



# FOOT WASHING

## **Maundy Thursday**

**April 2, 2026**

**6:00 p.m. Worship**

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# HOLY COMMUNION

*Setting Four*

*Regular font: Worship Leader; Bold font: Congregation*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING IN THE CHAPEL

#### 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.*

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**      “Jesus I Will Ponder Now”      **ELW 345**

**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**

**READING**                      **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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. <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.

<sup>31</sup> 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.<sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.<sup>33</sup> Little 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."<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.<sup>35</sup> By 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.**

## **PASTORAL MEDITATION**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

*Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan*

## **FOOT WASHING**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" **ELW 708**

"Love Consecrates the Humblest Act" **ELW 360**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious host, you knelt to wash your disciples' feet. Cleanse us from pride and self-centeredness, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, the earth is yours and everything in it. Awaken us to care for all you have made and conserve the rich diversity of your good creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, guide the world's leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Where they wield power unjustly, confront them. Where they are indifferent to suffering, awaken their conscience. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely or in captivity, comfort the grieving, and relieve those in pain. Draw near to all who suffer (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed redeemer, we give you thanks for this community of faith, and for all who gather around your table of grace. Unite us in love for you and for one another. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors. At the last, gather us with them at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

**OFFERING** (*We pass the offering plate and sing*)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” **ELW 885**

### OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus’ name. **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** (*spoken responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you for-<sup>1</sup>saken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words<sup>1</sup> of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> **My God, I cry out by day, but you<sup>1</sup> do not answer; by night, but I<sup>1</sup> find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are the<sup>1</sup> Holy One, enthroned on the prais-<sup>1</sup>es of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> **Our ancestors put their<sup>1</sup> trust in you, they trusted, and you<sup>1</sup> rescued them.**

<sup>5</sup> They cried out to you and<sup>1</sup> were delivered; they trusted in you and were not<sup>1</sup> put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> **But as for me, I am a worm<sup>1</sup> and not human, scorned by all and despised<sup>1</sup> by the people.**

<sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh<sup>1</sup> me to scorn; they curl their lips; they<sup>1</sup> shake their heads.

<sup>8</sup> **“Trust in the LORD; let the<sup>1</sup> LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so de-<sup>1</sup>lights in him.”**

<sup>9</sup> Yet you are the one who drew me forth<sup>1</sup> from the womb, and kept me safe on my<sup>1</sup> mother’s breast.

<sup>10</sup> **I have been entrusted to you ever since<sup>1</sup> I was born; you were my God when I was still in my<sup>1</sup> mother’s womb.**

<sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trou-<sup>1</sup>ble is near, and there is no<sup>1</sup> one to help.

<sup>12</sup> **Many young bulls en-<sup>1</sup>circle me; strong bulls of Ba-<sup>1</sup>shan surround me.**

<sup>13</sup> They open wide their<sup>1</sup> jaws at me, like a slashing and<sup>1</sup> roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup> **I am poured out like water; all my bones are<sup>1</sup> out of joint; my heart within my breast is<sup>1</sup> melting wax.**

<sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof<sup>1</sup> of my mouth;

and you have laid me in the<sup>1</sup> dust of death.

<sup>16</sup> **Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers<sup>1</sup> circles round me;**

**they pierce my hands<sup>1</sup> and my feet.**

<sup>17</sup> I can count<sup>1</sup> all my bones while they stare at<sup>1</sup> me and gloat.

<sup>18</sup> **They divide my gar-<sup>1</sup>ments among them;**

**for my clothing, | they cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, be not | far away;  
O my help, hasten | to my aid.

<sup>20</sup> **Deliver me | from the sword,  
my life from the power | of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the | lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

<sup>22</sup> **I will declare your name | to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup> You 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.

<sup>24</sup> **For 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.**

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear  
the LORD.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your  
hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to  
the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup> Indeed, 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.

<sup>30</sup> **Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup> They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet  
unborn,

saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

LORD.

*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 Service, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday, April 5th at 9:00 a.m.**

## SERVING TODAY

Howard Swanson - Lector  
Donna Berndtson - Worship Assistant  
Volunteers - Ushers/Greeters  
Carol Murphy - Altar Guild  
Sarah Dzialo - Organist



**Life Line Screening** will be here at Zion on **Tuesday, April 28th** 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](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HC)



A new group is forming at Zion—**Men of Zion Lutheran**. Jerry Peuse plans to get the new group off the ground after Easter. The men will discuss and work on church projects and service projects around town. He asks that you call him at 860-894-2880 if you are interested, so he can plan the first meeting. Then it will be decided what time/day works for most men. **Even if you have already spoken to him at church, please call and remind him.**

Jerry has extensive knowledge, experience and talent from 25 years as a professional handyman and many years serving on Lutheran Men's Groups over the years (once as president). He looks forward to hearing from you.

## Prayer List

### For Health:

Joyce G  
Bill B  
Cathy L  
Marion B  
Lily V  
Holly N  
Dylan G  
Lisa A  
Aiden J  
Helen A  
Matthew A  
Bud J

Marjorie F  
Jessica A  
Charlotte D  
Jonathan A  
Pauline N  
Curt R  
Matthew S  
Joan A  
Diane E  
Dick C  
Karen R  
Stacey T  
Pat J

Lois B  
Loee M  
Alexis R  
Malynda A  
Annamaria T  
Brenda B  
Lee T  
Judi E  
Jamie S-R  
Don R  
David O  
Michael G

### For Safety:

Andrew C  
Todd S  
Michael C  
Tyler G  
Erik B  
Justin Earl B  
Evan G  
David P



**Save the Date**  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Italian Night 2026**

Sunday, May 17th

**Today: April 2, 2026**

**Maundy Thursday**

**6:00 p.m.** Maundy Thursday service

**This Week:**

Friday: **6:00 p.m.** Good Friday service

**7:00 p.m.** N/A

**Next Sunday:**

**April 5, 2026**

**Easter Sunday**

**9:00 a.m.** Worship/Communion

**11:30 a.m.** True Vine Church



Good Friday readings: Isaiah 53:1-12; Psalm 22;  
John 18:1—19:37

**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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