

Full to the Brim } *Take off your shoes*

April 14, 2022 + Maundy Thursday

*An asterisk * invites you to stand in body or in spirit, and you are invited to read responses found in **bold**.
Welcome to First Lutheran Church!*

Prelude — *see back page*

*“Take Your Shoes Off”
By Anna Strickland*

Words of Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Confession returns us to our bodies by reminding us that God claims us, exactly as we are. Through repentance, we name that which we have left undone and ask for the help of God and our community to seek repair, restoration, and renewal. Let us pray together our prayer of confession:

Loving God, **you pour out grace upon us exactly as we are,
but we confess we are suspicious and react from fear of scarcity.**

**You invite us to take our shoes off
and receive the care our bodies need,
but we sit on our heels.**

**We sort bodies into worthy and unworthy ones
to mask our insecurities.**

**We reject and punish fat bodies,
disabled bodies,
transgender bodies,
and racialized bodies—**

even when these bodies are our very own.

God, remind us that we are made in your image.

**Help us learn to receive from your abundance
so we can share all that we have with others.**

**Let us see that the cups we longingly hold out
are already full.**

May they overflow so that all will have enough!

As he does with Peter in the footwashing, Jesus transforms our confusion and rejection into joy and connection. In ☩ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. With God's help and mercy, we can reciprocate abundance with one another and with Creation. In Jesus Christ we are loved by God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Laying on of Hands & Absolution

*Lenten Litany

We invite you to bring your body into the worship of God. You may do so standing or seated, by listening to your heartbeat or noticing the rise and fall of your abdomen with each breath.

A call to worship is a call to presence.

We long to be fully present here, and to feel God's presence here.

Notice the space around us, the way it looks, feels, and sounds.

With all our senses, we recognize a sacred space and our belonging in it.

We gather as good creations, wonderfully made.

We join our bodies into one body as we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*Prayer of the Day

May God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, 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.**

Hearing & Responding to Scripture

A Reading from the Book of Exodus — Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 — *spoken responsively by verse*

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

¹²What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

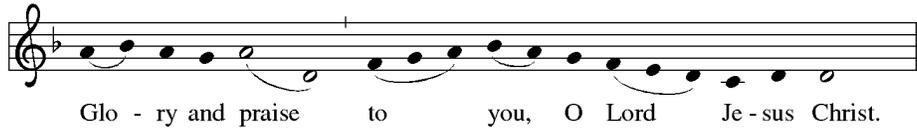
A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians — 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

23For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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***Gospel Acclamation** — from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Five*

"Glory and Praise"



***Gospel** — John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Gospel of John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." 11For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

31b"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — "Take Your Shoes Off"

Pastor Chris Culuris

***Hymn** — no. 708

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

*Prayers of Intercession

God among us,
When we cry out for justice, you hear us.
When we fall to our knees, you witness us.
When we lean into your comfort, you hold us.
When we lose our way, you guide us.
Hear our prayers. Stay with us here
as we seek your way toward hope and wholeness.

We name, O God, that at times it is hard to stay loving
in the face of cruelty, neglect, and harm.
Yet even when Jesus knew his friends would betray and abandon him, he showed us
how to center our whole selves in your love
instead of the hatred of people and the injustice of systems of power.
May we go and do likewise, as he called us to do,
so that our love for others will be a testimony to all you have done in our lives.

Through the life and ministry of Jesus,
you taught us how to love fiercely,
how to honor one another fully,
and how to serve with humility and kindness.
Through grace, you join us together as one body.
Be with us today and every day as we seek
to pour out love as disciples of Jesus. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

*The Washing of Hands

***The Great Thanksgiving** — pg. 161, front of hymnal, from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Setting Five

***Sanctus** — pg. 162, front of hymnal, from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Setting Five

*Words of Institution and Prayers

God who took on flesh and lived among us, we greet you in worship. We greet you as a Creator who made us good in our bodies; we greet you as a Redeemer who was perfectly divine and totally human; we greet you as a Sustainer, an advocate, a helper who surrounds us in all our ways and all our days. We come in our bodies of all sizes, races, genders, abilities, sexualities, ages, and appearances, so that we might join with your body as we encounter you tangibly, through bread and wine. Through this joyful feast, you fill our spirits to overflowing.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As you nourish us through this holy meal, leave us hungry for your Kin-dom. Leave us thirsty for the justice that you pour out on the world. Let us encounter the bodies around us. Let us see you in the faces of strangers and friends, taste you in the sourness of grapes, hear you in the creaks of the sanctuary and the whisper of the breeze. Through Holy Communion, teach us how to be for others as you are for us: sustaining help, loving accompaniment, eternal hope.

Be with us as we pray the familiar prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***Invitation to the Table**

The Table of the joyful feast is not our Table but God's. Nothing you do, nothing you say, nothing about you can prevent you from partaking, for in communion God reveals the wholeness of who we are together and with God.

So as you receive this joyful feast, come exactly as you are. There is more than enough.

Come, for all is ready.

Distribution of Communion

Lamb of God — pg. 164, front of hymnal, from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Setting Five

Communion Prayer

Holy Mystery, through communion we unite our bodies with your body, and in unity we gain strength and hope. We give thanks for your transforming love. Like the sacraments, we know that love is a doing, and so we ask for your help to turn this nourishment into love for all we meet. **Amen.**

Departing to Serve God's World

Announcements

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22, chanted by Cantor

The stripping of the altar symbolizes Jesus' humiliation at the hands of the soldiers after his arrest.

The altar is left barren of ornamentation for worship on Good Friday.

Please remain seated until the processional cross is carried to the back of the sanctuary.

You are invited into a time of silent prayer and reflection in the sanctuary.

Feel free to use the communion rail, and please depart in silence to respect those remaining for meditation.

The service continues tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.

Worship Assistants

Pastor: Chris Culuris
Director of Music: Emily Bruflat
Audio/Video: Brett Petersen

Greeter/Reader: Becky Otterness
Usher: Michelle Doose
Stripping of Altar: Altar Guild

Prelude — “Take Your Shoes Off”

As Christ in - vi - ted friends to share in
As grains of wheat are gath - ered in to
With ten der hearts and ten der hands we
To be the bo - dy Christ has called

one last ho - ly meal We gath - er here in
be one loaf of bread We are one bo - dy
wash each oth - er's com - meal feet In ho - ly vul - n'ra -
fol - low Christ's com - mand To love and serve each

song and prayer to wit - ness Christ re - vealed
fol - low - ing where Jes - sus Christ has led
- bil - i - ty we serve each one we meet
oth - er well and seek to un - der - stand

Take your shoes off, let me wash you You're on ho - ly
ground Take your walls down, let me love you
Christ is all a - round

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