

SERVING AT WORSHIP

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome The Rev. Richard Bardo as our supply pastor this evening.

If you are a visitor, a special welcome to you, and if you are without a church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. You are also encouraged to sign our guest register with your preferred contact information. If you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table. Visitors who are communing members of other Christian congregations are cordially invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Welcome to the Lord's table where we are one with Christ!

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by the Gibson family in honor of John's 10th birthday, and 2) by the Hoover, Gibson and McLeroy families in memory of Nancy Jane and Herb Hoover.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Bill and Doris Jaeger in celebration of the birthdays of their grandchildren, Lauren and Koa.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

Please Note: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Easter Sunday. Please join us for worship, 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. and brunch in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.!

Children's toys, games, puzzles and books can be found in the Narthex in the marked boxes.

Free R-Phils Tickets — For the game on Friday, May 2, at 6:45 p.m. Please help yourself to these free tickets located in the Narthex.

Friday, April 18
Good Friday 7:30 PM Worship Service

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 19 10:00 a.m.

Alleluia! He is Risen!
Easter Sunday, April 20
8:00 AM Early Service with Holy Communion
9:00 Brunch in Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM Festival Worship with Holy Communion





Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

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MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 17, 2025 7:30 PM

PRELUDE *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)* Labenske

Please stand.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P 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 and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C **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.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his 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.

C **Amen.**

my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
²¹I will declare your name to my brethren,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
²²Praise the LORD, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
²³For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.
²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD shall praise him;
"May your heart live forever!"
²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD,
he rules over the nations.
²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the LORD's forever.
³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn,
the savings deeds that he has done.

PLEASE EXIT IN SILENCE

THE SERVICE CONTINUES ON GOOD FRIDAY

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STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Altar ware bearers:	Pr. Richard Bardo	David Foster
	Mike Gumpert	Peggy Gumpert
	Barry Hoover	Barb Quick
	Denton Quick	Bob Rutherford
	Joanne Rutherford	Susan Johns

PSALM 22 sung by Cynthia Mohr and Russ Frey

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
And are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?
- ²O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- ³Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- ⁴Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵They cried out to you, and were delivered;
they trusted in you, and were not put to shame.
- ⁶But as for me, I am a worm, and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- ⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- ⁸"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him!"
- ⁹Yet you are he who took me out of the womb;
you kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born,
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- ¹²Many young bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- ¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- ¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax;
- ¹⁵My mouth is dried out like a potsherd,
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.
- ¹⁷They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them, they cast lots for my clothing.
- ¹⁸Be not far away, O LORD;
You are my strength; hasten to help me.
- ¹⁹Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
- ²⁰Save me from the lion's mouth,

HYMN

#360 *Love Consecrates the Humblest Act* (sung to the tune of #359)

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19 *read responsively*

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

²**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

¹²What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?

¹³**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,**

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵**Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.**

¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant,
the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹**in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!**

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A The word of the Lord.

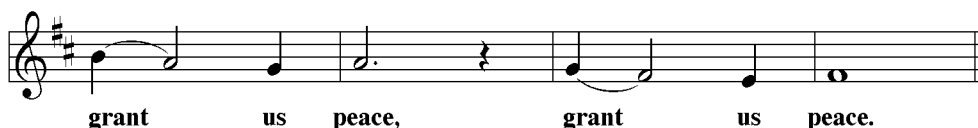
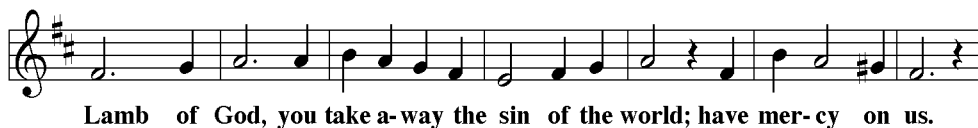
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

LAMB OF GOD



Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION Continuous Communion

Grape juice is available at the top of the steps.

For gluten free wafers, please ask the Communion Assistant.

If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, the Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.

After receiving communion, please pick up a communion card at the bottom of the ramp. Please complete the card and place it in the basket in the Narthex or vestibule after worship.

Please stand.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

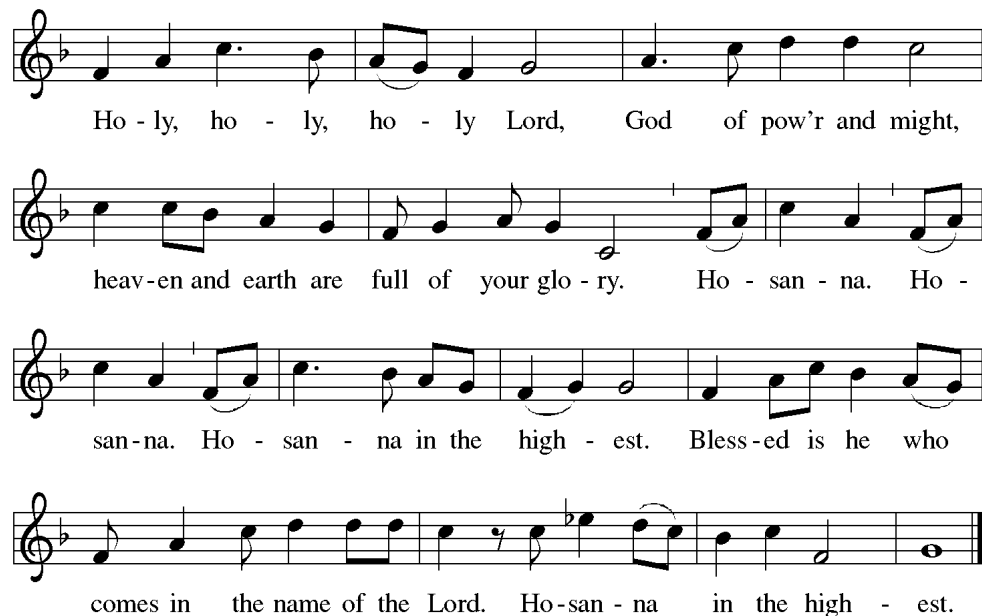
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P 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
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption
will show forth in the way we live,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

THE 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.**

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."
¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.
¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ^{31b}Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Please be seated.

MESSAGE The Rev. Richard Bardo

Please stand.

HYMN

#708 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Holy God,
we come to you in prayer for the church,
your good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Heal the wounds of your church, O God. As we remember your commandment to love one another, guide us toward reconciliation within the body of Christ. Bless all who gather around the world and in this community for these holy three days. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Renew the life of your creation. Restore lands suffering from chronic drought or flood, and protect fragile habitats from destruction. Encourage all who strive to build more sustainable systems for life and thriving. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Bring peace and justice among your people. Where there is oppression or fear, bring liberation and hope. Instill wisdom and humility in local and national leaders, and guide them to serve their communities in the way of Jesus. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Console all who suffer. We pray especially for all who are lonely and yearning for community. Assure them of your loving presence. Come alongside all who cry out to you in any need, especially:

Cindy Fliegel
Walt and Janice Smithson
Tom Bowersox
Tracy Rohrbach
Jim and Lauri Walker

Barbara Hafer
Landon Barrasso
Jayne Phillips
Suzanne Trigg

We pray for all those concerns and people we quietly name in our hearts.

(Silent prayers)

God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A In the bread and cup we share, you show us the way of love poured out for the whole world. Nourish all who hunger in body or in spirit, that they experience the life abundant that flows from you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A We remember the saints who rest in you. We give thanks for all our beloved dead. Confident of your steadfast love, we commend them to your eternal care. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Share the peace with one another.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM *Calvary*. Rodney
Patty Schmeer, soloist

Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Take My Life, that I May Be*—vs. 1 and 4

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into 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: