

**Union Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**April 1, 2021**  
**Maundy Thursday**



*“Our Mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would.”*

**Welcome**

**Prelude** – Come, Share the Lord...Bryan Jeffery Leech, arr. Mark Hayes  
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**Call to Worship**

some shout hosanna  
some shout crucify  
some shout Jesus  
some shout Barabbas  
some wave palms  
some shake their fists  
*today we choose...*

some break bread  
some break silence  
some proclaim Jesus  
some deny Jesus  
some carry the cross  
some run from the cross  
*today we choose...*

some are angry  
some rejoice  
some anoint with costly perfume  
some complain at the waste  
some like the light  
some prefer the shadows  
*today we choose...*

some weep  
some conspire  
some follow  
some hide  
some believe  
some betray  
*today we choose*

to shout for life  
to follow the cross  
to break bread  
to hold belief  
to trust love  
and tell the world  
*we choose to follow Jesus*

### **Prayer of the Day**

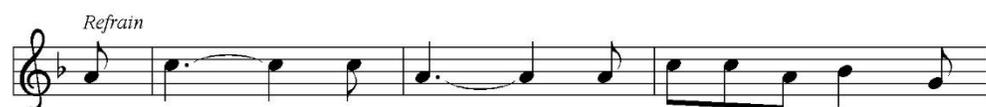
Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**Hymn** - Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (ELW No. 708 vss. 1, 2, 3, 4)

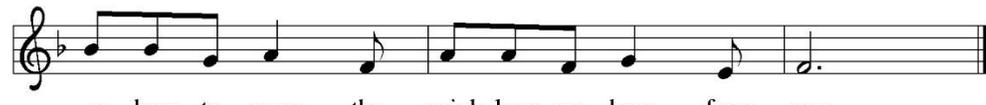
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## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

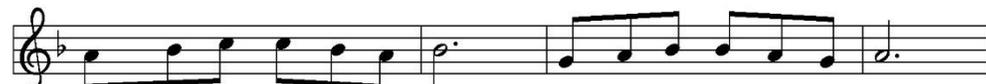
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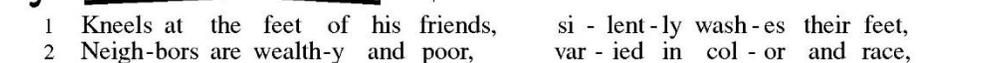
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



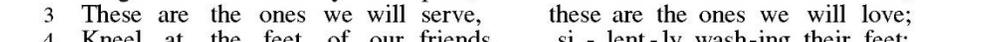
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



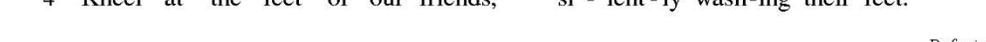
1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash - es their feet,



2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,



3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;

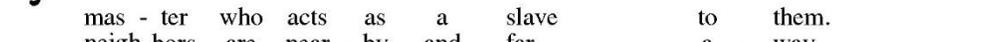


4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

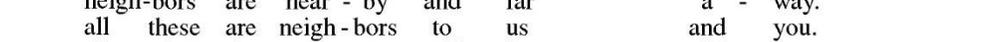
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mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.



neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.



all these are neigh - bors to us and you.



this is the way we will live with you.

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### Confession

As Jesus prepares his body to be broken on our behalf,  
let us confess to the ways that we have betrayed him in word and deed.

### Prayer of Confession

God of Self-Giving Love,

we thank you because you have heard our voice  
and listened to our supplications.

Yet we confess that we often express our gratitude in word only;  
Too often, our thankfulness is not expressed in faithful actions.

Forgive us for the moments when we've betrayed you:

for the times we've turned our backs on the poor...

for the times we've shunned those who scare us...

for the times we've included only those who look and act like us...

for the times we've forgotten our call as hopeful disciples...

Forgive us for the moments when we've betrayed you.

Gracious Lord, you are headed to the cross.

Help us to take up our cross

and love one another as you have first loved us. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Just as the blood of a lamb protected the Israelites from death, so too does Jesus' death and resurrection protect us from death's grasp. I proclaim to you that our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

### **Corinthians 11:23-26**

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, 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." 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **Sermon**

#### **Prayers**

United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word.

Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all.

You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war.

Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying.

Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service, that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve.

Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again.

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

**Special Music**– Behold the Lamb...Getty & Townend, arr. Douglas Nolan (BMI)  
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Praise Band

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you; eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life; paid the price to make us one. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: "Christ will come again!" And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.*

## **Communion**

On their own, the bread and wine are nothing.  
To become a foretaste and a promise  
of love made real and a world made whole,  
they need a story and a blessing  
and a people who believe...

It would not have been God's table  
if they hadn't all been gathered around it:  
the friend and the betrayer  
the power-hungry and the justice seeker  
the faithful and the fickle.

When Jesus poured the wine, and the bread was broken;  
when everyone could eat -  
the outcast and the beloved  
the arrogant and the gracious  
the wrong-doer and the wrongly done by -  
the table became a foretaste  
of love made real  
and of a world made whole.

Your company at the table  
will include the betrayer and the beloved  
the wrong-doer and the wrongly done by.  
It would not be God's table without them.

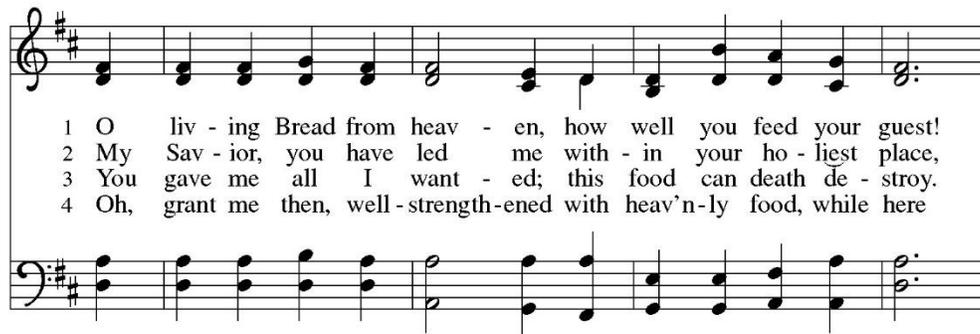
And the promise is  
that when you are together,  
when you tell the story and give the blessing  
when you break the bread and pour the wine  
you will discover a foretaste  
of love made real  
and of a world made whole.

### **Lord's Prayer**

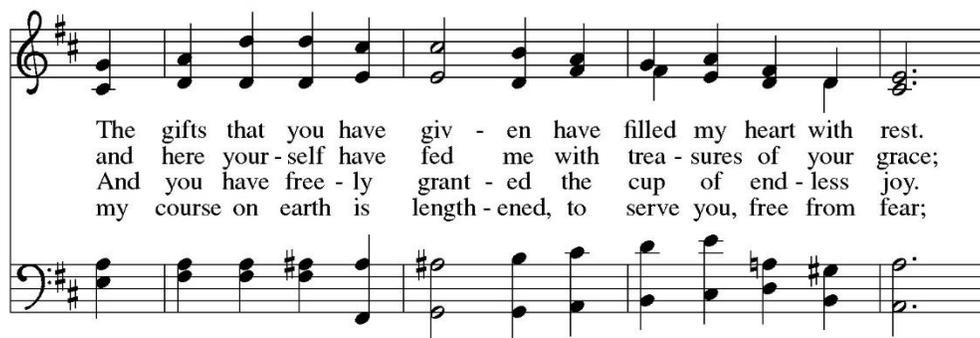
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**Praise Song - O Living Bread From Heaven (ELW No. 542, vss. 1, 2, 3, 4)**  
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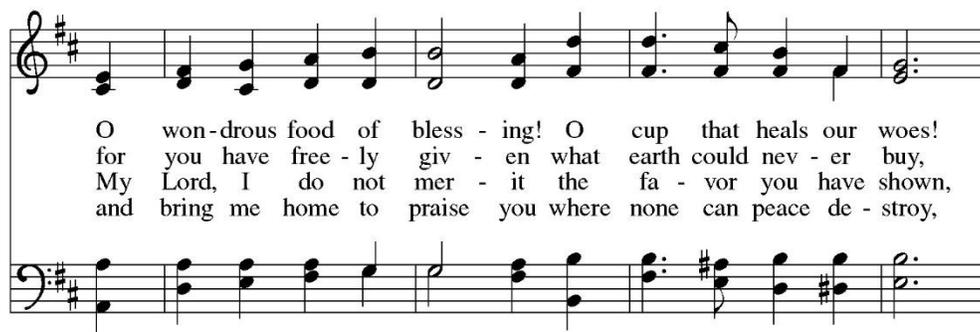
O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

## **Benediction**

So may the blessing of the God who calls the people out of Egypt  
call us out from our comfort and our safety to embrace a journey of challenge  
and risk

May the blessing of the Son who kneels and washes our feet  
call us out from our comfort and our safety to embrace and serve those we  
meet on the journey

May the blessing of the Spirit who weaves dreams of a new  
community call us out from our comfort and our safety  
to provide welcome and hospitality to strangers as well as friends.

## **Stripping of the Altar**

***At the conclusion of the liturgy, the altar and chancel furnishings are removed, preparing the worship space for Good Friday. Through this stark ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone.***

**Special Music** - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God...setting by Ludwig Lenel  
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Susan Frickert, organ

**Postlude** - Larghetto...Johann Franck, edited David N. Johnson  
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**Parking Lot Worship** – Please turn station to **97.3 FM** to hear the worship service from your car.

**First Communion** - Congratulations to our children who will be receiving their First Communion tonight. William Geren, Rocco Kennedy, Brinley Norman and Jack Yaniger

**Listen to Worship Services on your Phone** - Hearing Pastor Camp's weekly scripture reading and sermon is only a phone call away...just call 610-885-8237. This phone call is free and will allow those who do not have access to a computer to hear Pastor's weekly message. Check it out...Call 610-885-8237!

**Holy Week Schedule:**

Good Friday (4/2): Remembering the day Jesus gave his life for us. 7 PM worship in parking lot

Easter Sunday (4/4) 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM – Celebrate the glorious day of Jesus' resurrection

**There will be an outdoor seating area available, so bring your chairs or stay in your cars.**

*Virtual Worship Service Links will be available for all Holy Week Services at [www.ulclv.org](http://www.ulclv.org).*

**Drive Thru Communion** –April 4 (10:00 – 10:30 AM) and April 25 (11:00 AM to noon) Pastor Camp will offer Holy Communion. Come anytime during those times. Enter the parking lot and proceed to the Communion station. There Pastor will offer prayers, communion and a blessing. Communion will be served using individual sealed cups which include both the wafer and grape juice.

**Worship Décor** - As part of our Lenten-Easter observance, the Decorating Committee placed a Lenten cross, covered with sticks, outside our worship window. The “dryness, brokenness, and death” of the sticks and branches placed on the cross, presents a compelling imagery of giving up “our sin, our burdens, and our suffering” to Christ. As we move to Easter, watch our cross make a remarkable transformation into an Easter cross.

<b>Holy Week’s Calendar of Events</b>		
<b>Fri. 4/2</b>	<b>Good Friday Virtual Worship</b>	<b>Online Link 3:00 pm</b>
	<b>Good Friday Worship Parking Lot</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Sat. 4/3</b>	<b>Praise Band Rehearsal</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
<b>Sun. 4/4</b>	<b>Easter Parking Lot Worship</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
	<b>Virtual Worship</b>	<b>Online Link 9:00 am</b>
	<b>Children’s Sunday School</b>	<b>Online Link 9:00 am</b>
	<b>Drive Thru Communion</b>	<b>10:00 – 10:30 am</b>
	<b>Easter Parking Lot Worship</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>

**Lil Pantry** – We are so blessed to be able to help our community by providing food in our Lil Pantry. It is being used heavily. How can you help? Either drop off your food donations directly to the Lil Pantry or mail a check to Union Lutheran Church. We will purchase food and restock.

**You are welcome to join our Union Lutheran Family** - All are welcome no matter if you are coming from a Lutheran background or another faith tradition. *We are so excited for the opportunity to have you join our ministries.* Becoming a part of our family is simple. Just contact Pastor Camp or the Church Office at [610-767-6884](tel:610-767-6884) or [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org). Let us welcome you during one of our upcoming worship services.



Phil Artin, Barbara Spohn, Alyson Bucks, Terry Hoffman, Ronald Bealer, Gary Wassum, Genevieve Tegtmeyer, Scott Ball, Stacie Folk, Barbara Fung, Charles Kopcho, Charles Stopp, Karen Mack, Alex Rebuck, Chuck Allison, Dottie Bealer, Bailey Cummings, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Cindy Pugh.

- ✝ *Dan Adams, Director of Jerusalem House, suffered a stroke*
- ✝ *We pray for our homebound members, members of our congregation and community who struggle with employment, people affected by the natural disasters and our service people.*

**Please contact Pastor Camp to share prayer concerns.**

<b>Tonight's Worship Participants</b>	
<b>Online Worship Readings</b>	David Geiger
<b>Acolytes</b>	Todd & Jarett Graham
<b>Greeters for Outdoor Parking Lot Worship</b>	Richard & Mildred Ruth Patti Hoffman, Ella Stauter
<b>Call to Worship Readers</b>	Praise Band
<b>Special Music Offerings - Musicians</b>	Praise Band

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