

## MEAL

### \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**R** 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

### DISTRIBUTION

**COMMUNION HYMN**     *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*     **HYMN NO. 471**

**Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.**

***Refrain: When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.***

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain***

**Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain***

Text: African American spiritual

*"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"* by Thomas J. Williams & Bernhardt S. Ingemann

### COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

### STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

This symbolizes how Jesus was alone in the garden and abandoned by his disciples when he was arrested. Later, he was stripped of his clothes.

*(Reading of Luke 23:33-46 in German by Arleen Crenwelge)*

*All depart in silence. Worship continues on Friday at 6pm.*

*The Offering is received at the entrances.*

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## Maundy Thursday Worship

### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

426 W. Main Street – Fredericksburg, TX 78624

**April 17, 2025 – 6pm**

Video on Zion's YouTube Channel at 6:00PM

(go to [www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube](http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube))

Pastor – Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf

Pianist – Sheri Robinson, Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

P=Presider **R=Responses** \*Please stand, as you are able

### BELLS

### PRELUDE

*"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"* ~American Folk Hymn

### 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. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. 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.

*All kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

**R we confess that we are captive to sin and 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...in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R Amen**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vs.1,2,3) **HYMN NO. 347**

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see.  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry;  
learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

**\*GREETING**

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

**R** **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Hymn of Promise"  
arr. by Greg & Donna Oehler

**Greg Oehler**

**THE FIRST READING**

**Exodus 12:1-4; 11-14**

**Doug Reitenga**

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**R** **Thanks be to God.**

**THE SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**Doug Reitenga**

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**R** **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

**P** The holy gospel according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**R** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL** **John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**R** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Jonathan Mollenkopf**

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" **HYMN NO. 708**

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain**

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,  
neighbors are nearby and far away. Refrain**

**These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain**

**Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you. Refrain**

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**HAND WASHING** (We will wash each other's hands to show our love for one another, similar to the way that Jesus washed the disciples' feet.)

"Holy Ground" & "Jesus, Remember Me"

by Jimmy Owens & ~Music: Jacques Berthier; Lyrics: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**