meditation

**Music** Ah, Holy Jesus (vs. 1) ELW 349

### **The Shadow of Accusation** **John 18:38b-19:7**

Silent meditation

**Music** Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (vss. 1-2) ELW 345

### **The Shadow of Judgement** **John 19:8-16a**

Silent meditation

**Music** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (vss. 1 & 3) ELW 351

### **The Shadow of Crucifixion** **John 19:16b-30**

Silent meditation

**Music** They Crucified My Lord (vss. 1 & 5) ELW 350

### **The Shadow of Death** **John 19:31-42**

Silent meditation *Silence is kept.*

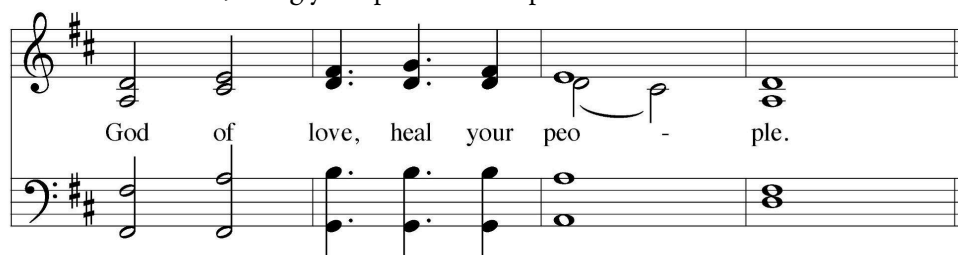
### **Bell Toll**

### **Bidding Prayers**

Text: John Bell, Music: Tom Witt

*Following each petition, these words will be spoken and then we sing together in response.*

Bring your best to our worst, bring your peace to our pain...



Finally, let us pray for all those things which Jesus would have us ask:

**Our Creator, Our Mother, 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.**

**Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.**

## **Prayer around the Cross**

Come to the cross, to the heart of God.

Bring your own heart as it is and lay bare what is heavy upon it.

*As we sing, you are invited to come to the cross and pray. You might consider:*

- *Kneeling at the rail for prayer.*
- *Kneeling or sitting on a cushion to reverence the cross by touching it.*
- *Dwelling in the repetitive music, letting our song become our prayer.*

Go to Dark Gethsemane (*vs. 3*)

ELW 347

Stay with Me

ELW 348

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 803

Were You There (*organ solo*)

arr. Calvin Taylor (1998)

*Silence is kept.*

## **Removal of the Christ Candle**

*Depart in silence, or remain to pray. Please return bulletins to the narthex for use at the next liturgy, or bring it with you to for the Easter Vigil.*

## **Good Friday's Worship Leaders**

Pastor Amanda Simons, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); Hope Choir, Paul Stever (musicians); Sara Tufvesson Doure, Sharlene Hensrud, Stewart Herman, Beth Kautz (lectors); Ann Beane (worship tech facilitator); Kenneth Sarkela (greeter); Karen Jorstad, Leena Rapacz (ushers); Layla Rapacz, Lydia Rapacz (acolytes)

Easter Vigil  
April 4, 2026  
7:00 PM



*Coming to God*, anonymous artist, 20th c. Senegal

+ Indicates the assembled stand as able.

Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

**ELW** refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

**ACS** refers to *All Creation Sings*, an ELW supplement.

**SP** refers to *Singing Our Prayer*, a collection of short songs for worship.

## GATHERING

*The community gathers around a newly kindled fire with unlit candles.*

### + **Welcome and Greeting**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Beloved in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection and await Christ's coming again.

### + **Blessing the New Fire**

Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### + **Passing the Christ Light**

*The Christ candle is lighted from the new fire's flame.*

The light of Christ, rising in glory,  
shine in our hearts and minds.

*The light from the paschal candle may be passed until the people's candles are all lighted.*

### + **Procession**

*The procession into the church begins. The following is sung three times responsively.*

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

### Easter Proclamation

Leader: Je - sus Christ is ris - en!  
 Assembly: **Je - sus Christ is ris - en!**

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
 Assembly: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: This is the night,  
 Assembly: **this is the night.**

Leader: This is the night,  
 Assembly: **this is the night.**

Leader: A - men. Assembly: **A - men.** Leader: A - men. Assembly: **A - men.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## WORD

**First Reading: Creation** - Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Ann Beane

**Response**

Christ, Mighty Savior (*vss. 1-3*)

ELW 560

**Prayer**

**Second Reading: The Great Flood** - Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Stewart Herman

**Response**

Remember and Rejoice (*vss. 1 & 4*)

ELW 454

**Prayer**

**Third Reading: The Wisdom of God** - Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

John Beane

**Response**

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

ACS 971



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when  
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the  
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,  
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,  
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the  
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes  
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.  
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: MADELEINE, Donna Kasbohm, b. 1933

**Prayer**

**Fourth Reading: Salvation Freely Offered to All** - Isaiah 55:1-11

Elaine Reed

**Response** Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW 512

**Prayer**

**Fifth Reading: Valley of the dry bones** - Ezekiel 37:1-14

Madeline Severtson

**Response** Spirit of Gentleness (*Refrain, vs. 1, Refrain*)

ELW 396

**Prayer**

**Sixth Reading: The deliverance of Jonah** - Jonah 1:1-2:1

Confirmation Students

**Response** O God, Why Are You Silent (*vs. 2-3*)

ELW 703

**Prayer**

**Seventh Reading: Clothed in garments of salvation** - Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11

Tim Gustafson

**Response** Canticle of the Turning (*vs. 1 and Refrain*)

ELW 723

**Prayer**

**Eighth Reading: Deliverance from the fiery furnace** - Daniel 3:1-29

Eric Ringham

**Response** Blessed Be the God of Israel (*vs. 1-2*)

ELW 250

**Prayer**

## WORD RENEWED

**Reading** - Romans 6:3-11, adapted

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, so we too might walk in newness of life.

¿Acaso no saben ustedes que todos los que fuimos bautizados para unirnos con Cristo Jesús en realidad fuimos bautizados para participar en su muerte? Por tanto, mediante el bautismo fuimos sepultados con él en su muerte, a fin de que, así como Cristo resucitó por el poder del Padre, también nosotros llevemos una vida nueva.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

En efecto, si hemos estado unidos con él en su muerte, sin duda también estaremos unidos con él en su resurrección. Sabemos que nuestra vieja naturaleza fue crucificada con él para que nuestro cuerpo pecaminoso perdiera su poder, de modo que ya no siguiéramos siendo esclavos del pecado; porque el que muere queda liberado del pecado. Ahora bien, si hemos muerto con Cristo, confiamos que también viviremos con él. Pues sabemos que Cristo, por haber sido levantado de entre los muertos, ya no puede volver a morir; la muerte ya no tiene dominio sobre él. En cuanto a su muerte, murió al pecado una vez y para siempre; en cuanto a su vida, vive para Dios.

De la misma manera, también ustedes considérense muertos al pecado, pero vivos para Dios en Cristo Jesús.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

**Demos gracias a Dios.**

## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Beloved of Jesus, in Holy Baptism our Savior received you and made you members of the body of Christ, giving you the gifts of faith, love, life, and forgiveness. Remember now your Baptism, that you may daily die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

*You are invited to come to the font, dip your hand in the water and make the sign of the cross on your or another's forehead, using words such as, "Remember that you are a beloved + child of God."*

**Music**                      Shall We Gather at the River/On Jordan's Stormy Banks arr. Glenda Austin (2011)

*As we sing the Gospel Acclamation, we transition now toward the Sanctuary for the rest of our service. Please bring with you your worship guide and belongings. Stop at the stairs to the sanctuary for the reading of the gospel.*

+ **Gospel Acclamation**                      O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing                      ELW 386

*Cantor demonstrates the first time, then **All sing the Alleluia**, cantor sings the verses*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## + Gospel Reading - Matthew 28:1-10

The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord. Alleluia!

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ, Alleluia!**

Después del sábado, al amanecer del primer día de la semana, María Magdalena y la otra María fueron a ver el sepulcro. Sucedió que hubo un terremoto violento porque un ángel del Señor bajó del cielo, se acercó al sepulcro, quitó la piedra y se sentó sobre ella. Su aspecto era como el de un relámpago y su ropa era blanca como la nieve. Los guardias tuvieron tanto miedo de él que se pusieron a temblar y quedaron como muertos. El ángel dijo a las mujeres:—No tengan miedo; sé que ustedes buscan a Jesús, el que fue crucificado. No está aquí, pues ha resucitado, tal como dijo. Vengan a ver el lugar donde estaba. Luego vayan pronto a decirles a sus discípulos: "Él se ha levantado de entre los muertos y va delante de ustedes a Galilea. Allí lo verán". Eso vine a decirles. Así que las asustadas mujeres se alejaron a toda prisa del sepulcro, pero muy alegres corrieron a dar la noticia a los discípulos. En eso Jesús les salió al encuentro y las saludó. Ellas se acercaron, abrazaron sus pies y lo adoraron.—No tengan miedo —dijo Jesús—. Vayan a decirles a mis hermanos que se dirijan a Galilea y allí me verán.

El Evangelio del Señor.

**¡Alabado seas, oh Cristo, Aleluya!**

## + Gospel Acclamation O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

ELW 386

*All sing the Alleluia, cantor sings the verses*



*We continue to the sanctuary where we will share the peace, gathering around the communion table.*

## + Sharing the Peace

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Aleluya. Cristo a resucitado.

**Cristo a resucitado, ciertamente. ¡Aleluya!**

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

**Y también contigo.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."*

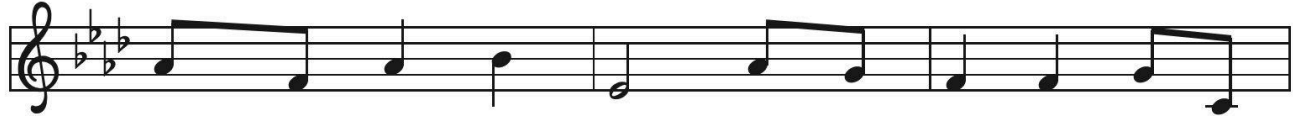
+Hymn

Woman, Weeping in the Garden (*Vss. 1, 2, & 5*)

ACS 935



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has  
 2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter  
 3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus  
 4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for  
 5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the



pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'  
 men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their  
 takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - d'ner calls you,  
 joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,  
 oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?  
 wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.  
 "Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.  
 ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.  
 prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

MEAL

+ Words of Institution

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, 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.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

## Holy Communion

*We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.*

*We share Holy Communion in a circle this night. The elements of bread (with a gluten free option) and wine/grape juice will be brought to you, or you may request a blessing.*

**Music During Communion**      An Easter Triptych (excerpts) Franklin D. Ashdown (2014)

### +Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

### +Prayer after Communion

Let us pray: Gracious God, **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SENDING

### +Sending Hymn

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

ACS 933

*See next page*



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel  
2 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ  
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
last-ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556-1622

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## +Blessing

The God of all, the liberator of your people, the peace at the center, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

## +Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

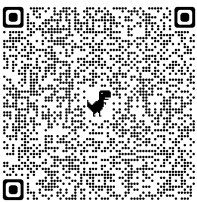
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

An Easter Triptych: Easter Hymn Franklin D. Ashdown (2014)

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## **Easter Vigil's Worship Leaders**

Pastor Amanda Simons, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); Eric Ringham (assisting minister); Tim Gustafson, guitar; Paul Stever (musicians); Bruce Eldevik, Jacob Lanthier, Jason Lukis, Wayne Lee (communion servers); Evan Peterson (greeter); Karen Jorstad, John Robinson (ushers); Juna Evans, Liv Evans (acolytes); Serefina Scheel (worship prep); Karilyn Alexander, Evan Peterson (communion clean-up); Donna Neste, Mary Reimann-Perez (healing prayer)

## **April Sunday Forums: Hope for Future Generations**

April 12: Lutheran Campus Ministry Update

A current student of LCM will be presenting what is happening within their organization at this time. We will also have our own Hope member, Tim Gustafson, who is a past board member for LCM.

April 19 and 26: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, presented by Lori Brandt Hale

At this time of rising authoritarianism in our country and around the world, we have a unique opportunity to explore the thoughts of Lutheran theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, with an expert in the field. Dr. Lori Brandt Hale is a professor at Augsburg College and a member of the International Bonhoeffer Society – English Language Section (IBS-ELS). This society is dedicated to advancing the theology and legacy of German pastor-theologian and Nazi resister, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in the academy, church, and world.

“The ultimately responsible question is not how I extricate myself heroically from a situation but how a coming generation is to go on living.” ~Dietrich Bonhoeffer, December 1942.

## **Fellowship Meal - April 19**

Fellowship Meal will be on April 19. Details will be shared as we get closer to the date. But you can predict we will need salads and desserts. So start planning! Questions? Talk to Sheila Hougen or Ann Beane.

## **Holden Evening Prayer Around the World**

### **Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 pm University Lutheran Church of Hope Sanctuary**

Join us for this special service as we gather with communities around the world to celebrate Holden Village and the 40th anniversary of Vespers '86, the beloved liturgy composed by Marty Haugen during his residency at Holden. Friends of both Hope and Holden are warmly invited.

The service will include a time of fellowship afterward and a special offering to support Holden Village as it recovers from the devastating mudslides and flooding that destroyed the access road to the village.

## **Easter Invitation: Support the Sanctuary Fund**

In 2016, our congregation committed to being a sanctuary congregation for our immigrant neighbors. Through the Sanctuary Fund—also known as the Hopeful Hope Sanctuary Fund—we continue to provide direct legal and mutual aid to individuals and families we accompany.

This Easter season, we invite you to make a special offering, above and beyond your regular giving, to support this ministry. Your generosity offers hope and practical support to our immigrant friends in challenging times.