



**April 9, 2020**  
**7pm**

# WELCOME!

*As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.*

## **Welcome! It is a joy to worship together!**

Our Redeemer's now holds worship online using Zoom and Facebook Live. Please join us!

- By phone: call 1-669-900-9128. Then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method will let you listen in, but not view the service.
- By FaceBook Live: Simply go to [www.facebook.com/ourredeemers](https://www.facebook.com/ourredeemers). You don't have to have a facebook account – it's a public channel.
- By Zoom:

Download the Zoom app to your computer, tablet, or cell phone. It's free!

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>.

Make sure your video is on, and your audio is muted throughout the service (controls are at lower left corner of your screen).

Use "Speaker View" from the upper corner of your computer screen.

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## OUR MISSION:

*In the model of Christ and for the life of the world,  
we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community  
that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.*



**Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for commandment.** The overarching theme of this day is Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you," a love sharply focused by the betrayal which followed. Jesus' love is demonstrated both in his example of servanthood (the washing of the disciples' feet), and the giving of himself in Holy Communion.

In each section of our worship we receive God's radical love in a different way and learn to love as Jesus loves:

- I. Absolution and forgiveness is pronounced for each of us.
- II. Holy Communion – Christ enters into us in love, to give us life.
- III. Stripping of the Altar – we witness Christ facing the gathering darkness, abandoned and yet steadfast in love for us.



# PROCESSION TO THE UPPER ROOM

## HYMN

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Infinite, intimate God;

**this night you kneel before your friends**

**and wash our feet,**

**every dirty, shameful, weary, ugly, calloused inch.**

**Humbled and washed,**

**bound together in your radical and unconditional love,**

**trembling, we drink your cup and watch.**

**Amen.**

The Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CONFESSION

Lord God, we come together confessing our sin and our struggles.

**We confess we are a people slow to love, and captive to our own fears.**

*Silence*

Gracious God,

**we confess we are in bondage to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us by your Spirit  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Extended silence for reflection and self-examination.*

## ABSOLUTION

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*If you are with others, please share a sign of God's peace. If alone, silently extend God's peace to others in your life or our world who need it.*

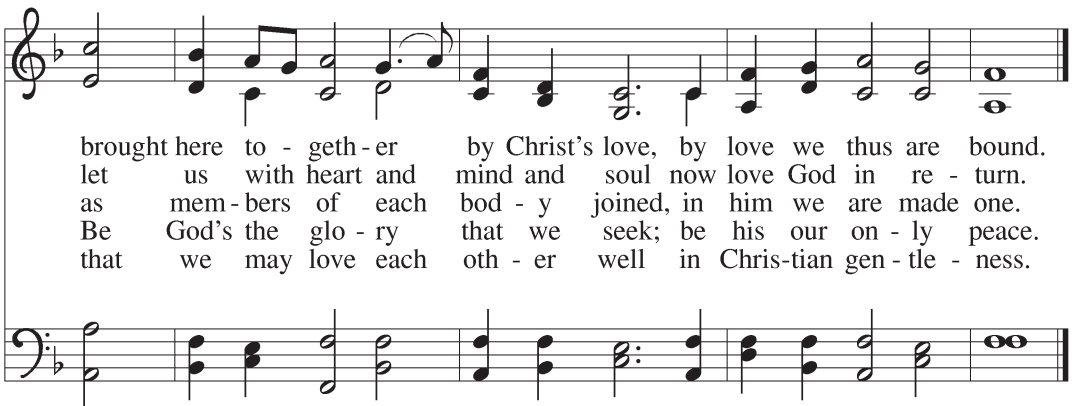
# HOLY COMMUNION

## HYMN

*"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 26: 26-56*

The gospel according to Matthew, the 26th chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

"Take, eat; this is my body."

<sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

"Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for all for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

*We commune. If you are communing with others, say:  
"The body of Christ, broken for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

<sup>32</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup>Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." <sup>35</sup>Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup>He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." <sup>40</sup>Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup>Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup>Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." <sup>49</sup>At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup>Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.



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

We sing:

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh....sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh....sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh....sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh....sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh....sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

*Service continues in darkness, as Psalm 22 is chanted.*

*Worship continues tomorrow night at 7PM  
with **The Seven Last Words of Christ**  
and Tenebrae ~ A service of shadows.*

*For that service, be sure to have seven candles lit.*



### **IN THIS SERVICE**

Leading: Pastor Kathy Hawks  
Assisting: Pastor Gretchen Mertes  
Music: Karen Lee, Gretchen Mertes

# HOLY WEEK CONTINUES

## Good Friday

Friday, April 10, 7pm  
Tenebrae Service

## 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

April 10-11, Good Friday Noon to Holy Saturday Noon

## Easter Celebration - Rise with Jesus!

Sunday, April 12, 11am

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