



# First Lutheran Church

*We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.*

## Maundy Thursday

March 29, 2018

7:00pm

*Maundy means command (mandate), so tonight we focus on Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us. As a part of this command, Jesus washes his disciples' feet and tells them to do likewise. It was common then for slaves to wash the feet of masters and their guests, so Jesus' act demonstrates his servanthood. At the same time, we all are reminded of our call to become servants to one another.*

Prelude

Gathering/Invocation

L: This is a night to remember.

**All: We remember the Passover that Jesus shared with his followers.**

L: This is a night to pray.

**All: We pray that we may stay awake and watch.**

L: This is a night of sadness.

**All: Our hearts are heavy with Jesus' betrayal and suffering.**

L: This is a night of cleansing.

**All: As Jesus' hands were nailed to the cross, so we ask to have our hands washed of sin.**

L: This is a night of hope.

**All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.**

Confession:

L: Almighty God, tonight we come together to be in your presence. You know our hearts. You know our shortcomings. You know that we cannot love as you did. Bless us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow in faith and love. Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*(Silence for reflection)* Merciful God,

**All: We confess that we are imperfect disciples. We try but fail to serve as Jesus did; we fail to love one another as Jesus loves us; we praise Jesus with our lips even as we deny him with our actions...forgive us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, gave his Son to die for us, and forgives us all our sins. The Holy Spirit has cleansed us and given us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who has called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. We are forgiven to forgive, love, and serve. Amen.

Hymn

**Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

ELW 712

### Prayer of the Day

**Holy God, source of all love, fill our hearts to overflowing and grant us the will to serve one another. Help us follow in the footsteps of the One who is 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.**

Reading

Isaiah 53:1-12

pew bible p. 670

“The word of the Lord” Response: **Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation**      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (v. 1, 6)      ELW 502

Gospel Reading      John 13:1-17, 31-35      pew bible p. 983  
 Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
 Response after the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**Hymn**      *Ah, Holy Jesus* (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)      ELW 349

**Apostles' Creed** (inside back cover of hymnal)  
 Prayers of the People

Offering

**Offertory**      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (v. 1, 4)      ELW 803

Words of Institution

**The Lord's Prayer** (sung)

***Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

Distribution

***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***      ELW 759  
***Just As I Am, without One Plea***      ELW 592

Stripping of the Altar

*The stripping of the altar area has come to symbolize the stripping of Jesus before the Crucifixion. This dramatic act transforms the chancel from a beautiful place of worship to the bareness of a tomb. In that transformation, we see a great truth: the joy we typically experience at worship comes through the death of the One we worship.*

**Solo**

***Feel the Nails***

***You are invited to stay for a time of silent meditation and, when you choose, to leave the church in silence.***

<b>Thank you for serving!</b>	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Dealyn Rose & Christopher Cordes
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Mike & Jean Henle, Ruth Quist
<b>Lector</b>	Denise Schneekloth
<b>Music</b>	Rosie Sorum Steve Meyer Accompanied by Angela Fischer