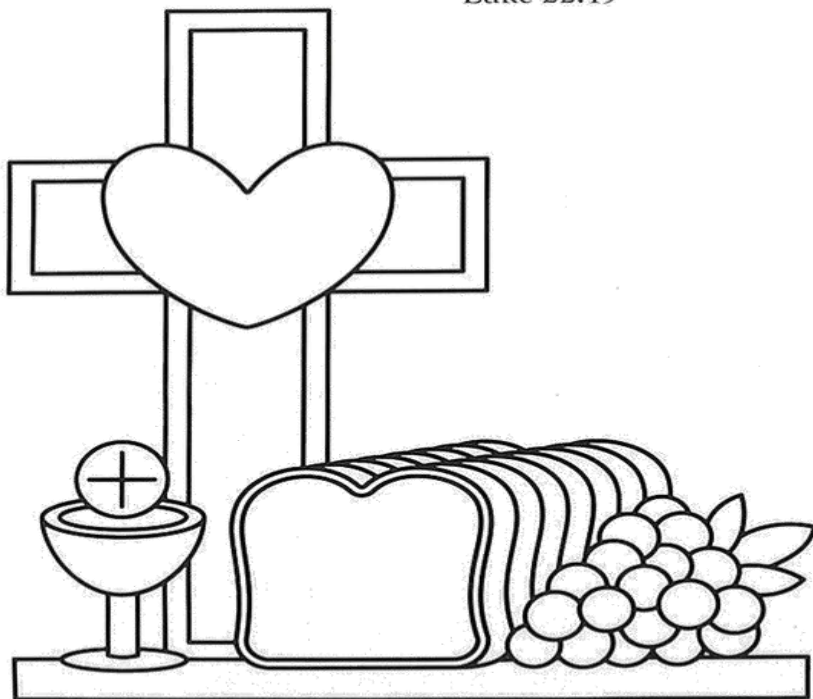


HOLY COMMUNION

And he took bread, gave thanks and
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
"This is my body given for you; do
this in remembrance of me."

Luke 22:19





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Welcome to Maundy Thursday The Parables of Lent series of services, which is based on the parable of the Great Banquet. In this parable, Jesus calls us to invite all to his table of grace. This service includes First Holy Communion. May we always be reminded of the overwhelming gift of God's precious Son's body and blood.

† GATHERING †

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.



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Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

In this Holy Week
the Son of God prepares a great banquet for all people.
**This banquet features Jesus' body and blood
for the forgiveness of our sins.**

In this banquet the sacrifice is remembered.
In this banquet the sacrifice is received.

In this banquet we have life.
In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.

Jesus said, "But when you are invited, take the lowest place,
so that when your host comes, he will say to you,
'Friend, move up to a better place.'
Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests.
For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted."
In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.

Jesus said, "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor,
the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed.
Although they cannot repay you,
you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.

Jesus said, "A certain man was preparing a great banquet
and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant
to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'
But they all alike began to make excuses.
Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes
and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'"
**Grant me your grace, O God,
that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

In our sin and sinfulness we make excuses,
squandering and taking for granted

the grace of God and the banquet he so freely gives.
Let us confess our sin and seek God's forgiveness and grace.

Silence for meditation and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
we confess that our very nature is sinful.
We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
We do not love our neighbors as ourselves.
It is natural for us to make excuses
when you present your gifts to us.
Because of our selfishness, we deserve to be shut out of the banquet.
Though you are generous in your love, we deserve only your wrath.
Forgive us, most holy God.

On this day, the Lord Jesus institutes a new banquet for us.
With his broken body and shed blood, he creates a meal that fills us
with forgiveness, love, and life. Jesus honors us at his banquet.
Because of his perfect sacrifice, all your sins are forgiven
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#461



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Call to Worship

When we eat unleavened bread and drink wine
that is blessed at the altar of the Lord,
we are sharing in the history of Christianity through the centuries.

In the actions of giving and receiving both the bread and the wine,
we are sharing the generous love of our Lord.

When we partake of bread and wine – Christ’s body and blood –
we are sharing in the suffering and death our Savior endured.

When we reflect on Christ’s sacrifice for us,
we also share in his victory over sin.

When we approach the table of the Lord
with our brothers and sisters in Christ,
**we share in the sure hope that we will all be together
at the banquet in heaven.**

When we go out into the world
as people refreshed and forgiven through this sacrament,
we share the joy of Christ’s salvation with the people in our lives.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace and mercy of God,
who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from sin, be with you all.
And also with you.

HOLY WEEK

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Heavenly Father,

**though we are unworthy, you invite us to the banquet
that provides the greatest feast we have ever known.**

**Feed us with your love and forgiveness so that, in all we do,
we welcome both you and our neighbor into our hearts and lives.
Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! The Lord will make a rich feast for God's people. The Lord will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, the Lord will destroy death itself.

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

A reading from First Corinthians.

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. ³⁰For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Verse

ELW setting 4



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Luke 22:14-23

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22nd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of 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." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

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

Children's Time
Sermon

Receive the Meal

Hymn of the Day

I Come with Joy

#482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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Apostle's Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P Looking to the cross and called by Christ
to love and serve one another, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A God, who welcomes us to the banquet,

forgive us for the times we make excuses
and deny the invitation to be in your presence.
When you present a banquet filled with your gifts,
make us ever thankful to receive them
and give us the resolve to welcome others
and give them places of honor.

Master of the feast, feed us with your love and forgiveness.

P God, who welcomes us to the banquet,
we pray for the leaders of the nations that they would provide justice
and peace
so that all people would be well fed and welcomed at tables where
there is plenty.

Master of the feast, feed us with your love and forgiveness.

A God, who welcomes us to the banquet,
your Church is the place of the banquet that leads to eternal life.
Through your Word and Sacraments
enliven your people to be a welcoming people,
providing places of honor for those who most need it.

Master of the feast, feed us with your love and forgiveness.

P God, who welcomes us to the banquet,
there are many whose needs require your healing hand.
Your banquet supplies all that we need to support our body and life,
so we ask that you would grant your healing to those who are
suffering from illness, disease, pain or loss, especially...

Master of the feast, feed us with your love and forgiveness.

A God, who welcomes us to the banquet, we remember before you
all those who have gone before us
and are now feasting at your heavenly banquet table.
Help us so to follow after them in the faith that we, too,
would enjoy the feast that is to come.

Master of the feast, feed us with your love and forgiveness.

P Hear the prayers of your people, merciful God,
for the sake of the one who stretched out his arms on the cross

to redeem your people and to reconcile the whole creation,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

We Place Upon Your Table, Lord

#467



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



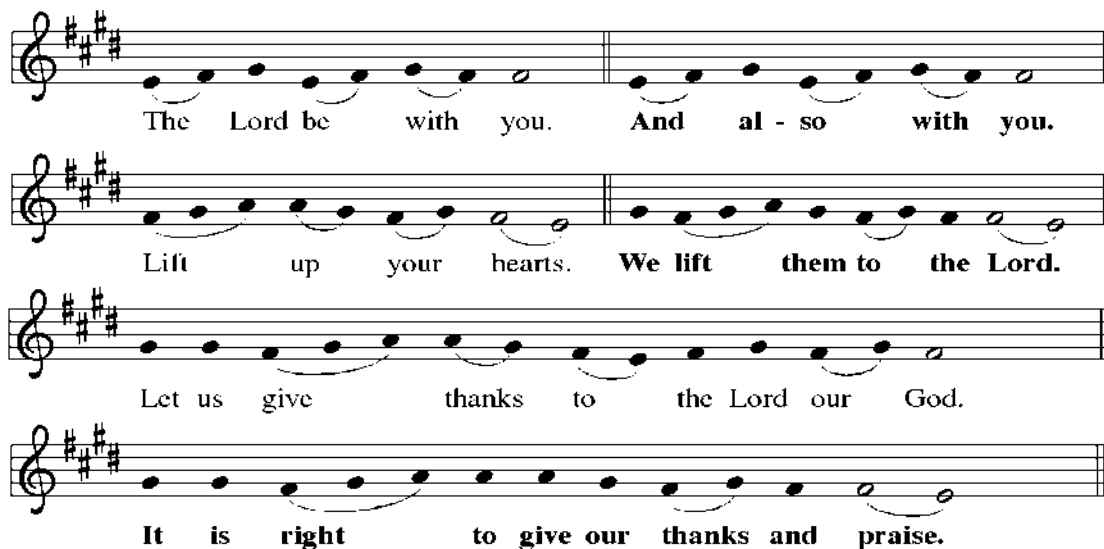
work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

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✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

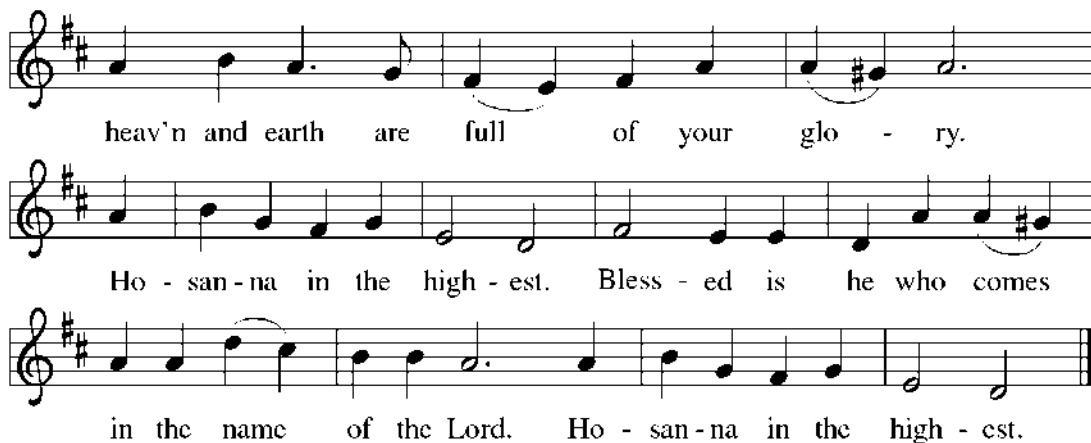
Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW setting 4



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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, Jesus 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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**



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.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

ELW setting 4



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Rite of First Holy Communion

The following young people have been instructed
and are now ready to receive their First Holy Communion:

(As names are read, each young person comes forward with their Parents & Godparents.)

*Mia Jane Curry
Lincoln Alexander Hanaway
Kalynn Elizabeth Koch
Spencer Henry Leetch
Vienna Clareen Neidhardt
Kolby James Pedro
Jase James Salwei
Tucker Maverick Stuhr*

*Lauren Rose Gompert
Colton Ronald Juzenas
Annie Jo Krohn
Tinsley Ray Neidhardt
Paxtyn Lynn O'Connor
Skylar Grace Porter
Masan David Skillstad
Trisha Sue Winter*

In Holy Baptism these young people were claimed by God
and received by the church as members of the body of Christ.

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin,
and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel.

This sacrament was instituted by Jesus Christ on the night of his betrayal.

In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, in, with, through and under these elements of the earth, because Jesus said, “This is my body and blood, given and shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are invited to participate. So, on behalf of the church, I ask you First Communicants:

Do you believe that in Holy Baptism
God claimed you as his precious child?

FC: I believe.

Do you believe that God’s Holy Communion
is a gift of God’s grace and forgiveness,
and that by receiving these gifts and participating in this sacred meal,
you are strengthened in your faith and trust in God
and that you are called to love others in God’s name?

FC: I believe.

You are about to receive the Lord’s Supper.
The Church invites you to regularly hear what God has to say to you
and to thank God always for everything. In worship and Sunday school
you are given the opportunity to learn more about God
so that you may better understand and live out your faith in Christ.
You are encouraged to come to the Lord’s Supper as often as you can.
And, at the appropriate time, we trust that you will be confirmed
and will continue to take an active part in Church and its work.
All of this will help you to live as God wants and hopes you to live
as a baptized Child of God.

Do you promise to do this, knowing God will help you?

FC: I promise, with the help of God.

(Speaking to parents, Godparents, and other family members)

Parents, Godparents, and the families of these young people,
you have heard the confession of faith
and the promises these young people made.

God's whole family shares the care, concern, and responsibility for helping them grow in Christ.

On behalf of the Church and these young disciples, I ask you:

Will you help them to fulfill their promises?

Families: We will, and we ask God to help us.

(Speaking to the community of faith: members and friends of Zion Lutheran Church)

People of God,

do you promise to support and pray for these young people as they participate in this meal and continue to grow in their faith?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Heavenly Father,

your Son, Jesus loved the young and called them to himself.

We ask you to bless these disciples and to strengthen them in faith through the gift of your presence in this Sacred Meal.

May this Holy Sacrament sustain them, uphold them, and fill them with your abundant love and amazing grace throughout their lives.

As they continue to grow physically, mentally, and spiritually, may they know that you are with them always.

May you bless them to be a blessing in the lives of others and to honor your Holy Name. **Amen.**

Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn

Come, Let Us Eat

#491



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

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Distribution Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* #494



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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Table Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Lord Jesus,

in this wonderful sacrament you strengthen us

with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection.

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 Father and the Holy Spirit,

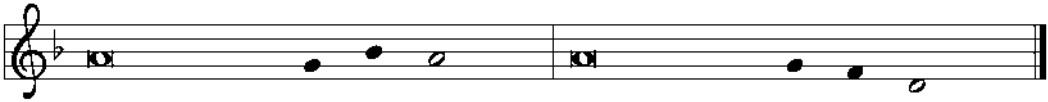
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

The stripping of the altar is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldier's hands. As the sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, and candles are removed, we contemplate what Jesus is about to do for us.

*We consider no greater love than His, the sacrifice He made for us,
how wondrous He will be forever.*

This is done while Psalm 22 is chanted.



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.

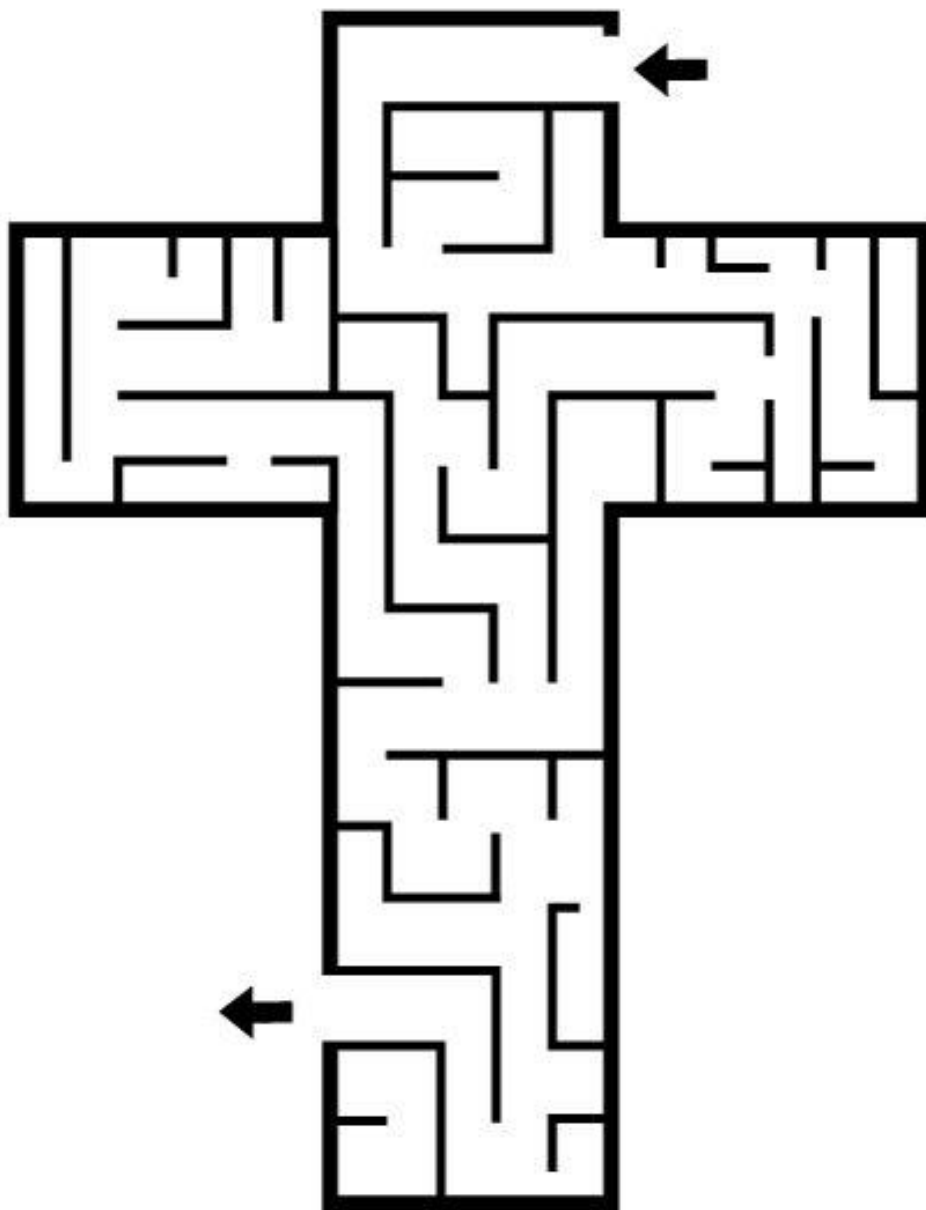
- ²²I will declare your name | to my people;
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.
- ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise!
All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
- ²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
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!"

*When the Psalm is done, the crown of thorns and cross
are brought in and placed in the chancel.*

*The blessing and dismissal are omitted
mindful that this service continues tomorrow night, on Good Friday.
You are welcome to stay as long as you like.
When you are ready to leave, please do so in silence.*

***Everyone is invited to the reception in the Fellowship Hall
after worship in honor of the First Communicants.***

Cross Maze



In Remembrance of Me

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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2. 2-15-4-25 _____

3. 18-5-13-5-13-2-18-1-14-3-5 _____

4. 2-12-15-15-4 _____

5. 3-21-16 _____

6. 2-18-5-1-4 _____

7. 5-1-20 _____

8. 19-21-16-16-5-18 _____

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First Holy Communion

March 28 2024

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- Bread
- Cup
- Drink
- Eat
- First Holy Communion
- Forgive
- Gift
- God
- Heal
- Hope
- Joy
- Love
- Paten
- Pray
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