

# The Living Last Supper



MESSIAH LUTHERAN

A Dramatic Musical Experience for Holy Week

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March 29, 2024 7:00pm  
Messiah Lutheran Church

# **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**

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### ***As We Gather***

Those who witnessed the life and ministry of Jesus were consistently mixed in their verdicts about who He was. Many claimed Him to be the long-awaited Messiah while others claimed Him a fraud. Some accepted that He came bearing messages of peace and love while others were looking for a king who would conquer with power and might. Confusion surrounded even Christ's most devoted followers as they grappled with their own understanding of who He was.

The final days of Jesus' earthly life, though, brought clarity to all He had said and done. The widest spectrum of human emotion and drama was openly displayed—from enormous crowds shouting festive "hosannas" to rejection by Jesus' closest friends. From these events, however, God consummated an eternal plan and invited all of humanity into a personal relationship through this Jesus, the Christ.

In the end, the unprecedented events of the resurrection provided a compelling affirmation that Jesus was indeed the King of all kings! May this story live on in our hearts and on our lips as together we proclaim Jesus the risen and living King!

### **THE PRELUDE**

#### **THE GREETING**

#### **THE OFFERING**

#### **THE ANTHEM** *"How Can It Be?"*

#### **THE OPENING HYMN** *"Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted" LSB 451*

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, was there ever grief like His?  
Friends thro' fear His cause disowning, foes insulting His distress;  
Many hands were raised to wound Him, none would interpose to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him was the stroke that justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.

Mark the Sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the WORD, the LORD'S ANOINTED, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;  
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have built.

## THE INVOCATION

P: We meditate on this Good Friday in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**I** P: We gather before God remembering the cross in sorrow and in shame. We seek His forgiveness, strength, and mercy. We remember the day of our Savior's death. We mourn and struggle to understand the depth of Christ's love-that He should suffer and die in our place. Father, our hearts are heavy as we gather in the name of Christ, bearing witness to the terror of His crucifixion, knowing full well that we are guilty sinners, in need of Your forgiveness, life, and salvation. Hear our confession, dear Father, as we kneel before You.

**C: Christ, our Savior has died for our sins.**

P: At times, we have failed to strive against evil in the world.

**C: Christ, our Savior has died for our sins.**

P: At times, we have denied our Lord.

**C: Christ, our Savior has died for our sins.**

P: At times, we have betrayed our Lord.

**C: Christ, our Savior has died for our sins. Have mercy on us, Lord, and grant us forgiveness. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior Jesus Christ, announce His grace and mercy to You. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, graciously bestow Your favor upon this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed. Grant that we may genuinely cherish Jesus' willingness to be given into the hands of sinners, to suffer torment upon a cross, and even to die, that we may have abundant and eternal life, through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## I THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

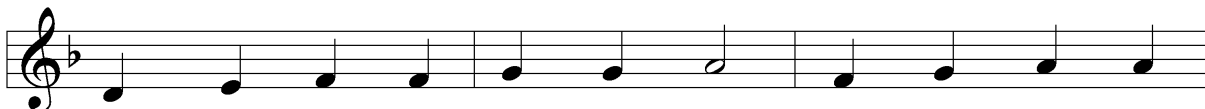
**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

II THE COMMUNION *If you are a guest today, please read page 11 before communing.*

## THE ANTHEM "Via Dolorosa"

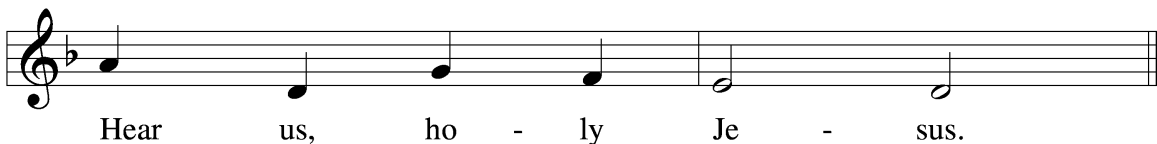
## THE COMMUNION HYMNS "Jesus, In Your Dying Woes" LSB 447



1 Je - sus, in Your dy - ing woes, E - ven while Your  
4 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the thief, who  
7 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose heart Your  
10 Je - sus, whelmed in fears un - known, With our e - vil  
13 Je - sus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your



life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don for Your foes:  
near You dies, Prom - is - ing him par - a - dise:  
sor - rows rend, And Your dear - est hu - man friend:  
left a - lone, While no light from heav'n is shown:  
life - blood drain, Thirst - ing more our love to gain:

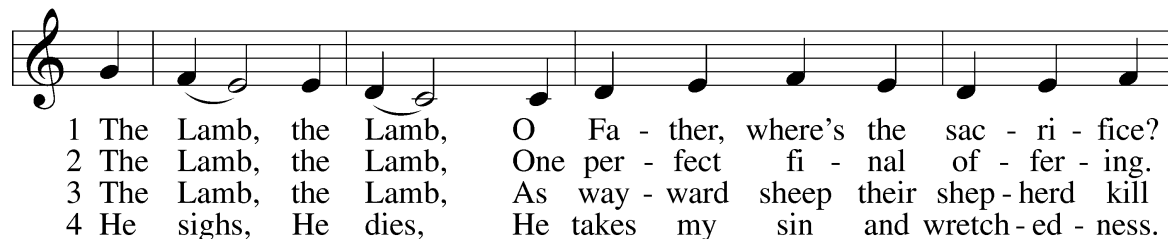


16 Jesus, all our ransom paid, all Your Father's will obeyed;  
By Your sufferings perfect made: hear us, holy Jesus.

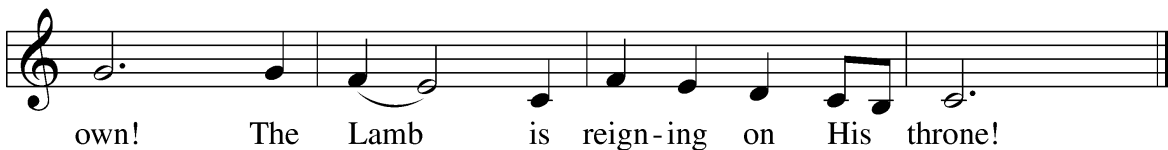
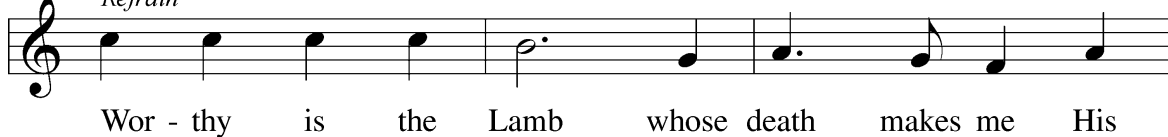
20 When the death shades round us low'r, guard us from the tempter's pow'r,  
Keep us in that trial hour: hear us, holy Jesus.

21 May Your life and death supply grace to live and grace to die,  
Grace to reach the home on high: hear us, holy Jesus.

*"The Lamb" LSB 547*



*Refrain*



## "The Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged Cross;  
The emblem of suffering and shame.  
And I love that old Cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

**Chorus:** So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross,  
Till my trophies, at last, I lay down.  
I will cling to the old rugged Cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown.



Oh, that old rugged Cross so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me.  
For the dear Lamb of God, left His Glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. **Chorus**

In the old rugged Cross, stained with blood so divine a wondrous beauty I see.  
For the dear Lamb of God, left His Glory above  
To pardon and sanctify me. **Chorus**

To the old rugged Cross, I will ever be true its shame and reproach gladly bear.  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share. **Chorus**

## "O Perfect Life of Love" LSB 452



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,  
2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;  
3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;  
4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.  
His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.  
All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.

- 5 In perfect love He dies; for me He dies, for me.  
O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.
- 6 In ev'ry time of need, before the judgment throne,  
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Thy merits, not mine own.
- 7 Yet work, O Lord, in me as Thou for me hast wrought;  
And let my love the answer be to grace Thy love has brought.

*"What Wondrous Love is This" LSB 543*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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## **Overture**

## **How Great His Love**

*Disciples: Simon Peter, Andrew and James, the Lesser*

## **Is It I?**

*Disciples: James, Son of Zebedee, Matthew and Simon the Zealot*

## **King Triumphant**

*Disciples: Bartholomew, Philip and Thaddaeus*

## **His Hands**

*Disciples: John, Thomas and Judas Iscariot*

## **You Are the Bread**

## **How Great His Love (Finale)**

**THE CLOSING OF THE BOOK**

**THE TOLLING OF THE BELL**

**THE BENEDICTION**

*Please follow Pastor Kollmann, leaving the Sanctuary in silence.*



# The Living Last Supper Cast

## Sanctuary Choir

Brenda Bucher, Director  
Kimberly Cassady  
Steve Corley  
Dave Dalton  
Judy Davis  
Cindy Gragert  
Stacey Hall  
Danny Ladishew  
Kenley Ladishew  
Lori Lessmann  
Leah Lewis  
Jean Outland  
Joette Rider  
Kay Ross  
Dorothy Sherrod, Director  
Ed Sherrod  
Joseph Schinnerer  
Stephen Schwartz  
Ruth Ann Swanson  
Ginny Wilson  
Suzanne Wilson

## Sanctuary Orchestra

### Piano

Dorothy Sherrod

### Clarinet

Samantha Logue

### Saxophone

Mark Fischer

### Trumpet

Cameron Abtahi

### Trombone

David Walling

### Tuba

William Fischer

### Violin

Alicja Usarek-Topper  
Matson Topper

### Cello

Johanna Wise

### Percussion

Charles Hayes

## Drama

### Jesus

Lor Smith

### Simon Peter

Gerald Luecke

### Andrew

Tom Zagaruyka

### James, the Lesser

Graham Luecke

### James, Son of Zebedee

Randy Konkell

### Matthew

Dylan Dunlap

### Simon the Zealot

Kim Lorenzen

### John

Austin Schwartz

### Philip

Randy Huechteman

### Thaddaeus

Cameron Luecke

### Bartholomew

Chris DuBois

### Thomas

Nick Plenger

### Judas Iscariot

Don Johnson

### Serving family

Jennifer and Virginia  
Chappelle

### Drama Director

Patty Luecke

### Costumes/Props

Joyce Laux  
Tiffany Luecke  
Sarah Huechteman

### Production Team

Danny Ladishew  
Chuck Tolsma  
Brady Roberge  
Kayden Spieler  
Max Hall



# The Six Trials of Jesus

## Chronology of Events

Event	Approximate Time
Prayer and agony at Gethsemane (Matthew, Mark, Luke)	1:00 a.m.
Betrayal by Judas and arrest of Jesus (Mark 14:43-46; John 18:12)	1:30 a.m.
Irregular, unauthorized inquiry at Annas's residence (John 18:13-23)	2:00 a.m.
Unofficial trial at Caiaphas's residence (Matthew 26:57-68; John 18:24)	3:00 a.m.
Formal, official trial before Sanhedrin in their chamber to confirm capital sentence (Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66-71)	6:00 a.m. ("when it was day")
First interrogation by Pilate at official residence (Matthew 27:1-2, 11-14; Luke 23:1-7; John 18:28-38)	6:30 a.m. ("when morning had come...and it was early")
Audience/mockery before Herod (Luke 23:8-12)	7:00 a.m.
Final judgment of Pilate (All Gospels)	7:30 a.m.
Scourging in Praetorium (All Gospels)	8:00 a.m.
Nailing of hands and feet to the cross (All Gospels)	9:00 a.m. ("it was the third hour")
Darkness (Matthew, Mark, Luke)	12:00 Noon ("when the sixth hour had come, darkness fell")
Death of Jesus (All Gospels)	3:00 p.m. ("and at the ninth hour")

<b>OFFICIANT</b>	Rev. Dr. Victor Kollmann
<b>ELDER CAPTAIN</b>	Bob Hook
<b>USHERS</b>	Team G
<b>ANTHEM</b>	Sanctuary Choir with Amy Plenger, Mary Jo Cuny, Barbara McCoy and Kathy Boneau-hand bells
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Dorothy Sherrod
<b>PRODUCTION TEAM</b>	Danny Ladishew, Manager—Chuck Tolsma, Sound Brady Roberge, Media—Kayden Spieler, Camera—Max Hall, Lights

# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

As You come to the Lord's Supper, you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians, you believe His Body and Blood are present and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of all believers. Our Holy Communion practice is called "CLOSE" communion, not "CLOSED" communion. "Close" communion invites all those who answer the following questions in the affirmative. We DO seek to help each visitor and member, to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not communed with us before, or if you cannot answer yes to the questions below, please speak to our Pastor or an Elder before communing.

1. Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?
4. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His true Body and Blood?
5. Do I intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to live a Godly life?

At Messiah, Communion is distributed in a manner whereby the individual cup, followed by the common cup, are offered at the same table. Communicants seated in the middle sections of the Sanctuary proceed to the altar first, standing behind the usher. Then the communicants in the side sections will proceed to the altar, also standing behind the usher. This will provide a prayerful setting surrounding the significance of receiving Christ's body and blood.

A light, alcohol-free wine is offered in clear glasses in the individual trays. Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher table in the back.



*Easter* The Gift of An Empty Tomb

Worship Celebrations in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion  
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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♦ Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary: 8:30 & 11:00AM  
(Holy Communion every 2nd and 4th Sunday)

♦ Sunday School & Adult Bible Class: 9:45-10:40AM

♦ Wednesday Worship in the Chapel 7:00PM  
(Holy Communion every Wednesday)

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Rev. Matthew Lee, Associate Pastor  
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Don Johnson, Property Ministries  
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***With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will share God's light as we:***

***Gladly enter God's House weekly (Worship) —Psalm 122:1***

***Listen for God's voice. (Discipleship-Bible Study, Quiet Time, Prayer)— John 10:27***

***Open my heart and hands to serve God. (Ministry) —1 Samuel 12:24***

***Wholeheartedly love God and my neighbor. (Evangelism/Fellowship-Outreach) —Luke 10:27***

***GLOW and GO!***