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WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Wednesday in Lent

12:10pm on April 1, 2026

Dying to Judgment, Living in Grace

THEME VERSE: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Invocation and Call to Worship

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We follow the temptations of the devil, the world and our own sinful desires. We deserve your just wrath and judgment. Have mercy on us. Look on us in grace, and forgive our sins.

P God has had mercy on us. In his steadfast love and grace, he sent his own Son to be our Savior. Jesus took onto himself the judgment against sin that we deserve, and in exchange he clothes us in his righteousness. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 8:2-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Homily

Special Music

“Via Dolorosa”

- Solo by Doug Long

Prayers

Concluding with:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, through our Savior Jesus Christ. **C Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Words of Our Lord

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 in 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 sins.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

Breaking of the Bread

C Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

L Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

C Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Communion

All baptized persons who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine are welcome to the Table of the Lord.

For those fasting from the sacrament, you are invited to pray the following prayer, The Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

Post Communion Blessing

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

C Amen.

Benediction & Dismissal

P We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again.

C Death no longer has dominion over him.

P For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

C So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors.

C Thanks be to God.

Please join us for lunch in Fellowship Hall directly after the worship service.

Presiding Minister: Pastor Karin Pejack
Minister of Technology: Catherine Germann
Hospitality: Eileen Marks

WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm Service & Lunch Fellowship

12:10pm Service of Word & Prayer (in-person & online)

Service of Holy Communion on 1st Wednesday of the month

12:35pm Lunch Fellowship (in-person only)

Lenten Series: "Dying His Death, Living His Life"

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we also live with him. – Romans 6:8

April 1, Holy Wednesday: Dying to Judgment, Living in Grace (1st Wed. COMMUNION)

April 3, Wednesday after Easter: He Lives Triumphant

WOW Services & Fellowship continue in the Easter Season with Resurrection themed services.

PARKING for WEDNESDAYS: 12:10pm WOW Services:

Please enter at the chapel doors on 4th Street. An outdoor sign will mark the appropriate doorway. There is very limited free parking on site. Parking on the street is actively enforced at this time of day on a weekday, so please plan to pay for parking if you park on the street. Speak with pastor about parking options for regular WOW attenders.

2026 HOLY WEEK - EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

in-person & online unless otherwise indicated.

April 2 Maundy Thursday 12:10pm Service of Communion

"For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."

John 13:15

In-person, Online or by Phone on Zoom, Streaming on YouTube Live

Communion will be offered in-person and for those attending online or by phone

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 825 3633 0822

Passcode: 989726

April 3 Good Friday 12:10pm Traditional Tenebrae Worship Service

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),

"I thirst." - John 19:28

In-person, Online or by Phone on Zoom, Streaming on YouTube Live

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 858 9946 9590

Passcode: 787360

April 5 Easter Sunday

7:15am Sunrise Service (In-person only)

at Zion outside facing the lawn in front of the train station

Brief Service with Communion. If the weather is bad, service meets in Fellowship Hall

9:00am Easter Breakfast (In-person only)

****To help us plan for this event, please call or email the church office to sign-up.*

10:15am Worship Service of Word & Sacrament

Regular Schedule and Information for Sunday Worship Service

Journeying with Jesus during Holy Week in The Gospel of Matthew

Palm Sunday: Chapter 21 Holy Monday: Chapter 22

Holy Tuesday: Chapters 23-24 Holy Wednesday: Chapter 25

Maundy Thursday: Chapter 26 Good Friday: Chapter 27

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Readings listed below:

The Creation (Genesis 1) * The Flood (Genesis 7, 8, 9) * The Testing of Abraham (Genesis 22) * Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 14) * Salvation Offered Freely to All (Isaiah 55) * A New Heart and a New Spirit (Ezekiel 36) * God's Faithfulness to Israel (Deuteronomy 31) * The Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37) * Job Confesses the Redeemer (Job 19) * Jonah Preaches to Nineveh (Jonah 3) * The Gathering of God's People (Zephaniah 3) * The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3) * The Easter Story (John 20:1-18; Luke 24:1-49).

These stories are full of contrasts: light and dark, good and evil, punishment and mercy. These contrasts are excellent talking points for your family. They tell the stories of the Lord's salvation for His people in the past and point ahead to what Jesus has done for us and all the world now in His death and resurrection.

Easter Sunday: Chapter 28

TABLE TALK: Resuming on 4/14, 2nd Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7:00pm

At Yankee Doodle Restaurant, 860 N. Front St., Wormleysburg, PA 17043

Martin Luther enjoyed faithful and fun conversation over food and drinks. Join Pastor Karin, Todd, and Sam for informal conversation relating Christian faith to everyday topics. Participants are responsible for purchasing their food and drinks. [in-person only]

April 14 Topic: Jesus: The Resurrection and The Life

May 12 Topic: Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me