

Maundy Thursday April 17, 2025

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | Saline, Michigan

**THANK YOU** for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests with us today sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

**THANK OFFERING:** Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

**RESTROOMS** are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

**YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS** – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

562 Jesus Paid It All



Please stand if you are able

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

#### Pastor:

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

# **Pastor and Penitents:**

O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

# **Penitents:**

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

### **Pastor:**

Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

# **Penitents:**

# Yes, I believe.

# **Pastor:**

Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

# **Pastor and Penitents:**

O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

### Pastor:

We continue the service in peace. The Lord be with you.

# **First Reading**

<sup>31</sup>Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,

when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt.

They broke that covenant of mine, although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days,

declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer will each one teach his neighbor, or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD, for I will forgive their guilt, and I will remember their sins no more.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

# Second Reading

Hebrews 10:15-25

<sup>15</sup>The Holy Spirit also testifies in Scripture to us, for first he said:

<sup>16</sup>This is the covenant I will make with them after those days, says the Lord. I will put my laws on their hearts and I will write them on their mind.

<sup>17</sup>Then he adds:

And I will not remember their sins and their lawlessness any longer.

<sup>18</sup>Now where these sins are forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus. <sup>20</sup>It is a new and living way he opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh. <sup>21</sup>We also have a great priest over the house of God. <sup>22</sup>So let us approach with a sincere heart, in the full confidence of faith, because our hearts have been sprinkled to take away a bad conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

<sup>24</sup>Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. <sup>25</sup>Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

# CHOIR

# "At the Table of the Lord"

Words and music by Jay Althouse

At the table of the Lord bread is broken, At the table of the Lord we are fed. We remember now the words that Christ has spoken: "This is my body," He said.

At the table of the Lord, in thanksgiving, We have come to drink the wine which is poured. We remember Him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, our Lord.

At the table of the Lord we are meeting. In communion we are many in one. For wherever we are gathered there our Lord will be, There our Lord will be.

At the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord, At the table of the Lord we shall be free.

Please stand, if you are able

# Gospel

<sup>7</sup>The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. <sup>8</sup>Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it."

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare it?"

<sup>10</sup>He told them, "Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. <sup>11</sup>Tell the owner 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>He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there." <sup>13</sup>They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup>When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

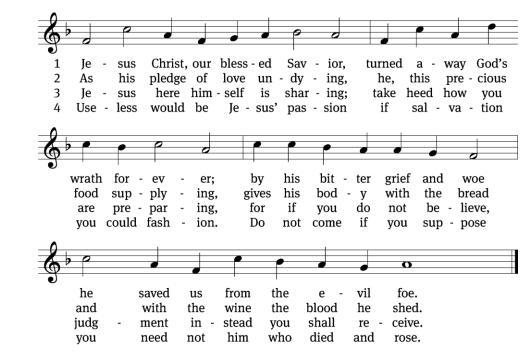
<sup>17</sup>He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup>for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

<sup>19</sup>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>In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

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

Please be seated

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- 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor, and receive my grace and favor; those who feel no pain or ill need no physician's help or skill."
- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken that this food is to be taken by the souls who are distressed, by hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven unto us such food has given and, to mend what we have done, gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes and your mouth your sin confesses, surely you will be his guest and at his banquet ever blest.

Text: John Hus, c. 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941 Tune: Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1533, ed. Joseph Klug, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

# "I Will Be Their God"

Please stand if you are able

# THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated while we prepare the altar for Holy Communion.

# MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

#### **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

Trinity Lutheran Church follows the historic Christian practice of *close communion*. We ask that only members of Trinity or one of our sister congregations partake of the sacrament. Guests, we would love to have you join us in communion fellowship in the future, and for that to be possible, we ask that you meet the pastor so that we may speak with you on how that would be possible. We thank you for respecting the way we celebrate the Lord's Supper in our congregations.

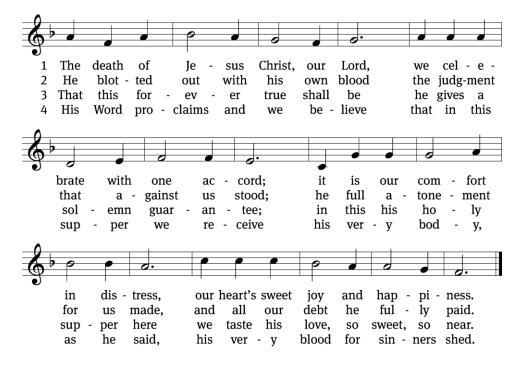
Please be seated

**BELL CHOIR** 

"Lamb of God" Arrang. by Michael Ryan

# 677 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord





- 5 A precious food is this indeed, it never fails us in our need, a heav'nly manna for our soul until we safely reach our goal.
- 6 How blest is each believing guest who in these promises finds rest, for Jesus will in love abide with those who do in him confide!
- 7 They who his Word do not believe this food unworthily receive, salvation here will never find—may we this warning keep in mind!
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe that we may worthily receive your supper and in you find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

Text: Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714, abr.; tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt. Tune: Sammlung alter und neuer... Melodien, 1742 Text and tune: Public domain 660 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

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- 5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone. The bread and wine remove, but you are here, nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, abr., alt. Tune: Henry Lawes, 1595–1662 Text and tune: Public domain

# THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The stripping of the altar marks the transition from the celebration of Holy Communion to the remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and death. Symbolically, the Lord Jesus, voluntarily stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors. The events of Good Friday are near. Please observe this ceremony in quiet contemplation, and then depart in peace.

### **GETHSEMANE AND JESUS' ARREST**

### MATTHEW 26:36-56

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. He told 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 he began to be sorrowful and distressed. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death. Stay here, and keep watch with me."

<sup>39</sup> He went a little farther, fell on his face, and prayed. He said, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

<sup>40</sup> He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "So, were you not able to stay awake with me for one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

<sup>42</sup> He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done." <sup>43</sup> Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before. <sup>45</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near." <sup>47</sup> While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly Judas (one of the Twelve) arrived. With him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign: "The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him." <sup>49</sup> Immediately he went to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Friend, why are you here?"

Then they advanced, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. <sup>51</sup> Suddenly, one of the men with Jesus reached out his hand, drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place, because all who take the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you not realize that I could call on my Father, and at once he would provide me with more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?" <sup>55</sup> At that same time Jesus said to the crowd, "Have you come out to arrest me with swords and clubs as if I were a robber? Day after day I was sitting in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup> But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

# AT YOUR SERVICE TONIGHT:

Officiant: Pastor Isaac Pappenfuss Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Hanke Accompanist: Laura Sala Deacons: Jeff Neuburger and Robert Niethammer Altar Guild – Jean Fiegel and Ann Latowski Videographer – Ann Latowski

# **HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

Good Friday Afternoon Service-1:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service-7:00 p.m. Easter Sunrise Service-6:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service-9:30 a.m.

**EASTER BREAKFAST**—The Teens will be hosting an Easter Breakfast on Sunday morning, starting around 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. We hope you will join us!

**NOTE**—On Good Friday afternoon, please do not park in the Bank parking lot. Bank of Ann Arbor will be open and requests that we do not use their lot during our afternoon service. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

