

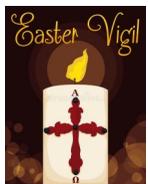
Serving during worship

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Please join us for the following services.



Good Friday Service at 12:15pm



Easter Vigil, Saturday at 7:00pm
Reception to follow



Easter Sunday, Sunday at 10:00am

Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2026 at 7:00pm



Christ Lutheran Church
29 S. George Street, York, Pa. 17401

Our Mission:
Reflect God's love in the heart of York

Our Vision:
To be a vibrant congregation in the heart of York praising God,
connecting people to Christ,
and serving the people of York and the world

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Words about the Day

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Hymn "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

LBW 126



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842
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Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Let us pray...Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

²⁶ **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

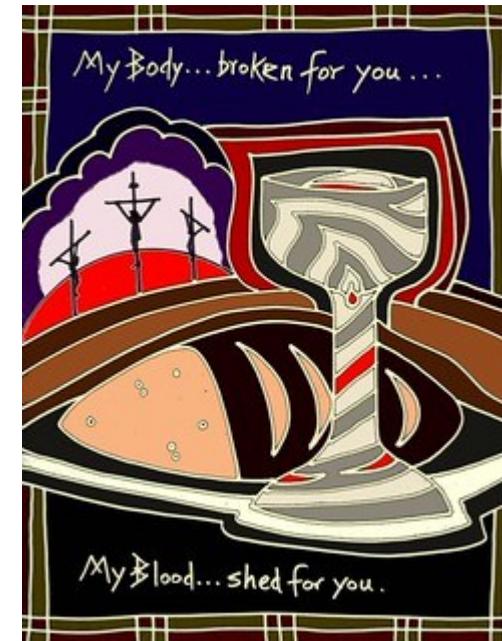
²⁷ For kingship belongs to the LORD;
he rules over the nations.

²⁸ **To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the LORD's forever.

³⁰ **They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.**

*All are invited to remain in the church for prayer and meditation.
Please leave in silence.*



- ¹³ They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴ **I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**
- ¹⁵ My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- ¹⁶ **Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.**
- ¹⁷ They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- ¹⁸ **Be not far away, O LORD;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**
- ¹⁹ Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
- ²⁰ **Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**
- ²¹ I will declare your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- ²² **Praise the LORD, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
- ²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- ²⁴ **My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- ²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:
"May your heart live forever!"

P: I ask you, in the presence of God, who searches the heart: Do you confess that you are by nature a most unworthy sinner, and that you have grievously offended him, in thought, word, and deed, and have merited only his wrath and condemnation?

C: I do so confess.

P: Do you trust entirely in the mercy of God in Jesus Christ?

C: I do so trust.

P: Do you promise heartily to forgive others, as you believe that God forgives you, and to serve him henceforth in newness of life, to the glory of his holy name?

C: I do so promise.

P: Let us humbly make confession to God, imploring his forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: O God, our heavenly Father, I confess to you that I have grievously sinned against you in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known to you. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I ask you of your great goodness to have mercy on me, and for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

P: Do you believe that the word of forgiveness that I speak to you comes from God?

C: I do.

P: By the authority of God and this holy office and ministry, I absolve you and declare to you the gracious forgiveness of all your sins: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

All remain standing for the Prayer of the Day.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.**

Anthem

If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments

(T. Tallis, arr. H. Hopson)

First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

¹ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² “This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell 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. ⁴ If 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. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ This 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. ¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³ The 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.

¹⁴ “This 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.”

A: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For 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, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In 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.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

A: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stripping of the Altar -

All sit as Psalm 22 is spoken antiphonally. As Jesus was stripped of his power and glory and placed in the hands of his captors, the chancel is stripped in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday.

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?

² **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.**

³ Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

⁴ **Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

⁵ They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶ **But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

⁷ All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

⁸ **“He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”**

⁹ Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

¹⁰ **I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.**

¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

¹² **Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

“Stay With Me”

ELW 348

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

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 Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Prayer

A: Let us pray... Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Verse

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.

Holy Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now 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. ² The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?” ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If 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. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little 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.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Homily

Prayers

A: On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

A brief silence

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude

A: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

C: **Amen.**

Music during distribution

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

ELW 484



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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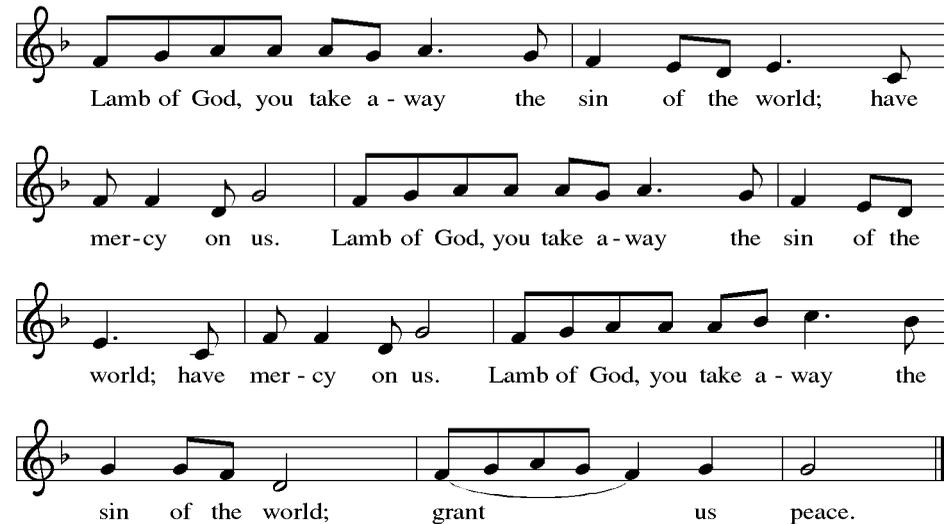
Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: 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.

Fraction and Agnus Dei

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

All who are baptized are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Approach the chancel rail by way of the side aisles, beginning in the rear of the nave. Dip the host in the first cup or drink from the common cup. Worshipers may stand or kneel at the chancel rail to receive the sacrament. Return to your pew by way of the center aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Offertory Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended"

LBW 123



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray...**O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.**

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface and Sanctus

P: It is indeed right, our duty. . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.