

Welcome to worship at  
**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Order of Worship for March 28, 2024  
Maundy Thursday

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Gathering Music

Welcome

Hymn #336

“Lamb of God”

Confession and Forgiveness

**C: 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.**

**L:** 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.

Prayer of the Day

**L:** Let us pray. Dear God, thank you for your promise and presence in praying on the night you were betrayed and handed over to die. Empower us to be faithful in our prayer lives. May our prayers be full of faith, hope, and love in sync with your will. In Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

First Reading, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel, John 17:6-10, 20-26

Sermon, “Held in Prayer”

Hymn #773

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Passing the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Offering and Response #592 v. 1

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray. Gracious God,

**C: You gave us the gift of your dear Son, who humbled himself as a servant before us. Receive the gifts we offer as signs of our whole lives returned to you in humble service to our neighbor, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

L: 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.**

Stripping of the Altar

Reading of Psalm 22

Candles are extinguished. Communion vessel, candles, paraments, and linens are removed.

Please leave the sanctuary in silence to go outdoors to burn the prayers placed in the Prayers of the HearTh Jar as incense before God and the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice.

**Let my prayer rise up  
like incense before you,  
the lifting up of my hands  
as an offering to you.**

**O God, I call to you, come to me now;  
oh, hear my voice when I cry to you.**

**Let my prayer rise up  
like incense before you,  
the lifting up of my hands  
as an offering to you.**

**Keep watch within me, God;  
deep in my heart may  
the light of your love  
be burning bright.**

**Let my prayer rise up  
like incense before you,  
the lifting up of my hands  
as an offering to you.**

**All praise to the God of all Creator of life;  
all praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love.  
Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,  
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

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