

Closing Hymn (tune: "Christ, the Life of All the Living")

Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on thee bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou hast borne the smiting only that my wounds might all be whole;
Thou has suffered, sad and lonely, rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou has suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

*The crown of thorns is placed on the altar.
The congregation leaves the sanctuary in silence, praying,
"O Lord, not my will, but yours be done. Amen."*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

March 30—Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m.

April 1—Easter Sunday

Sunrise service at 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast in the fellowship hall at 8:00 a.m.

Easter egg hunt at 9:15 a.m.

Celebration service at 10:00 a.m.

(The church office will be closed Monday, April 2)

We thank Cherlyn Hillrichs for being our organist tonight,
and Lu Carter and Susie Lutz for our special music.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 29, 2018

Welcome and Invitation

P: This evening recalls the events with our Lord in the Upper Room.

C: We have come together not just to remember, but to respond to his call to pray, to serve one another, and to receive his presence in the Holy Supper.

*Opening Hymn

#94 "My Song Is Love Unknown" (vv. 1-4, 7)

*Maundy Thursday Litany

L: In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

C: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

L: As far as the east is from the west,

C: So far does he remove our transgressions from us.

L: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins

C: And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

C: Therefore we give glory to God who raised him up and gave us the promise of salvation. Amen.

*Confession and Absolution

L: Jesus said, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

C: Forgiving Lord, we confess that we find ourselves cherishing your forgiveness, yet we seek to avoid forgiving those who sin against us. Forgive our need to carry grudges, to count the injuries done to us while failing to see and confess the failings in ourselves. Forgive blindness to the hurts and needs of others while we tend to our own broken promises and broken intentions. Fill us with your heart of compassionate forgiveness and make us those who heal and encourage our loved ones. Fill us with the Spirit so that we might overflow with the serving that proclaims your very presence with us.

L: I have the honor and privilege, by the grace of God, of announcing to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and free — free to share the steadfast love of God with all.

*Prayer of the Day (written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer while in Tegel Prison in Berlin during WWII)

O God, early in the morning I cry to you.

Help me to pray and gather my thoughts to you,

I cannot do it alone.

In me it is dark, but with you there is light;

I am lonely, but you do not desert me;

My courage fails me, but with you there is help;

I am restless, but with you there is peace;

In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience;

I do not understand your ways,

but you know the way for me.

Father in Heaven praise and thanks be to you for the night.

Special Music — duet by Lu Carter and Susie Lutz
"I Lift My Eyes"

Scripture Readings

First lesson: Hebrews 12:1-3 New Testament, pg. 226

Second lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 New Testament, pg. 173

(Please rise for the Gospel.)

"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love."

Gospel: Mark 14:12-26 New Testament, pg. 51

Message: "Until He Comes" Pastor Steve Lund

Hymn of the Day: #109 ***"Go to Dark Gethsemane"***

*Apostles' Creed LBW pg. 65

*Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory: ***"Create in me ..."*** LBW pg. 75

*The Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Our Lord's Prayer

Welcome to the Table.

Hymn #200 ***"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"***

Hymn #212 ***"Let Us Break Bread Together"***

Post-Communion Prayer

Stripping of the Altar — reading of Psalm 22

Benediction (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

P: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

C: Amen.