



# ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Defiance, Ohio

*The Triduum*

*Maundy Thursday*

Thursday, April 2, 2026 — 7:00 pm

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— We Gather —

INVITATION TO CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Red Book pg. 258

*Anyone who desires to receive individual declaration of forgiveness  
may come forward and stand at the bottom of the chancel steps  
to receive the pastor's words of assurance.*

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OPENING HYMN "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" Red Book #712

FIRST READING: **Exodus 12:1—14**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalms 116:1—2, 12—19**

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 11:23—26**

*We stand*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "I give you a new commandment" Red Book pg. 260

THE GOSPEL: **John 13:1—17, 31b—35**

*We sit*

HOMILY "Love One Another!" Rev. Tom Zulick  
*We stand*

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" Red Book #708

FOOT WASHING: *Please come forward if you desire to participate.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Rev. Tom Zulick

OFFERTORY HYMN "God Loved the World" Red Book #323

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

THE DIALOGUE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

*The ancient prayer of St Hippolytus of Rome, used by the Church  
since the 2nd and 3rd century is prayed.*

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God" Red Book Setting #4 pg. 154

DISTRIBUTION "There in God's Garden" Red Book #342

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The altar is stripped as a symbol of Jesus' own humiliation, in preparation for crucifixion. As the altar is stripped, Psalm 22 is said or chanted.*

*No blessing or dismissal tonight as the service continues tomorrow night with Holy Friday and culminates in the Great Vigil of the Resurrection on Saturday evening.*

DISMISS IN SILENCE

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## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. Tom Zulick
Musician	Neal Deniston
Deacon	Angela Gutman
Altar Care	Kate Frank
Ushers	Linda Hardy & Michelle Wright

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## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

### ***Good Friday***

Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm

### ***Easter Vigil***

Saturday, April 4th at 7:00 pm

### ***Easter Sunday***

Sunday, April 5th at 9:45 am

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*Thank you to Linda Hardy and Michelle Wright for serving as ushers on Maundy Thursday and to Cyndi Ensign & Libbie Engel for serving on Easter Sunday.*

*Your service is greatly appreciated.*



**MAUNDY**  
*Thursday*