



Lutheran Church *of the* REFORMATION

Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship

April 17, 2025 • 6:30pm

Gathering Music

Paul Leavitt

Gathering

Opening Words of Welcome

Lighting from the Christ Candle

During the gathering song, one person from each table is invited to use the taper candle to receive light from the Christ Candle. They may then return and light the candles at their table.

Gathering Song

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Opening Prayer

Holy God, source of all love, tonight we come before you to remember the new commandment that Jesus gave us, 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. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4;11-14

Water

Water Introduction

Reading

John 13:1-7; 31-35

Reflection

Vicar Jayme

Hand Washing Ritual

Jesus took water and washed feet, showing us that love is service, and service is love. Tonight, as we wash, we remember his call to love one another. All are invited to form a line by the handwashing stations. You will have your hands washed, then in turn, wash the hands of the person behind you.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW 659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

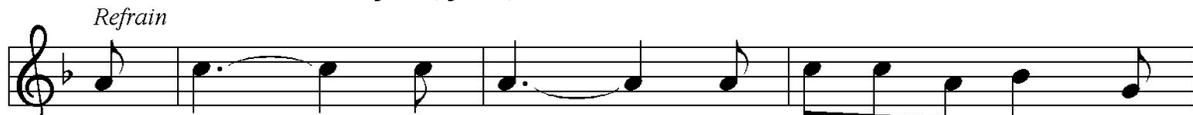


let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

ELW 708

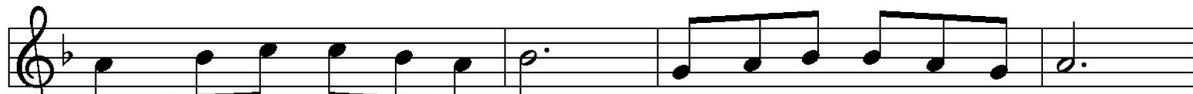
Refrain



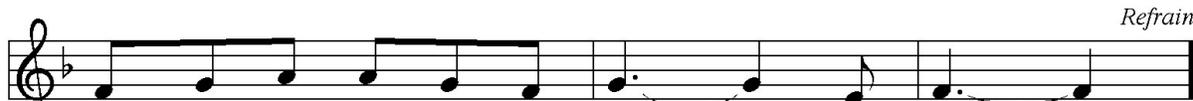
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



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:



Refrain

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.

With clean hands and open hearts, we come to the table of grace. May we love as Christ loved, serve as Christ served, and receive what is freely given. **Amen.**

Bread

Bread Introduction

Anthem

At the Table of Remembrance

Cantata Emmanuel

Music by Paul Leavitt, Words by Juliette Amberson Jones; Sung by the Reformation Choir

At the table of remembrance, we recall God's saving deeds.
When the spirit of death passed o'er us, when God's holy manna filled our needs,
Mighty God came near to us and He drew us to His breast.
We will thank the Lord forever for our lives that he has blessed.

Refrain:

For what is more precious, what is more precious than communion with the Lord?
What is more precious, what indeed more precious
than communion with the Lord? At the table of the Lord.

At the table of remembrance, are more blessings from the Lord.
Eat the bread that Jesus broke for us, drink the wine that he has poured.
Of his body these are tokens of the sacrifice He made.
Jesus loves us, He is with us and our souls he has saved.

For what is more holy, what is more holy than communion with the Lord?
What is more holy, what indeed more holy
than communion with the Lord? At the table of the Lord.

At the table of remembrance, all are welcome, all belong, at the Lord's wondrous feat of
love, where we'll sing a banquet song. Praise the Lord for this bread of life and this holy
cup of grace, Touch the wounds in his hands and side, accept his sweet embrace. (Refrain)

Reading

Luke 22:1-2, 7-20

Words of Institution

*This is the portion of a Christian Communion service based on the words of Mark 14:22-24 and used as the grounds
from Jesus Christ for the continued celebration of the Eucharist.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Table Grace this evening, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us this day 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.**

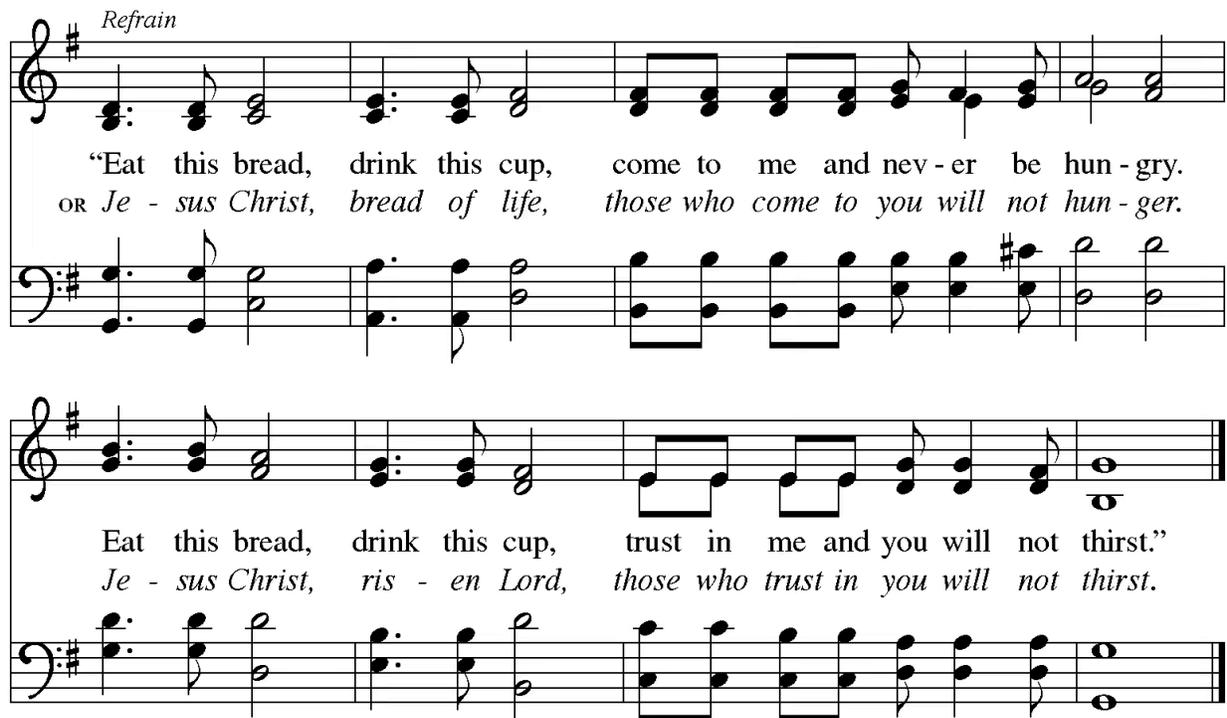
Communion Song

Eat This Bread

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During the communion song, ushers will bring a basket of bread and plate of food to each table for the communion meal.

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Communion Feast

Tonight, as we remember the meal Jesus shared with his friends, you are invited to share the feast with those at your table. Begin by serving one another. Offer the person next to you a slice of bread, saying: *“The body of Christ, for you.”* Then, pour them a glass—or top off their glass—with the beverage of their choosing, saying: *“The blood of Christ, for you.”*

Once everyone at your table has received bread and wine, you may partake in the meal together. Enjoy the food in front of you and feel free to get up and get a bowl of soup from the back. Please note there is gluten-free bread available on the back table.

You will also find a few conversation cards on your table. They are there as gentle prompts—if helpful—to spark reflection and connection. Our service will resume in about 20 minutes.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Silver

Silver Introduction

Reading

John 13:21–30

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a weight of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

Sending

We have visited the font, we have been nourished at the Table, and now we go out into the world to live out Jesus' commandment. As we leave this place, may the presence of ☩ the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer fill the nooks and crannies of our lives.

Go in peace to love and serve in the way of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us again tomorrow for Good Friday at 7pm.

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