



CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH OF DOVER PA



The Rev. John M. Woods, Pastor

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Maundy Thursday



**With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end,  
and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus'  
death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus'  
commandment to love one another.**

**As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples,  
we are called to follow his example as we  
humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved.**

**At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life,  
even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.**

# **CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Please sign the red books located by the center aisle in each pew.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Pastor**

## **WE PREPARE OURSELVES**

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Pastor**

*O God, we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.*

**Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.**

*Against you, you only have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.*

**Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.**

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way.*

**Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.**

*All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags.*

**Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.**

*We know that we were ransomed from our futile ways not with perishable things  
such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.*

**In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace which he has lavished upon us.**

### **\*Gathering Hymn**    *“Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service”*

ELW HYMN #712

### **\*Apostolic Greeting**

**Pastor**

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.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**Pastor**

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. **Amen.**

### **2 Anthem:**    *“Is It I?”*

**Ruth Elaine Schram**

## **WE HEAR HIS WORD**

### **First Reading:**

**Exodus 12:1-13**

**Lay Reader**

The First Lesson is from the twelfth chapter of Exodus.

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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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.

Here ends the reading.

### **Second Reading:**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**Lay Reader**

The Second Lesson is from the eleventh chapter of First Corinthians.

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.

Here ends the reading.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*"We are turning..."*

**ELW PAGE #205**

**\*Gospel:**

**Pastor**

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

The holy gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then 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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After 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?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little 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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**4 The Sermon:**

**Pastor John Woods**

**Sermon Hymn:** “*Go To Dark Gethsemane*”

ELW HYMN #347

## **FOOT WASHING**

### *Musical Selections*

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

### **\*The Prayers**

Prayers for the Body of Christ

Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs.

For all the nations of the world, that the sins of all people will be washed clean by the blood of the sinless lamb of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For your body, the church, those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, that they may bring forgiveness, life and salvation to the perishing, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our congregation, that receiving the power of the body and blood of our Lord, we may have the strength to wash one another's feet as he has washed ours, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick (especially...), that in eating your flesh which is food indeed, and in drinking your blood which is drink indeed, they may also receive the healing power of this gift of life, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## **THE MEAL**

**Offertory Hymn:**  
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“*My Song Is Love Unknown*”

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**\*The Offertory** “*Let the vineyards...*”

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**\*The Offertory Prayer**

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Preface**

It is indeed right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Sanctus**

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

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**\*Eucharistic Prayer**

Leader’s Guide

**\*The Lord’s Prayer**

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**\*Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table prepared for you. Taste the overflowing grace of God.

**Communion**

**Communion Music**

		ELW PAGE
#208	<i>“Lamb Of God”</i>	
#494	<i>“For The Bread Which You Have Broken”</i>	ELW
#487	<i>“What Feast Of Love”</i>	ELW
	<i>“Let Us Break Bread Together”</i>	ELW

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

**\*Blessing**

God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

**\*Prayer After Communion**

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, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

**ISAIAH 53:3-10**

**The chancel is stripped of all adornment and it becomes a sepulcher,  
dark and barren. After the reading of Isaiah 53:3-10,  
the congregation will leave in silence.**

**There is no closing hymn.**

*\*All who are able, please stand*

ELW – Red Hymnal

**Worship Duties**

*Greeters:* Cheryl & Alan Reigart      *Ushers:* Zina Compton, Marlene Zech

*Worship Assistant:* Ann Bridge      *Lay Reader:* Zina Compton

*Acolyte:* Steph Hake

*Altar Guild:* Marlene Zech      *Communion Elements:* Patsy Gentzler

**Schedule**

Community Good Friday Service - March 25, 7PM at Calvary Lutheran

Community Egg Hunt - March 26 - 11:00 AM, Calvary Lutheran

Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 26 - 7:00 PM, Calvary Lutheran

Easter Sunday - March 27 - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM, Calvary Lutheran

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**COMMUNION** We invite all baptized believers in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to commune with us this evening.

*Those unable to come forward for the sacrament, please bring this to an usher's attention and communion will be brought to you. Gluten free wafers are available.*

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**We at Calvary believe God wants our congregation to exist in order to reflect God's love through our actions, programs and image; to reach out to our family, the community and the world; to provide moral and spiritual leadership.**

**We are called to grow and adjust with the times to make the Gospel relevant for contemporary society.**

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*Pastor:* Rev. John M. Woods

*Organist and Leader of Crossroads:* Mrs. Suzanne Tilley

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*Hand Bell Choir Director:* Mrs. Miriam Ehrhart

*Assistant Hand Bell Choir Director:* Mrs. Jenni Melhorn

*Youth and Children's Choir Director:* Mrs. Jennifer Fadely McCleary

*Youth Chimes Director:* Mrs. Marcia Feehan

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