

# ZION Lutheran Church

APRIL 17, 2025

MAUNDY THURSDAY



## Thomas

*His Doubting Mind Found Its Answer*

# CALL TO WORSHIP

— *The Cross at Gethsemane ~ Joyful Ringers*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this night we gather for a commemorative meal. We will be given words of forgiveness, hope, and courage. We will receive the blessing of the One who will give up all for us. Come to this time of feasting when we pray the Lord enters our hearts and prepares us for the banquet. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross ☩ may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

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.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.**

# **HYMN #666 — *What Wondrous Love Is This***

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

## **FOCUS TEXT**

### ***1 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.

### ***John 20:19-29***

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said

to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**MUSIC** — *Carol of the Birds* ~ Joyful Ringers

**SERMON** — Pastor Scott Ludford

**MUSIC** — *Ah, Holy Jesus* ~ Joyful Ringers

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE OFFERING**

## HOLY COMMUNION

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD’S PRAYER** *(Traditional)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

- ~ #491 — *Come, Let Us Eat*
- ~ #471 — *Let Us Break Bread Together*
- ~ #465 — *As the Grains of Wheat*

**BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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 work in us so the fruits of your redemption will show forth in our lives, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

**CLOSING SCRIPTURE** — *Isaiah 53*

*Please leave the Sanctuary in quiet reflection.*



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