

Maundy Thursday  
April 13, 2017  
First Lutheran Church, ELCA

Prelude

"Via Dolorosa with "The Old Rugged Cross" arr. Dick Tunney

Welcome and Invitation

Song

**"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"**

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Lessons

Psalm 95:6-7  
Jeremiah 23:1-4  
John 10:1-4, 11

Sermon

Song

**"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"**

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Confession/Forgiveness

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(silent reflection)*

L: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Like a wondering sheep, I have gone astray. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

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**Sharing the Peace of the Shepherd...**

Offering

Offering Prayer

## **The Shepherd's Story Continues...**

### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Sheep are Fed...**

*(Silent Meditation and Prayer...during the meal)*

After the Meal

L: Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice...and follow me."

**C: Yes, we know...we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

L: But will you follow wherever he leads you?

C: Yes, we will follow!

L: Will you love your enemies?

C: Yes, we will!

L: Will you pray for those who treat you poorly?

C: Yes, we will!

L: **Will you follow him to the cross...leave all that you have...all that you have accomplished...all that you have worked so hard for...all that you love...and die with him?**

C: (SILENT REFLECTION)

L: Jesus Said, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you...I will be your shepherd forever."

Song "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.  
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
**'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**

Psalms 22 Stripping of the Altar

*Note: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are all regarded as one worship service. Tonight, Christ is stripped of his power and glory, and is now in the hands of his captors.*

**All are asked to leave in Silence.**