

# ***Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church***

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*Maundy Thursday*

*DUE TO THE PENITENTIAL NATURE OF HOLY WEEK OUR SERVICE IS SPOKEN,  
EXCEPT FOR THE PSALM, THE SANCTUS, AGNUS DEI, AND THE HYMNS.*

***Reflective silence is most appropriate prior to the service.***

*Prayers for worship may be found inside the front cover of the hymnal*

## **\*INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P I will go to the altar of God.

**C To God, my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C Who made heaven and earth.**

## **Confessional Address for the End of Lent**

P During this Lenten we have heard our Lords call to...

... Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

## **\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**C: Amen.**

P: Do you believe the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**C: Yes**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

Go in ✠ peace.

**C: Amen**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray... One God, now and forever

**C: Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON** *after the lesson is said:*

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM 116 vs. 12-19 antiphon vs. 17**

K: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD.

K: What shall I render | to the LORD\*  
for all his bene- | fits to me?

**C: I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD,**

K: I will pay my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his | people.

**C: Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his saints.**

K: O LORD, I am your | servant;\*  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed  
my bonds.

**C: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

K: I will pay my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his | people,

**C: in the courts of the house | of the LORD, \***  
**in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!**

**K:** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD.

**SECOND LESSON** *after the lesson is said:*

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God

**\*VERSE**

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord

*after the lesson is said:*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C:** Praise to You O Christ

**HYMN OF THE DAY #436 Go to Dark Gethsemane**



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar - raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

**SERMON**

**OFFERING** *(the offertory is omitted)*

**\*THE PRAYERS**

**\*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

*For those streaming please watch, listen ,and pray.*

*The service continues with the Preface, **spoken.***

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN # 617 & 634**

*The Nunc Dimittis is omitted.*

**\*THE THANKSGIVING**

*Following the Distribution is said:*

**P:** As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:

**C:** Ye do show the Lord's death until he comes.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Due to the unitive nature of the services of the Triduum, no Benediction is spoken at the conclusion of the Holy Thursday service. The Benediction spoken at the Easter Vigil concludes all the services of the Three Days.*

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The candles are extinguished, and Communion Vessels are removed.  
The church's lights will be turned off for the stripping of the altar.*

**PSALM 22**

*During the Psalm, the altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday.*

*After the minister exits the chancel. The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing in silence.*

## 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor

In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -

bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this

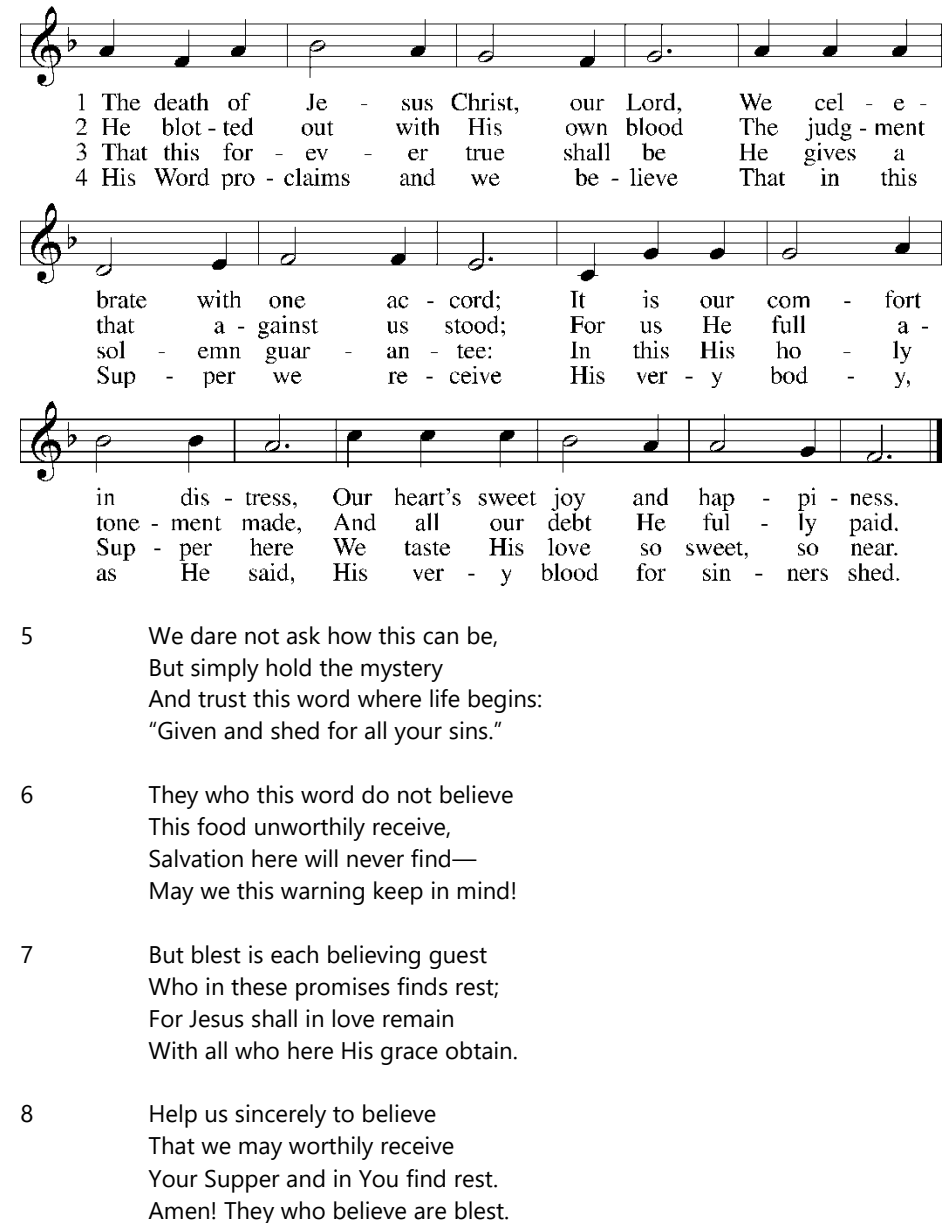
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!

May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that

sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

## 634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -  
 2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment  
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a  
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this

brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort  
 that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -  
 sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly  
 Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,

in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.  
 tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.  
 Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.  
 as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 We dare not ask how this can be,  
 But simply hold the mystery  
 And trust this word where life begins:  
 "Given and shed for all your sins."

6 They who this word do not believe  
 This food unworthily receive,  
 Salvation here will never find—  
 May we this warning keep in mind!

7 But blest is each believing guest  
 Who in these promises finds rest;  
 For Jesus shall in love remain  
 With all who here His grace obtain.

8 Help us sincerely to believe  
 That we may worthily receive  
 Your Supper and in You find rest.  
 Amen! They who believe are blest.

