

March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: 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.

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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.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

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All: 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.

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Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN #359 vs 1-5 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READING...1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26 NRSV

Assisting Minister: 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.”

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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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#328 v 1 - Solo, v 2 - All

Restore In Us, O God (Tune of 599)

GOSPEL READING...JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35 NRSV

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

All: 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.

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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.

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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."

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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."

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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.

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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.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “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.’

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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 the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner
Video of First Communion Students

MESSAGE SONG

#712 vs 1,3,4

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

CELEBRATION Communion Milestone

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

after each petition... Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

THANK OFFERING

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: shephills.org/give.
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 7874



SPECIAL OFFERING

All Mid-Week Lenten and Easter Day special offerings support:
ELCA World Hunger and
Global Refuge (previously Lutheran Immigration and
Refugee Services).



Passing of the plates

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW SETTING 3

PREFACE ELW SETTING 3

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ACS SETTING 12

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION INVITATION

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus. Christ is really present—in bread and wine - forgiving sins and promising new life.

Hear these words:

Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;

Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”

Prayer Station

As you leave the communion table, a prayer minister is available to offer prayers of thanksgiving or healing prayers for the burdens and ills you carry.

LAMB OF GOD ELW SETTING 3

COMMUNION MUSIC Choir *Ubi Caritas* *M. Durufle*

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

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2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.

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3 Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

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4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.

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5 They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

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6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.

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7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

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8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

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9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

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10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

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11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

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12 Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

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13 They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.

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14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.

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15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

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16 Packs of dogs close me in and gangs of evildoers circle around me; they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

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17 They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

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18 Be not far away, O LORD; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

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19 Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

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20 Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

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21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

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22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

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23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

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24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

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25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"

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26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations bow before him.

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27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations.

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28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

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29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

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30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

VEILING OF THE ALTAR

We depart in silence.

*Our journey to the cross continues on Good Friday:
Children/Family Service at 10:30am and
Worship for all at 7:00pm.*

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner, Kathie Smith, Bob and Judy Moore.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:
Milton Volney, uncle of Debra Wissman.

We pray for Mary Macaulay and family on the death of her sister-in-law Carolyn Holmquist. May the hope and promise of resurrection bring comfort and peace to all who mourn.

We pray in celebration for our students who have completed the Holy Communion Milestone:
Rhodes Martin, Benjamin Johnson, Finley Dertien, Evelyn Murray and Violet Chedsey. We pray for God to bless these students as they learn and grow in awareness of the gifts of forgiveness, love, and grace we receive in Holy Communion.

God of Unity, we thank you for the many different people and perspectives that fill your world and our lives each day. We pray that our church may continue to live out and share the welcoming love of Jesus for all people. As the root of conflict is so often misunderstanding and judgment of others, may we be instruments of your peace as you open our minds and hearts to see every person as your beloved.

Holy God, as war continues in the Holy Land, we lift to you prayers for peace and resolution. Draw near to the victims, and inspire leaders to seek your will and your guidance.

Almighty God, you inspire and equip us to serve your people, both here in our community and around the world. We thank you for our mission partners of Austin City Lutherans and the ministries of Mariposa Family Learning Center and Bread for All. We thank for our partnership with Upbring Ministries.

We are grateful to serve your people alongside Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge, ELCA World Hunger, and other ministries across the world. We pray for our sister congregation in Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala, and the ministry of ILAG. We pray for the mission of Charis in Haiti. We thank you for our Butterfly Christian Preschool and the many young minds and hearts that are formed in faith here. May we be your hands and feet!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,
unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Altar Steward	Dawn Buffington
Assisting Minister	Joel Timmons
AV	Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert and Vince Yokubaitis
Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Servers	Dawn Buffington, Joel Timmons, Alana Oehler
Hosts/Tellers	the Oehler family
Prayer Ministry	Tamara Allen
Accompanist	Andrei Zimbalist
Admin & Community Life Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Campus Superintendent	Philip Perry
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Megan Getman
Communications Director	Dabney Gomes
Digital Ministry & IT	Dave Wegner
Executive Director	Bill Dawson
Program Ministry Coordinator	Joel Timmons
Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director	Rebecca Guengerich

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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