MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024

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MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"At Marco Lutheran Church, we are followers of Jesus Christ who share His Good News by loving and serving all people."

WORSHIP

Easter Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Beginning April 7, one service at 9:30 a.m.

STREAMING the 8 a.m. Worship Service each Sunday

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THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

For Christians, since the days of the apostles, *THE SHIP* has been a symbol for the Christian Church. The mast and yardarm form a simple *CROSS* (in wood) which stands for Jesus who saved us by giving Himself on a cross that we might be forgiven.

The CHI RHO (in metal) is a combination of the first two Greek letters of the name Christ, meaning "The Anointed One" or "The Messiah." THE WAVES symbolize the troubles and difficulties of life on earth. THE SAILS are filled with wind, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which empowers the Church. Thus, the Christian Church, under the Cross of Christ carries the faithful safely across the troubled seas of life to heaven. As we come together for worship, the cross of Christ is before us. We choose, you and I, to worship with people for whom the cross is both the sign of salvation and the sign of Christ in our lives.

A special welcome to our guests today.

May you find grace and blessing in the time we spend together. If you are looking for a church home, please speak to the Pastor, the Lay Minister for the day, or an Usher. We would be most pleased to share with you ways in which you might become a regular part of our Christian fellowship.



HOLY COMMUNION – WHAT WE BELIEVE

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. On the night He was betrayed and before He was put to death, Jesus celebrated this Meal with His disciples assuring us that each time we receive it, we are again remembering His death and receiving the full benefits of His grace, namely the forgiveness of sin.

In 1 Corinthians 11, St. Paul says that we should "examine ourselves" ahead of time. We can do so each time by asking ourselves these basic questions:

- † Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sin?
- † Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?
- † Am I trusting in Jesus' promise that I receive full pardon and strength through this Holy Meal?
- † Do I believe that the body and blood of Jesus is truly present in, with and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion?
- † Finally, with the Lord's help, will I seek to amend my life and live in conformity with His Holy Will?

Jesus Himself invites baptized followers, who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior, who recognize their sinful condition and who seek His forgiveness, to come to His Table to receive His precious Body and Blood. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing. Should you have questions, please see a Pastor or a Lay minister prior to the worship service. If you prefer not to participate in the sacrament, please cross your arms when coming forward to receive a blessing.

For those who prefer, white grape juice is in the center of the tray. There are also gluten free wafers by informing a distributing Host. For those who may have difficulty coming to the front, please inform an usher so that the Sacrament may be brought to you.



We Gather The quarantine (literally, forty days) of Lent, a time of repentance, began on Ash Wednesday with an extended prayer and confession of sins, and with this reminder: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The forty days (not including Sundays, which are considered "little Easters") come to their conclusion now in the three holy days, or Triduum, of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy

Saturday. Therefore these days center around the only sacrifice that gives us absolution, the forgiveness we so desire: the body and blood of the Lord's Supper that proclaim the glorious substitutionary suffering and death of our Lord on the cross and interment in the tomb. Only in this way can a person know and believe what there is to be so happy about on Easter Sunday!

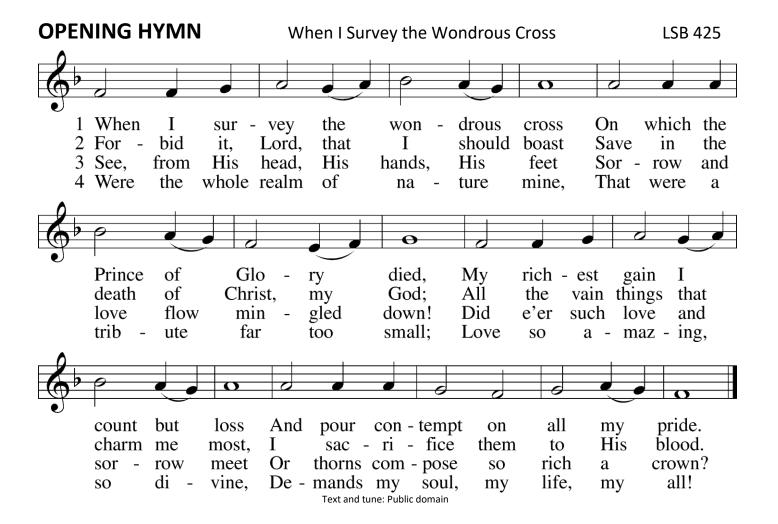
A Moment of friendship and welcome

₹ PREPARATION

The congregational responses in this service are printed in BOLD

PRELUDE

John Davis



INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: On the night before he died, Jesus spoke to his disciples about many things—

the betrayal and denial to come, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit and the peace that he alone can give: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither

let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

People: Jesus our Savior, grant us your peace.

Pastor:

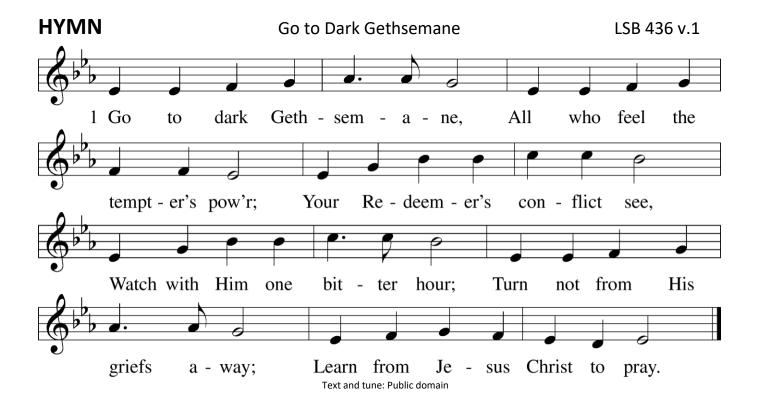
Jesus told his disciples that he was the true vine and that, abiding in him, they would bear fruit in works of love. He gave them a new commandment: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).

People: Jesus our Savior, teach us to love one another as you love us.

Pastor:

On that same night of his betrayal, the night he would be abandoned by his disciples, Jesus gave them a lesson in love and service. The Lord of all took up a towel and a basin of water and washed his disciples' feet. The next day he would lay down his life for them, for us, for all people. As Jesus had said of himself, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

People: Jesus our Savior, set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, we have not followed our Savior in the way of love and service. We seek to serve ourselves. We want to fulfill our own selfish desires and turn away from the needs of others. Have mercy on us, and forgive us.

Pastor: God sent his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to serve and save us. On the cross

Jesus shed his blood to cleanse us from sin. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

People: Lead us, Jesus, to walk in your steps in the way of love and service.

Please Be Seated



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

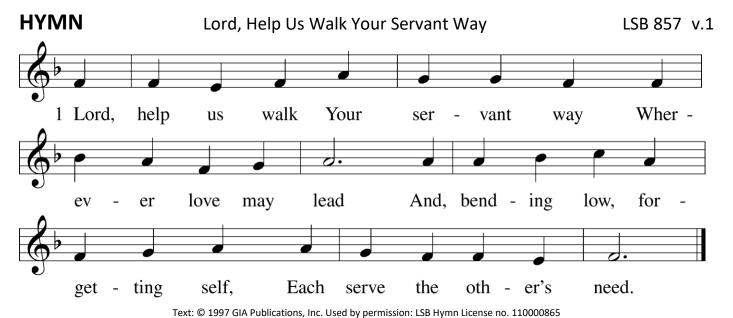
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.





₩ WORD ₩

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FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:1-3

Pastor:

The Spirit of the Lord GoD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Romans 7:4-6

Pastor: ⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of

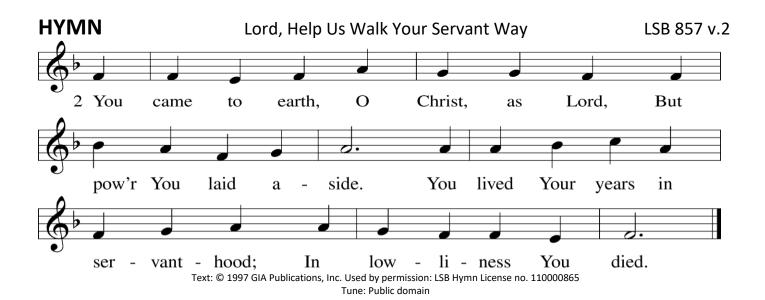
Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way

of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand



HOLY GOSPEL John 13:3-5

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid

aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe

them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The More I Know About Jesus

MLC Choir

SERMON

Pastor Gary Koltz

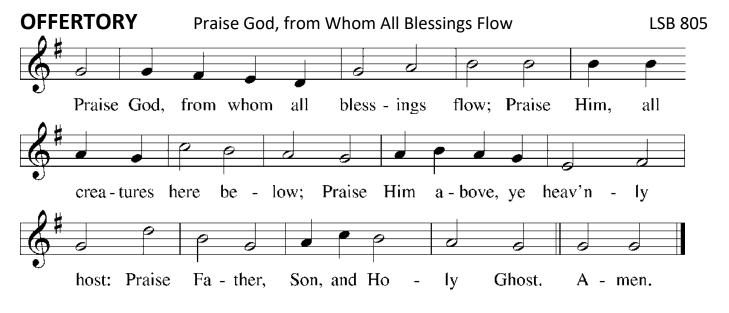
APOSTLES' CREED

PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING PRAYER



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we offer to You our common supplications for

the well-being of Your Holy Church throughout the world and for this

congregation gathered in Your name. Guide and govern Your Church by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the truth in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in

righteousness of life. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Pastor: We praise You for the abundant mercy that You so richly have provided us,

blessing us not only with daily bread for our bodies but also with heavenly food for our souls. Grant that Your living and powerful Word abide in our

hearts. Jesus, Suffering Servant,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Pastor: Let Your holy angels be with us that the evil foe may have no power over us.

Deliver and preserve us in the saving faith, and grant Your blessing upon us all; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

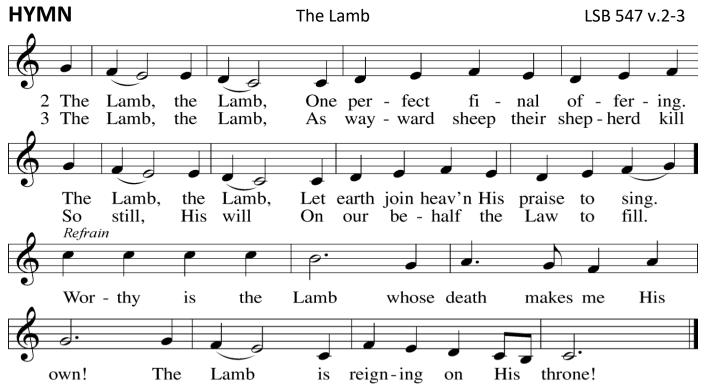
LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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.



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▼ SACRAMENT ▼

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

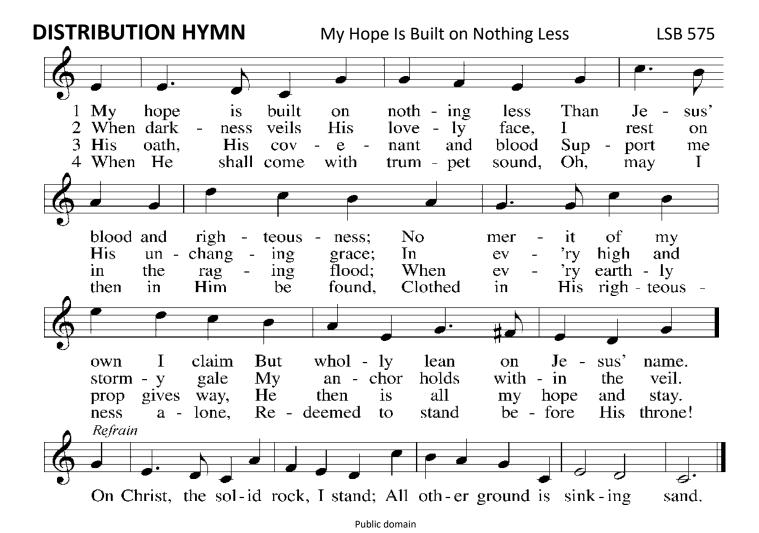
People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.



COMMUNION DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast

to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith that on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Stripping Of The Altar

The Communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

PSALM 22

Read by Craig Greusel

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?

O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In You our fathers trusted;

they trusted, and You delivered them.

To You they cried and were rescued;

in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man,

scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

All who see Me mock Me;

they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;

"He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him;

let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"

Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;

You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.

On You was I cast from My birth,

and from My mother's womb You have been My God.

Be not far from Me,

for trouble is near,

and there is none to help.

Many bulls encompass Me;

strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;

they open wide their mouths at Me,

like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water,

and all my bones are out of joint;

My heart is like wax;

it is melted within My breast;

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks to My jaws; you lay Me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass Me;

a company of evildoers encircles Me; they have pierced My hands and feet—I can count all My bones—

they stare and gloat over Me;

they divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

But You, O LORD, do not be far off!

O You My help, come quickly to My aid!

Deliver My soul from the sword,

My precious life from the power of the dog!

Save Me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!

I will tell of Your name to My brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:

You who fear the LORD, praise Him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,

and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

For He has not despised or abhorred

the affliction of the afflicted,

and He has not hidden His face from Him,

but has heard, when He cried to Him.

From You comes My praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the LORD,

and all the families of the nations

shall worship before You.

For kingship belongs to the LORD,

and He rules over the nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

even the one who could not keep himself alive.

Posterity shall serve Him;

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.

Please wait for the usher to dismiss your row.

Please leave the church in silence.

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Please Join Us! Holy Week Services

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29 @ 5:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31 at 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



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