




ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

“AmaZed by God, Energized by Jesus,
a Grateful Zoar Gathers, Grows and Gives”

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17th @ 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Pastor Paul Reichert and Pastor Melanie Forrey



STATEMENT OF WELCOME

Beloved, welcome to Zoar!

We are glad you are here. Whether you are new, attend worship regularly, are just passing through, or haven't been here in years, you belong - you are wanted - you are loved, just as you are. You and all people are wonderfully made by God, created in goodness for goodness, and are a part of one vibrant Divine tapestry with all of creation.

At Zoar Lutheran Church, all are welcome, and all means all. We celebrate diversity and embrace people of all ethnicities, cultures, and colors, all gender identities and expressions, all sexual orientations, all abilities, all ages, and folks from all walks of life. We desire wellness, wholeness, and hopefulness for all people, and will not turn away from anyone in their time of need, whatever that looks like.

We are committed to advocating for justice, seeking equity, encouraging curiosity, and caring for the most vulnerable. We condemn racism, discrimination, and other forces, words, and actions that oppress, exclude, and harm. While we know that we still have a lot to learn, we endeavor to be accountable when we make mistakes. We will continue to grow in ways that help us take better care of each other and the planet.

With our whole hearts, we strive to share the abundant love of God, practice the unexpected and generous hospitality of Jesus, and be moved by the Holy Spirit toward meaningful change and a stronger relationship with our Creator, our neighbors, and all the earth.

No matter where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here at Zoar!



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(Congregation please rise as you are able when indicated by the “*”)

Introduction

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.

WE GATHER

Welcome and Prayer

*Gathering Hymn

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

ACS #930

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Invitation to the Three Days

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: 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.

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

Leader: In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

People: Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

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

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Congregation may be seated.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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. ¹⁴This 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.

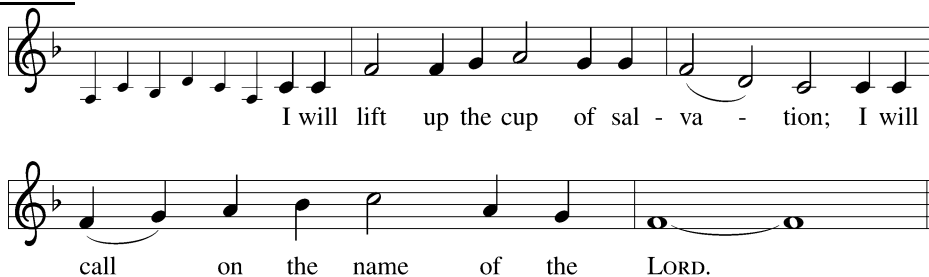
Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 116:1-2, 12-19

The psalm is chanted by the choir/cantor. The congregation sings the refrain at the beginning and end.

Psalm Refrain



- ¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
²for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.
¹²How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?
¹³I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD. R
¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.
¹⁵Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.
¹⁶O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.
¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD. R
¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,
¹⁹in the courts of | the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah! R

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In 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.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus 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.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.” ¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.” ^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Leader: The Gospel of Our Lord

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation may be seated.

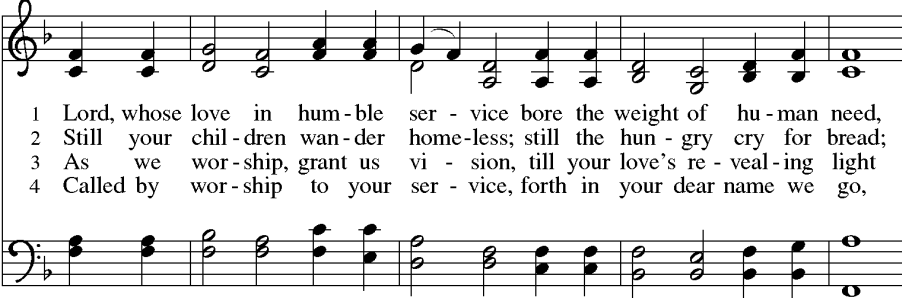
Sermon

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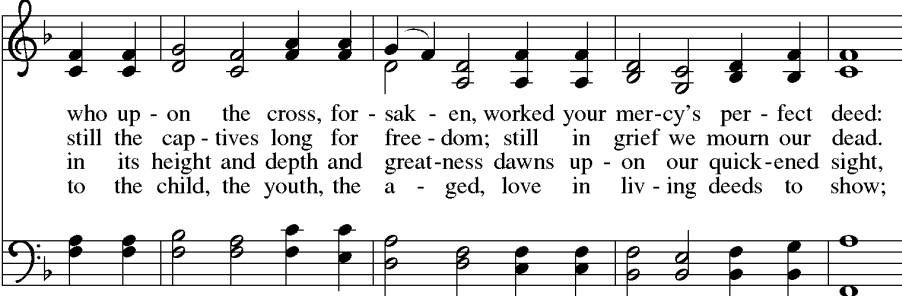
***Hymn of the Day**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

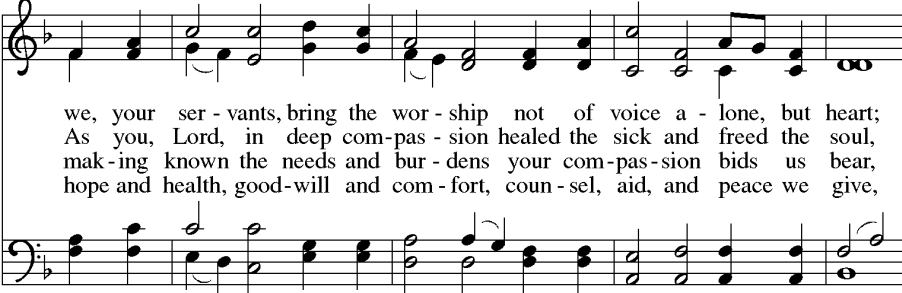
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1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Congregation may be seated.

Foot and Hand Washing

On this day have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet and hands. Our hands and feet are the hands and feet of Jesus, and we are sent out to share God's love for the world.

Hymns during Foot and Hand Washing

Ubi caritas et amor (alternating between Latin and English verses)

ELW #642

Christ Our Peace

ACS #1037

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Merciful God

People: Receive our Prayer.

Passing of the Peace

Please greet one another with words of peace.

Congregation may be seated.

Offering

Tithes and offerings are collected at this time.

Please sign and pass the pew pads during the offering and indicate whether you are receiving communion today. Please fill out the pew pads with your name along with all who are present with you today. For those who are visiting, please include your children's names and ages.

Musical Offering (7:00 pm)

Chancel Choir: "In the Singing" arr. John Helgen

*Canticle

(Once ushers are ready and standing at the back, the assembly stands up and sings the Canticle.)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*Offertory Prayer

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: and also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is our duty and delight.....And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Presider: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Leader: Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Congregation may be seated.

Sharing of Communion

Please follow the guidance of the ushers, who will direct worshippers beginning with the back rows. Communion today will be served via intinction. As you come forward, you will receive a wafer (a gluten free option is available), then you will be invited to dip your wafer into the chalice (one side will contain red wine, the other light colored grape-juice). All who believe in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to share communion. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to the table. People of any age who are not receiving Communion are always offered a blessing when coming forward during this part of the worship service. All are welcome, for Jesus invites us.

Music During Communion

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

7 pm violin solo: “*Adagio/Agnus Dei*” Barber, arr. Lanning, Melissa Miller, violin

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 88 will be chanted by the Cantor.

There is no Benediction.

All leave the church in silence.

Our Maundy Thursday service concludes in silence and reflection.

We remove the worship accoutrements from the sanctuary and cover others in black. This is to mark our move toward remembering the events of Good Friday—that dark but glorious day in which Jesus gave up his life for the sake of the world.

Our service concludes with a certain feeling of it being unresolved. This is intentional.

This service really does not end this evening, which is why there is no final blessing. Rather, it continues into tomorrow evening, and finds its culmination Sunday morning, at the foot of an empty tomb.

As we leave tonight, let us do so in silence.



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