

**Welcome to St. John's  
Evangelical Lutheran Church**



**Maundy  
Thursday**

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## The Prelude

## The Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, <sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called. <sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me? <sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. <sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people. <sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants. <sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. <sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD. <sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people, <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## The Invocation

## The Greeting &amp; Evening Prayer

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.**

*Let us pray...* eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Gospel Reading According to John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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

<sup>31b</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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Reflection

Pastor Jamie

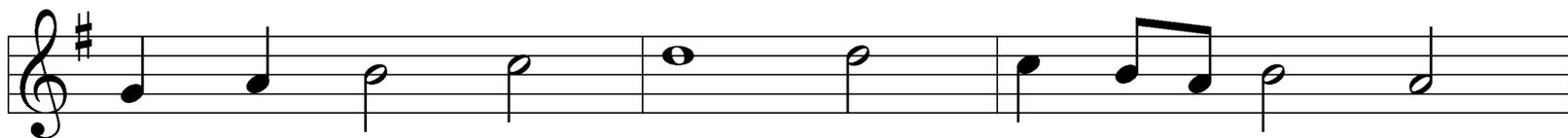
Hymn

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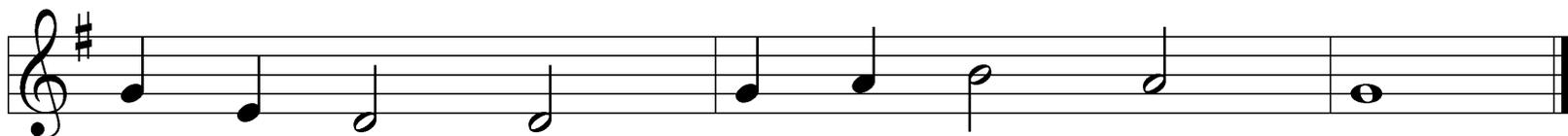
*“Love Consecrates the Humblest Act”*



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and  
 2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ  
 3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what



ha - loes mer - cy's deeds; it sheds a ben - e -  
 knelt and washed the feet of his dis - ci - ples,  
 Christ in love so true has free - ly done for



dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.  
 he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
 one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

<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<sup>[a]</sup> 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.

## “The Meal”

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*“O Living Bread from Heaven”*

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
 2 My Lord, you here have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, oh, cup that heals our woes!  
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
 And when you call my spir - it to leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, with prais - es o - ver - flows!  
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
 I en - ter, through your mer - it, where joys un - min - gled flow.

## The Prayers of the People

*Hear us O God; **Your mercy is great.***

*...Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.*

**Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## The Offering

### The Offertory Prayer

*Let us pray...* God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## The Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Words of Institution

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.”

## The 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.**

## The Invitation

Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

## The Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have  
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## The Distribution of the Bread & Wine

### The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us  
with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resur-  
rection. May this sacrament of your body and blood  
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show  
forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Fa-  
ther and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**<sup>9</sup>

## The Stripping of the Altar

After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly; prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution. As his 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.

*Reading of Psalm 22 as altar is stripped.*

*The congregation leaves in silence.*

## **The People of St. John's Welcome You for Worship Today!**

*Known to be hospitalized or in need of prayers*

Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Bob Simonson, Zach,  
Deborah Wilczak, Bob Gozdziaak Sr., Linda Green, Ann  
Hoffman, Carol Graham, The Friends and Family of Carol  
McClinotck

*We will remove names from the prayer list after four weeks  
unless informed otherwise.*

**3/28 Giving: 1873.00**

Announcements for the bulletins are due at noon on Wednesday.  
Good News articles are due on the 15th of every month.

**In person office hours by appointment only.**  
**Phone Call Hours: Monday:9am-Noon**  
**Tuesday-Thursday: 9am-2pm**

Please note, starting Monday April 5th, we will be returning to  
**regular office** hours 9 to 2 Monday through Thursday.

### **Current Worship Schedule on Sundays:**

9:00am– Drive in Worship Service

10:30am– In Person/ Online Streamed Service

## Calendar of Events

Thursday	4/1	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	4/2	7:00pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday	4/3	5:30pm	Easter Vigil Service
Sunday	4/4	7:00am	In Person/ Online Easter Service
Sunday	4/4	9:00am	Drive in Easter Service
Sunday	4/4	10:30am	In Person/ Online Easter Service
Tuesday	4/6	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
Thursday	4/8	7:00pm	Handbell Choir
Thursday	4/8	7:30pm	Queen City Chordsmen Rehearsal
Friday	4/9	7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
Saturday	4/10	5:30pm	In person/ online service
Sunday	4/11	9:00am	Drive in service
Sunday	4/11	10:30am	In person/ online service
Sunday	4/11	11:30am	Confirmation

If you would like your **email included on our church email list**, please write it down and put it in the offering plate.

If you would like the **monthly “Good News” newsletter emailed** to you instead of physically mailed, please write your name and email with a note and put it in the offering plate. The Good News issues are also available on the website ([stjohnslanc.org](http://stjohnslanc.org)).

**Confirmation Dates:** Sunday June 6th  
**All meetings at 11:30am** Sunday June 20th

Sunday April 11th  
Sunday April 25th

Sunday May 9th  
Sunday May 23rd

### **Follow us on Facebook!**

Find us on Facebook [@stjohnslancaster](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnslancaster) to keep up to date with information and connect with other members of our congregation!

**2021 Envelopes** are available for pick up

If you are a member and do not have **offering envelopes** please place your name and contact information on the list in the narthex. Once you place your information on the list then our financial team will contact you to set up your envelopes.

If you would like to receive **communion elements** the sanctuary will be open Wednesday evenings by appointment only. Contact Pastor Jamie at 716-848-9683 if you are interested.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church provides an inviting environment for spreading God's Word through worship, teaching and fellowship to address the spiritual needs of our congregation and community.  
Open - Inviting - Alive in Christ!*

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