

# Salem Lutheran Church

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## April 1, 2021 ~ 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.*

**GATHERING**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*I Love You Lord*

Text: Laurie Klein

Music: Laurie Klein

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Tune Name: I LOVE YOU, LORD

Song reported CCLI Song # 25266

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

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

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the  
LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,  
**in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*God So Loved the World*

Salem's Choir

Text and Tune by Sir John Stainer

Reported to CCLI Song # 623558

## 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.

*Let us confess our sins before God and 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.**

## 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.*

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. **Amen.**

### **GOSPEL: John 13:1-17; 31b-35**

The holy gospel according to St. John's gospel, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**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. 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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Take Oh Take Me As I Am.*

ELW 814 Sing 2x

Take, oh, take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: John L. Bell

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Tune Name: Take Me As I Am

Reported to OneLicense Song # 00075

## **APOSTLES' S CREED**

*Sharon Lukens*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSING**

*Eat This Bread*

ELW 472

Text: Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

Tune Name: Berthier

Reported to OneLicense Song #00891

*Let us pray,*

Jesus, we believe you are present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We love You above all things and we desire to receive You into our souls. Since we cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace You as You are already there, and because of You we are united with You in death and in life. Never permit us to be separated from You. **Amen.**

## **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.**

## **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*O Sacred Head How Wounded*

ELW 351 vs 1 & 4

O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.

Lord, be my consolation;  
shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion  
when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving,  
from thee shall never move;  
for all who die believing  
die safely in thy love.

**Text:** Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. Composite. **Music:** German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750. **Tune Name:** Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Passion Chorale

#### **TIME FOR REFLECTION.**

*Were You There*

ELW 353

Text: African American spiritual. Music: African American spiritual. Arr. © 1999 Augsburg Fortress  
Tune Name: Were You There. Reported to Augsburg Fortress & OneLicense Song# 51959

#### **\*\*\*\*\*ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*\*\*\***

**A Special Thank you** to Salem's choir for providing the voices for today's hymns. Sharon Lukens for reading the Apostles' Creed. And, an extra thank you to Cathy Hoefler and her music and song leadership.

**Thank you for continuing to support the ministries** of our congregation during these unprecedented times. As it becomes clear that we're in this phase for a longer haul, we want to say a particular thanks for your faith, your generosity, and your perseverance.

Your faithful stewardship of all God's gifts is the heart of disciple-making and neighbor-loving.

**Our Daily Bread** ~ Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and your generosity. ***We look forward to May 10<sup>th</sup> for the next casserole pickup.***

**Easter Lilies** ~ Easter is April 4<sup>th</sup> and the lilies are ordered. Please contact/email Mike Whitacre to sign-up & how you would like the plants designated. In honor of, In memory of, To the glory of God. Each plant is \$8.

**ONLINE DONATIONS ARE OPTIONAL** ~ If interested, **CLICK ON THE LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF SALEM'S WEBSITE TO DONATE!** <http://www.salemjarrettsville.org/> Contact Ned Cockey for more information. *Please know you may continue to send your donations as is comfortable for you.*

**Salem's Lenten Project** ~ Throughout the Lenten season, Salem is working through ELCA World Hunger collecting funds to purchase goats at a cost of \$50 each. *Whatever you are able to donate* will go towards the purchase of a portion of a goat. Please watch the Online Worship Announcements from Mark Hoefler!

**Holy Week Service** Please RSVP with Pastor

**Easter Resurrection Sunday Services – 9:00am & 11:15am**

**Good Friday Time of Reflection and Meditation 1:00pm – 3:00pm.** This is not a worship service rather it is a quiet time with stations to consider the importance of this day. Stations will be set up in the sanctuary and we will maintain social distancing and wearing masks.

**Want to spread encouragement?** Let's send notes / cards of care to Charlie Phoebus.

Sterling Care Riverside  
C/O Charles Phoebus  
1123 Belcamp Garth  
Room 102 ~ Belcamp, MD 21017

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Family and friends of Matt Sherman, Family and friends of Jim Bair, Mildred Taylor, Family and Friends of Barb Vogel, Carol Porter, Cindy Miller, Charlie Phoebus, Douglas Porter, Austin Phoebus (military), Deana Vanhart, Faith LeBrun, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Mike, Thelma Preisinger, Brenda

Baker, Kimberley, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Jenny's mom and sister Donna, Norma Knudsen, Rachel's baby girl Diana, Capt'n Jim McMahan, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Karen, Donna Miller, Laura Riley, Judy Newsome, Bruce Greer, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Steve Sussan, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret Shank, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

*Please contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates concerning the prayer list.*

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