

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND *SHARING OF THE PEACE

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 OF COMMUNION

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

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 Psalm 22 by Doug Reitenga)

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

The Offering is received as you exit.

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Maundy Thursday Worship

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

426 W. Main Street – Fredericksburg, TX 78624

April 2, 2026 – 6pm

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

(go to 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** *“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”* **HYMN NO. 337**

**Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?**

**Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in
when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creatures' sin.**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.**

**But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away: 'tis all that I can do.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

***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 *“In Remembrance”* **Rhonda Behrends**
THE FIRST READING **Exodus 12:1-4; 11-14** **Doug Reitenga**

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19 *(Read responsively)* **Doug Reitenga**

L I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

R **Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

L What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

R **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of
the LORD;**

L I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

R **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.**

L O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant,
the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

R **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name
of the LORD.**

L I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

R **in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

THE SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 11:23-26** **Doug Reitenga**

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and



mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 13th 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** *“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”* **HYMN NO. 461**

All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered

in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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