

**Vs 2: Hear the cries of children that fill the air, Let them know your angels are always there.
Let them find their refuge within your arms. They need, they need, they need you, Lord. [refrain]**

**Vs 3: Do you see the widow who’s so alone? Do you see the homeless that have no home?
Do you see the broken, their hearts are cold? We need, we need, we need you, Lord. [refrain]**

“Jesus Loves Me!” ELW #595

**V1: Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
V2: Jesus loves me he who died heaven’s gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. [R]
V3: Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. [R]**

Prayer after Communion: P: Let us pray.

C: Lord Jesus, We love because you first loved us. In this sacrament you’ve shown how far your love goes for us; to death and beyond. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that we may be empowered to follow your command and love others as you have loved us. Amen.

Psalm 22: *(read responsively)*

P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
C: Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
P: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; **C: and by night, but find no rest.**
P: Yet you are holy, **C: enthroned on the praises of Israel.**
P: In you our ancestors trusted; **C: they trusted, and you delivered them.**
P: To you they cried, and were saved; **C: in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.**
P: But I am a worm, and not human; **C: scorned by others, and despised by the people.**
P: All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, **C: they shake their heads;**
P: “Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver-- **C: let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”**
P: Yet it was you who took me from the womb; **C: you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.**
P: On you I was cast from my birth, **C: and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**
P: Do not be far from me, **C: for trouble is near** P: and there is no one to help.
C: Many bulls encircle me, P: strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
C: they open wide their mouths at me, P: like a ravening and roaring lion. **C: I am poured out like water,**
P: and all my bones are out of joint; **C: my heart is like wax;** P: it is melted within my breast;
C: my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, P: and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.
C: For dogs are all around me; P: a company of evildoers encircles me. **C: My hands & feet have shriveled;**
P: I can count all my bones. **C: They stare & gloat over me;** P: they divide my clothes among themselves,
C: and for my clothing they cast lots. P: But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
C: O my help, come quickly to my aid! P: Deliver my soul from the sword,
C: my life from the power of the dog! P: Save me from the mouth of the lion!
C: From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. P: I will tell of your name to my brothers & sisters;
C: in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: P: You who fear the LORD, praise him!
C: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; P: stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
C: For he did not despise or abhor P: the affliction of the afflicted; **C: he did not hide his face from me,**
P: but heard when I cried to him. **C: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;**
P: my vows I will pay before those who fear him. **C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;**
P: those who seek him shall praise the LORD. **C: May your hearts live forever!**
P: All the ends of the earth shall remember **C: and turn to the LORD;**
P: and all the families of the nations **C: shall worship before him.** P: For dominion belongs to the LORD,
C: and he rules over the nations. P: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
C: before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
P: Posterity will serve him; **C: future generations will be told about the Lord,**
P: and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, **C: saying that he has done it.**
P: This is the Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Dismissal: P: Go in peace to love the Lord & serve your neighbor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly leaves in silence.



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson

April 17, 2025 • 6:45PM • Maundy Thursday

Prelude *(The assembly gathers in reflective silence)*

Debbi St. John, Pianist

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: 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. 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.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin & 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, & for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: “In Christ Alone” (CCLI Licensed)

V1: In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground. Firm through the fiercest drought and storm; What heights of love, what depths of peace; When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all; Here in the love of Christ I stand.

V2: In Christ alone, who took on flesh; Fullness of God in helpless babe; This gift of love and righteousness. Scorned by the ones He came to save; ‘Til on that cross as Jesus died; The wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

V3: There in the ground, His body lay; Light of the world, by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day. Up from the grave, He rose again; And as He stands in victory; Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine; Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

V4: No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me; From life’s first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny; No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man; Can ever pluck me from His hand. ‘Til He returns or calls me home; Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand; No power of hell, no scheme of man; Can ever pluck me from His hand. ‘Til He returns or calls me home; Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

The Great Commandment Litany

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

P: Holy God, source of all love,

C: 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.

The First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover. ¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. ¹⁴“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading: John 13:1-17

¹It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸“No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” ⁹“Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” ¹⁰Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. ¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: “Tree Of Life” vs 1, 2, 3 & General #334 *(stand as you are able)*

**Verse 1: Tree of Life and awesome myst’ry, in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist’ry, still you rise with ev’ry morn, still you rise with ev’ry morn.**

**Verse 2: We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
ev’ry person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord, wears the body of our Lord.**

**Verse 3: Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea, we the river, you the sea.**

**General Vs: Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord; give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word, give us faith to live your word.**

The Gospel: Luke 22:7-19

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.” ⁹“Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked. ¹⁰He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.” ¹³They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵And he 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 again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And 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.”

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

Reflection & Prayer: *Pastor Eric Hanson (you may be seated)*

Hymn of the Day: *Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.*

“Lamb of God” #336

**Verse 1: Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.**

**Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Verse 2: Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. [Refrain]**

**Verse 3: I was so lost. I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. [Refrain]**

Offertory Response: “Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ,
His Son. And now let the weak say, “I am strong”. Let the poor say,
“I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

Offering Prayer: P: Let us pray,

**C: God of glory, Receive these gifts & 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, & from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.**

Apostles’ Creed: *(please stand as you are able)* **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he
will come 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.**

The Prayers: P: Lord in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

Salutation

Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy” #207

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav’n 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

Lord’s Prayer: **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.**

Meal and Hymns: *(congregation may be seated)*

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine. Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

“Stay With Me” Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray. (repeat 3 times)

“Can You Hear Me Whisper” *written by Debbi St. John*

**Vs 1: Can you hear me whisper my silent prayer? Can you see my sorrow and my despair?
Can you see I’ve wandered so far from you? I need, I need, I need you, Lord.**

**Refrain: Jesus, you wipe away our tears. Jesus, you take away our fears. Jesus, you set the captives free.
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me...Jesus**