

# Welcome

**Maundy Thursday**

April 14, 2022

10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Please enter quietly.



## **UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*As you prepare for worship, we invited you to be seated quietly and use a moment to reflect on Psalm 16.*

### PSALM 16

- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
<sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."  
<sup>3</sup> As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.  
<sup>4</sup> Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.  
<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.  
<sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.  
<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
<sup>8</sup> I keep the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.  
<sup>10</sup> For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.  
<sup>11</sup> You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### PRELUDE

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

Long

*Please stand as able.*

### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

**P** As often as we eat of the bread and drink of the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore, let us examine ourselves, that we may eat of the bread and drink of the cup, receiving in faith the grace of God which is poured out upon us through this holy supper. *Based on 1 Corinthians 11:27-28*

*Silence for self-reflection and examination*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage 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. Lost in our own selfish concerns, we have often failed to consider the needs of those around us. We pray that you would open our eyes to one another, and strengthen the communion we share as fellow members of the body of Christ. Amen**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. For here in the Sacrament, you receive from Christ's lips the forgiveness of sins, which contains and conveys God's grace and Spirit with all his gifts, protection, defense, and power. *From Luther's Large Catechism*

C **Amen**

HYMN

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

LBW# 122

*Please be seated.*

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 10:15-25

<sup>15</sup>The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading

*Please stand as you are able.*

LENTEN RESPONSE (Joel 2:13)



☞ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 22:7-20

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters <sup>11</sup>and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>12</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." <sup>13</sup>And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. <sup>14</sup>And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup>And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Punt

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

LBW# 200

CONFESSION OF FAITH From Luther's Small Catechism: Holy Communion

P Let us confess our faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, calling to mind the promises we are given through the Supper of our Lord.

What is Holy Communion?

C **Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink.**

P What benefits do we receive from this sacrament?

C **The benefits of the sacrament are pointed out by the words, "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words assure us that in the sacrament we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For where**

**there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

P How can eating and drinking do all this?

C **It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words “given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins.**

P: Upon this affirmation, let us now confess our faith in God and all that God has done, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell\*. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

*\*\*Or, the holy Christian Church,*

#### THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

#### THE PEACE (John 20:19)

*In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance.*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

*The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the SON Network for the Ukraine. During the month of April, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on the NALC Disaster Response Fund. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.*

ANTHEM

At Gethsemane (Leaf)

Chancel Choir

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Blessed are you,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

P Remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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**

P Tender and merciful God at your feast you yearn to feed us who bring nothing but brokenness. You wish to turn our emptiness into joy and fill us with abundant grace. Create within us anticipation and hunger to gather at your table once again.

*Please be seated.*

COMMUNION (Mark 14:23)

*As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen*

*At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers. For those who prefer individually sealed units please indicate. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Stay Here and Keep Watch

WOV# 667

*A time for silent reflection will be offered during Communion.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

CLOSING PRAYER

**P** The meal is done. The table is cleared. The room is empty. You make your way toward Gethsemane. Lord Jesus, where soldiers will come to capture you. Keep us ever mindful, as your passion and death approach, that your self-sacrificing love is for us. In your most holy name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray.

**C** **Amen**

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs. 1-3)

LBW# 109

*Please be seated.*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR 6:30 p.m.

**P** Stripping the altar is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in our Lord's earthly life. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgatha and execution. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of comfort and life to symbolize His suffering and death.

*As Psalm 22 is chanted, the Chancel and Altar is stripped.*

*STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.*

*As Jesus' life was stripped from him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize his purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.*

*Plants and Vases - New life springing forth. In recognition of Jesus' death, we remove plants and vases from the altar.*

*Candles - Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world." Creation was dark when Jesus suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.*

*Offerings - As Jesus offered his body in sacrifice and was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.*

*Missal and Stand - As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal book and stand.*

*Communion Vessels - Jesus' offered Body and His shed Blood have been given to us in, with, and under the form of bread and wine in this Holy Mystery. As He was removed from us and placed in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.*

*Altar Linens and Paraments - As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.*

*Vestments - As Christ is stripped of his identity and crucified as a common criminal, we remove the vestments of the ordained.*

*Paschal Candle - The Paschal candle is carried from the baptismal font to the Narthex where it is extinguished. There is no benediction or postlude at the end of this service, which indicates that the service of the Three Days has not concluded.*

## DEPARTURE

*The assembly departs in profound silence. In the evening, some find it a good custom to drive home and to go to bed without any further conversation.*

*Please prayerfully consider in participating tomorrow's Prayer Vigil following worship.*

## THOSE SERVING IN APRIL

**Acolytes:** Abbey and Morgan Deaton, Micah and Samuel Nguyen

**Altar Guild:** Jennifer and Scott Curlee, and Cathy Painter

**Communion Assistants:** Jennifer and Scott Curlee, and Cathy Painter

**Lay Readers:** Jennifer and Scott Curlee, and Cathy Painter

**Ushers:** Phil and Linda Cauble, Mike and Brenda Cauble, and Frank and Dawn Merrell

**Offering Counters:** Jennifer Curlee, Doris Shepherd, and Wayne Vellines

## **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15** **10:30 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.**

*This holy day recalls the last hours of Jesus' life as the suffering servant is nailed to the cross, fulfilling his mission as the sacrificial Lamb of God. The sinless One takes on humanity's sin as he is betrayed by his closest companions, arrested and sentenced to a shameful death, even as Pontius Pilate finds no fault in him. We see ourselves in the angry crowd and lament our own denial of our Lord.*

Following the evening Good Friday service, we will have a **PRAYER VIGIL**. A prayer vigil is a watchful, awake time set apart for the purpose of prayer. As an act of public witness, it offers the community a space to connect with God so that God's vision for love and justice can be carried out through us.

Union understands prayer vigils to be grounded in the power of the Holy Spirit to change people's hearts and minds and to strengthen us in our work and witness.

If you would like to participate please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal

With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 2 (pages 77-97)

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