

*We have*  
**REDEMPTION**  
*through his blood*



*We're glad that you're here to worship with us. You are encouraged to stand or be seated during the liturgy, whichever is convenient and comfortable.*

*During the 7:30 p.m. service, while the Closing Hymn is sung and Psalm 22 is recited, the altar will be stripped as a visual, symbolic reminder of the events that lie in our Lord's future.*

*The congregation will leave in silence.*

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**On This Holy Day**, we remember with thanksgiving the new and deeper meaning that our Lord gave to the bread and wine of the Passover meal. Please be reminded that through this Sacrament comes the promise of the forgiveness of our sins and life with God which began at our Baptism and continues forever. It's for that reason that this meal is an occasion for joy and celebration. Lutherans believe that every time we gather around this meal of grace that the real presence of Jesus comes near—that His power and love are in our midst, in just the same way as those gifts and His presence were with His disciples in the upper room. Trinity Lutheran Church (and most Lutheran Churches worldwide) has an “*Open Communion Policy*”, which means that we invite all baptized Christians who would normally receive the Sacrament in their own congregation to join us in receiving it here.



*TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH*  
*300 West Arch Street, Pottsville PA*  
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*Pastor Chris Rothharpt*  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
*March 28, 2024—2:30 and 7:30 P.M.*

Announcements

Organ Prelude: **Ah, Holy Jesus**

—Regina Pozzi

**Order for Confession of Sins**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Pastor: 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, our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

Congregation: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**Congregation: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**Congregation: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**Congregation: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**Congregation: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

**Congregation: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**Congregation: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit, God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. By God's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Lenten Verse

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

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

Sermon

Pastor Chris

Silence for Reflection

Hymn of the Day—#350 *They Crucified My Lord*

HOLY WEEK, THREE DAYS

# They Crucified My Lord

# 350

1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;  
 2 They nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;  
 3 They pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;  
 4 The blood came stream - in' down, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;  
 5 He hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;

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not a word, not a word, not a word.

*mumbalin' = complaining*

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: African American spiritual

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### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<u>Offering:</u>	Pilate's Dream (2:30)	<i>Andrew Lloyd Webber</i>
<u>Anthem:</u>	A Wind Blew Over Calvary (7:30) Senior Choir	<i>Gregg Sewell</i>

### Offertory Response: #182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

### Prayer Hymn-#751 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God

### Prayers

Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

### Great Thanksgiving

Pastor	The Lord be with you.
Congregation:(sung)	And also with you.

Pastor	Lift up your hearts.
Congregation:(sung)	We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**Congregation:(sung) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Congregation:(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor 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.

Pastor The Peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**Congregation: And also with you.**

**Hymns during communion:**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**Grant us peace.**

**Communion Hymns: #494 & #490**

**(next page)**

# For the Bread Which You Have Broken 494



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.



Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.

Music: *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823-1895

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard on the way;  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
 as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
 veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Pastor

May the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ Strengthen  
you and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

**Post Communion Canticle #200**

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go--in—peace: your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people:  
a light—to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A—men.**

**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.**

**Blessing**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Worship Assistant: Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn: #347 Go To Dark Gethsemane (Stanzas 1-3) (next page)**

## Go to Dark Gethsemane



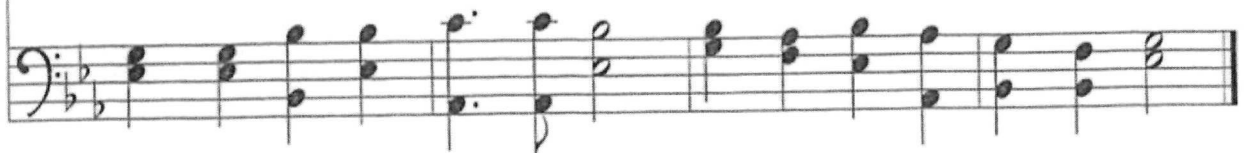
1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.  
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.



**Stripping of the Altar (7:30 p.m.)**

**Reading of Psalm 22 (7:30 p.m.)**

**Read by Mike Ward**

*Leave in Silence*

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**PSALM 22— 7:30 PM Service**

**My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far  
from the words of my groaning?**

**My God, I cry out by day,  
but you do not answer;  
by night, but I find no rest.**

**Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

**Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued them.**

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

**But as for me,  
I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by all  
and despised by the people.**

**All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips;  
they shake their heads.**

**“Trust in the Lord;  
let the Lord deliver;  
let God rescue him  
if God so delights in him.”**

**Yet you are the one  
who drew me forth from the womb,  
and kept me safe  
on my mother’s breast.**

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

**Be not far from me  
for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.**

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

**They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a slashing and roaring lion.**

**I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast  
is melting wax.**

**My strength is dried up  
like a potsherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of death.**

**Packs of dogs close me in,  
a band of evildoers  
circles round me:  
they pierce my hands and my feet.  
I can count all my bones  
while they stare at me and gloat.**

**They divide my garments among them;  
for my clothing, they cast lots.**

**But you, O Lord, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.**

**Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**

**Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls  
You have rescued me.**

**I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly  
I will praise you.**

**You who fear the Lord, give praise!  
All of you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the Lord,  
all of you offspring of Israel.**

**For the Lord does not despise  
nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the Lord's face  
hidden from them;  
but when they cry out,  
the Lord hears them.**

**From you comes my praise  
in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows  
in the sight of those  
who fear the Lord.**

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied.  
Let those who seek the Lord  
give praise!  
May your hearts live forever!**

**All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
all the families of nations  
shall bow before God.**

**For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
who rules over the nations.**

**Indeed, all who sleep in the earth  
shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust,  
though they be dead,  
shall kneel before the Lord.**

**Their descendants  
shall serve the Lord,  
whom they shall proclaim  
to generations to come.**

**They shall proclaim God's deliverance  
to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them,  
"The Lord has acted!"**

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS**  
**TO THOSE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION:**

*Jaxon Lee Kline*  
*Tyce Thomas McNulty*  
*Brady James Moran*

**TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Thursday, March 28th	2:30 & 7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday
Friday, March 29th	2:30 pm	Good Friday
	7:30 pm	Tenebrae
Saturday, March 30th	9:00 am	Decorate for Easter
	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday, March 31st	8:30 & 11:00 am	Easter
Monday, April 1st	Office Closed	
	6:30-8:30 pm	Adult Volleyball
	6:30pm	Strategic Planning
Tuesday, April 2nd	9:30am	Lily Pick up
	10-11:00am	Senior Exercise
	6:00pm	Evangelism Committee Meeting
	6:00pm	Staff and Records Meeting
Wednesday, April 3rd	1-6:00pm	Red Cross Bloodmobile
Thursday, April 4th	8:00am	Pottsville Business Meeting
	12:00pm	Circle V Meeting

***STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL MISSION***  
***TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH***

Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing, and serving community of baptized Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are celebrated according to the Gospel. As a community of believers, we challenge each other to respond to the call of our Lord to love and minister to persons at home and throughout the world. We encourage each other to share our time, our talents, and gifts to further the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.

*Adopted by the Congregation*  
*January 25, 1998*