



# Maundy Thursday

"This is my body ...  
this is my **blood** ...  
... given for YOU."

Luke 22:14-20

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**April 14, 2022**  
**2:00 p.m.**

Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for commandment. The theme of this day is Jesus' new commandment "love one another even as I have loved you," a love focused by contrast of the betrayal which followed. Jesus' love is demonstrated both in his example of servanthood and in his gift of himself in Holy Communion.

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Today 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. Today we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another.

*We have gathered, O God, in answer to your mandate that we love one another as you have loved us in Jesus of Nazareth. We gather as disciples awaiting a word of assurance and promise. We seek protection from all who insist on conformity to their narrow points of view. We seek empowerment at the table of remembrance and celebration. We long to love as you have been loved, to serve as Christ has served among us, to live lives of thanksgiving that fulfill our vows to you and to one another. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**Welcome all visitors!** We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex.

**Welcome to the Eucharist!** All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. *Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

**PRELUDE**

*God So Loved the World*

**John Stainer**

Carmen Richards

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Come to prepare yourselves for the journey of faith.

God sets before us a memorial feast.

**We will pay our vows to God at the table of Christ.**

**We will offer our sacrifices of thanksgiving.**

Come to the banquet God has prepared.

**Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil---all that keeps us from loving God and neighbor. This is the struggle to which we are called at baptism.

**Within this community of the church, God never wearies of  
forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation.**

Now let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*(SEATED OR KNEELING)*

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess together.

**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.**

## PRAYER FOR MERCY (TRISAGION)

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy upon us.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

### HYMN

*Jesus, Thanks To You We Know*

William F. Sherman

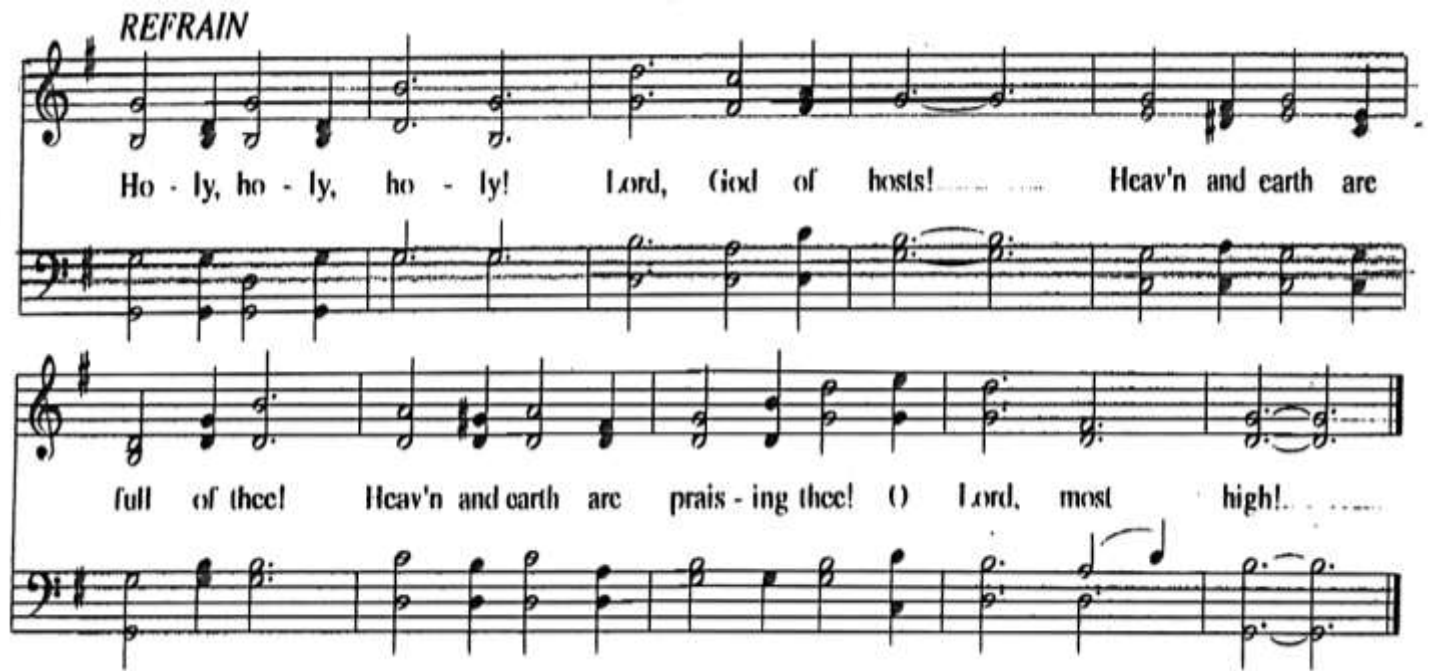
Verses: Charles Hambrick-Stowe, 2010

Refrain: Mary A. Lathbury, 1877

Je - sus, thanks to you we know. God is love, you  
Some - times, Lord, I know the way, feel se - cure, I'll  
Lift my eyes, Lord, to your cross where you suf - fered  
Je - sus, thanks to you we know. God is love, you

love us: So by your Spi - rit shape our mind.  
nev - er stray. Then I stum - ble, then I fall:  
for the lost. Turn my heart and hum - bled soul  
love us: So by your Spi - rit shape our mind.

In my life, Lord, help me find my way to you.  
in the dark, I cry, I call, Lord, where are you?  
to the pro - mise that you hold, I come to you.  
When I'm lost, Lord, help me find my way to you.



## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

*God instructs Moses how Israel is to prepare for the visit by the angel of death. By the blood of the lamb Israel is saved and the feast of remembrance is instituted.*

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in Egypt: "This month is the first month of the year for you. Give these instructions to the whole community of Israel: On the tenth day of this month each man must choose either a lamb or a young goat for his household. If the family is too small to eat a whole animal, he and his next door neighbor may share an animal, in proportion to the number of people and the amount that each person can eat. You are to eat it quickly, for you are to be dressed for travel, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. It is the Passover Festival to honor me, the Lord.

On that night I will go through the land of Egypt, killing every first-born male, both human and animal, and punishing all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood on the door posts will be a sign to mark the houses in which you live. When I see the blood, I will pass over you and will not harm you when I punish the Egyptians. You must celebrate this day as a religious festival to remind you of what I, the Lord, have done. Celebrate it for all time to come."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## PSALTER

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.

You have loosed my bonds. **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, **in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

## THE EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 11:23-26

*In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

For I received from the Lord the teaching that I passed on to you: that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in memory of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup and said, "This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Whenever you drink it, do so in memory of me." This means that every time you eat this bread and drink from this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!**

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

### *Glory be 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.*

It was now the day before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. He had always loved those in the world who were his own, and he loved them to the very end.

Jesus and his disciples were at supper. The Devil had already put into the heart of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, the thought of betraying Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had given him complete power; he knew that he had come from God and was going to God. So he rose from the table, took off his outer garment, and tied a towel around his waist. Then he poured some water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Are you going to wash my feet, Lord?"

Jesus answered him, "You do not understand now what I am doing, but you will understand later."

Peter declared, "Never at any time will you wash my feet!"

"If I do not wash your feet," Jesus answered, "you will no longer be my disciple."

Simon Peter answered, "Lord, do not wash only my feet, then! Wash my hands and head, too!"

Jesus said, "Those who have taken a bath are completely clean and do not have to wash themselves, except for their feet. All of you are clean – all except one. (Jesus already knew who was going to betray him; that is why he said, "All of you, except one, are clean.")

After Jesus had washed their feet, he put his outer garment back on and returned to his place at the table. "Do you understand what I have just done to you?" he asked. "You call me Teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so, because that is what I am. I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet. I

have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you. I am telling you the truth, no slaves are greater than their master, and no messengers are greater than the one who sent them. Now that you know this truth, how happy you will be if you put it into practice..."

After Judas had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man's glory is revealed; now God's glory is revealed through him. And if God's glory is revealed through him, then God will reveal the glory of the Son of Man in himself, and he will do so at once. My children, I shall not be with you very much longer. You will look for me; but I tell you now what I told the Jewish authorities. 'You cannot go where I am going.' And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."

## THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

*Praise be to You, O Christ.*

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

### MEDITATION

"Instituting A Way of Life"

Pastor Rankin

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.



We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PEOPLE'S OFFERING**

### **OFFERING DEDICATION**

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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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 God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets. We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. Because you have come to us in Jesus Christ, enduring the Cross so that we might know eternal life, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise. With angels and archangels, saints and martyrs, the church on earth and the church in heaven we praise you with your holy name.

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### COMMUNICATION

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

**The Bread of Life, broken for us.**

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

**The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.**

*(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.)*

*(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen pastors, elders, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service for your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens. Inspire us with the new life budding around us, that we show more care for plants and all living creatures. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for leaders in every land. Kindle compassion and equity in all who are called to administer justice. Guide all in positions of power away from the temptations of abuse and toward work for the common good. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, especially those who are incarcerated or unjustly accused. Illuminate paths to end oppression and form supportive communities gathered around a common commitment to justice and peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and all who gather to receive your body and blood this day. Fill us at this shared table and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Send us in love to those who cannot be with us due to illness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

### SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together

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. Amen.

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

PIANO MEDITATION

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Mark Hayes

Carmen Richards

A READING

*This Night He Broke the Bread*

by Dennis J. Hughes

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Ministering This Afternoon

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin

Lector: Diane Rice

**Thank you to Carmen Richards for sharing her musical gifts with us today!**

**Why no alleluias or hymns of praise during Lent?** You may have noticed that the hymn of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'" ([http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No\\_Alleluia.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No_Alleluia.htm)).

### **SCHEDULE FOR GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER**

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service (April 15 at 7 p.m.)**

**Easter Morning Schedule (April 17):**

**6:15 a.m.**—Sunrise Service in the parking lot with Holy Communion

**8:00 a.m.**—Service in the sanctuary with Holy Communion

**9:15-10:00 a.m.**—Breakfast in Isenberg Hall (sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office)

**10:30 a.m.**—Service in the sanctuary with Holy Communion

**You are invited to bring real or artificial flowers to put on the crosses at the front of the church building!**

**LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES:** The Board of Deacons decided to use all donations given through the Lenten Denial envelope to assist those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. Please be generous as we help our brothers and sisters in need.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** The family of Paul Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Dr. Parry Miller, Anne Rankin, Donna Zirkel, Bob Kilgore, the Lehman family, Nancy Crawford (Pastor Rankin's mother), Judy Barr (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Lee Bossert, Sheldon Paulus (son-in-law of Chuck & Sue Husted), Sean McKelvey & family, Dr. Cathy Hoshauer, Joann Garvin, Herb Charles, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Herb Holbein (father-in-law of Danielle Huggins Holbein), Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke's), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Carole Connor, Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty), Mary Witmer, Mark & Mary Anne Ritter (friends of the Paulukows), Patrick & Mel (nephew of Marianne Gibble & his wife), the Martin family, Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards), Hillary Brennan (mother of John Brennan), Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong), David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Lynn Dull, Hilma Slehta (mother of Mike Slehta), Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Donna Denlinger, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Jaimie & Aurora Commero (friends of Sarah Paulukow), Mark Zody (friend of Denise Huggins), Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Scott Summers, Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Doris Leaman, Judie Bistline, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

**THE APRIL PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building. **Deadline for the May Parish Post is April 18!**

**DEVOTIONALS:** The April-June edition of *These Days & Lenten* devotionals are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

**“FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY” BOOK STUDY:** Pastor Rankin will be leading a book study after Easter. We will be reading *With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life* by Henri Nouwen. We will meet via Google Meet at 7 p.m. on April 28 and May 12, 19, & 26. **Sign-up** by contacting the church office.

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## LANCASTER ASSOCIATION "HEROES WELCOME EVENT"

The Lancaster Association (U.C.C. churches in Lancaster County) Mission & Ministry Committee would like to invite the leaders and pastors of our Association's congregations to "A Heroes' Welcome" on Sunday, May 22, 2022.

In years past, our Association at one time had a strong Leadership Banquet program in which our churches would gather to recognize and express appreciation to our church leaders. In an attempt to bring back something similar, while also acknowledging the ongoing challenges and threats of Covid, the idea has taken on a bit of a different feel.

"A Heroes Welcome" will be held at the outdoor pavilion at Church of the Apostles in Lancaster beginning with registration and fellowship and available lawn games for some fun at 4:00 pm Sunday, May 22, 2022. At 5:00 pm there will be a catered meal outdoors at the pavilion. And at 6:00 pm a simple program will take place in which the churches who are present are asked to have lay leaders share with all gathered the "heroics" that have been demonstrated and observed in the life of their congregation during these past 2 years of pandemic alterations to our church life. How has your congregation continued to service, worship, and witness during the ups and downs of this season of pandemic? We'd like to hear from each other, rejoice with each other, be inspired by each other, and fellowship face-to-face with each other again.

For more information contact Brad Haws ([revhaws@ptd.net](mailto:revhaws@ptd.net)).

The Trinity Consistory voted last year to honor Mike Lichtenwalner and Theodore Slechta for their assistance with our online services and other technology needs during the pandemic. **The deadline to sign-up for this event is May 1. Contact the church office to sign-up!**