



Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

7:00 p.m. Worship

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Three

Regular font: Worship Leader; Bold font: Congregation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

Please stand

The assembly stands as the presiding minister enters.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

The assembly may kneel or be seated

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN “All Who Hunger” **ELW 461**

GREETING

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

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.**

WORD

Please be seated

READING **Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19**

¹ I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

² **for the LORD has given | ear to me**
whenever | er I called.

¹² How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup | of salvation**
and call on the name | of the LORD.

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**

is the death¹ of your servants.

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed
me¹ from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name¹ of the LORD.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of¹ the LORD's house,
in the midst of you,¹ O Jerusalem.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 142

Please stand

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy gospel according to John the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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.'

¹² 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?' 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.

³¹ '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.'

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

PASTORAL MEDITATION

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

Silence is kept for reflection

Please stand

HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

ELW 708

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Heal the wounds of your church, O God. As we remember your commandment to love one another, guide us toward reconciliation within the body of Christ. Bless all who gather around the world and in this community for these holy three days (local ecumenical partners may be named here). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renew the life of your creation. Restore lands suffering from chronic drought or flood, and protect fragile habitats from destruction. Encourage all who strive to build more sustainable systems for life and thriving. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring peace and justice among your people. Where there is oppression or fear, bring liberation and hope. Instill wisdom and humility in local and national leaders, and guide them to serve their communities in the way of Jesus. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Console all who suffer. We pray especially for all who are lonely and yearning for community. Assure them of your loving presence. Come alongside all who cry out to you in any need (especially). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In the bread and cup we share, you show us the way of love poured out for the whole world. Nourish all who hunger in body or in spirit, that they experience the life abundant that flows from you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the saints who rest in you. We give thanks for all our beloved dead (especially). Confident of your steadfast love, we commend them to your eternal care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Amen.

MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

Offertory Music: “Where Charity and Love Prevail” **ELW 359**

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

We gather around the table to hear the story and share the meal.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

All are invited to remain seated during the stripping of the altar. The lights will be dimmed.

PSALM 22

¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my
groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;
by night, but I | find no rest.

³Yet you are the | Holy One,
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their | trust in you,
they trusted, and you | rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and | were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,
scorned by all and despised | by the people.

- ⁷All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.
- ⁸“Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.”
- ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,
and kept me safe on my | mother’s breast.
- ¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my | mother’s womb.
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,
and there is no | one to help.
- ¹²Many young bulls en- | circle me;
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.
- ¹³They open wide their | jaws at me,
like a slashing and | roaring lion.
- ¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.
- ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the
roof | of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.
- ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round
me;
they pierce my hands | and my feet.
- ¹⁷I can count | all my bones
while they stare at | me and gloat.
- ¹⁸They divide my gar- | ments among them;
for my clothing, | they cast lots.
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.
- ²⁰Deliver me | from the sword,
my life from the power | of the dog.
- ²¹Save me from the | lion’s mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
- ²²I will declare your name | to my people;
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.
- ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s | line,

give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;

but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the
LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat | and be satisfied.

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts |
live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel
be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

*(The congregation is invited to be seated as the altar is stripped.
The lights will be dimmed, as well. The blessing and dismissal are
omitted this evening. Please depart from the service in silence after
the altar has been laid bare.)*

Holy Week services, though taking place over three days, are really one service, spanning the time of those days. There is no dismissal from the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday portions, as they are to be understood as leading us to the culmination of Easter morning.



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Schedule

Good Friday Walk, April 18th at **Noon**, Starts at St. Mary's Church

Good Friday Service, April 18th at **7:00 p.m.**

Sunrise Service April 20th **6:00 a.m.** at Sears Park, Lake Pocotopaug in East Hampton

Easter Sunday, April 20th at **9:00 a.m.**

Kenny Fletcher Memorial

Car Show at Valli's

April 26th 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(Rain Date May 3rd)

22 Sand Hill Road, Portland

Show Car Entry Fee \$10 ~ Spectators Free ~ No Dogs

Dash Plaques to the First 200 Cars

Donations are Greatly Appreciated

Please Make Checks Payable to B.T. Charities, Inc.

All Proceeds go to:

Portland High School Class of 2025 Project Graduation, Portland

Zion Lutheran Church, Middlesex Hospice, Portland Food Bank,

Portland VFW Post 6121 & Middlesex Cancer Center

For more information please contact:

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Prayer List

For Health:	Family of	Milluzzo and	For Safety:
Clara W	Allen H	Neri families	Andrew C
Joyce G	Bud J	Shirley C	Todd S
Bill B	Marjorie F	Diane E	Michael C
Cathy L	Jessica A	Dick C	Tyler G
Marion B	Charlotte D	Karen R	Erik B
Lily V	Jonathan A	Stacey T	Justin Earl B
Holly N	Pauline N	Family of	Evan G
Dylan G	Curt R	Nick G	David P
Lisa A	Matthew S	Pat J	
Aiden J	Phil O	Lois B	
Helen A	Peter W	Bruce G	
Matthew A	Joan A		

SERVING TODAY

Sandra Chiasson - Lector
 Sandra Chiasson - Worship Assistant
 Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson, Adam Stall-Ryan
 - Ushers/Greeters
 Carol Murphy - Altar Guild
 Sarah Dzialo - Organist



Life Line Screening will be here
 at Zion on **Tuesday, April 29th**
 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If

you would like to register for an appointment call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

Italian Night



Zion Lutheran Church
Italian Night 2025

Sunday, April 27

Social Hour: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

(To-Go orders available - Please indicate To-Go at time of ticket order)

Live Music by Jonny Rox

Over 12: \$15 12 and Under: FREE

If you cannot attend but would like to donate toward this wonderful event, please Venmo **@Michelle-Schneider-24** or make out a check to Zion Lutheran Church with a memo of "Italian Night 2025".

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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