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Mission Statement:

Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!

**Great Sabbath Lovefeast
Saturday, April 19, 2025
4:00 p.m.**

*Enter expectantly, pray reverently, greet each other warmly,
listen thoughtfully, sing joyfully, and leave faithfully.*

Chief Elder and Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Pastors: Rev. Mark V. Breland, Rev. Sayward E. G. Lippincott
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell
Trombone Choir & Handbell Choir Director: Marilyn Winfield
Children's Ministry Coordinator: Allyson Miller
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Treasurer: Barbara McKenney
Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

**Stand, if you are able.*

Prelude on the Green

Trombone Choir

Prelude: *Erbarme dich, O Herre Gott*

J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Hymn

Tune Latrobe (Hymn #349)

**Met around the sacred tomb, Friends of Jesus, why these tears?
Midst this sad sepulchral gloom Shall your faith give way to fears?
He will soon even as he said, Rise triumphant from the dead.**

(Pastor / Congregation)

By Thy dying words,
By Thine atoning Death,
By Thy rest in the grave.

**Bless and comfort us,
Gracious Lord and God.**

Pastoral Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture from Holy Week Readings:

The Burial of Jesus
p. 104 (Music Edition, p. 139)

Anthem: *Sie flochten ihn eine Dornenkrone*

(They Made a Crown of Thorns for Him)

Johannes Herbst (1735-1812)

Edited and arranged by J. Gemmell

*This anthem was composed for the Great Sabbath Lovefeast,
Lititz Moravian Congregation, 1790.*

They made a crown of thorns for him and placed it upon his head;
And laid a purple robe on him and bowed their knees before him.

They led him bound, and he carried his cross.

See him! See him! This is the Lamb of God,
My friend most beautiful among the children of mankind.

Matthew 27:29;
English version by Deann Buffington

Meditation: *Alleluia's Coming*

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

Lovefeast Explanation

The Great Sabbath Lovefeast
(The Lovefeast is served during the following hymns)

Hymn *Cassel*
Lord of life! Now sweetly slumber, with the dead awhile a guest;
After torments without number, glorious is Your hard-earned rest;
Lo! The dreadful conflict's ended; by Your sufferings You have won;
Over all Your power's extended; take my heart, O claim Your own.

O, what love is here displayed! See the Father's only Son
To the silent tomb conveyed; ah, my soul, what have you done!
Yet, while I, my sins bewailing, own that they His blood have spilt,
May that blood, for me prevailing, wash away my sins and guilt.

Hymn: 795 *Rejoice*
The sepulcher is holding, today within its band,
The Lord who holds creation within His strong right hand.
Today a stone is hiding from gaze of mortal eye,
The Lord, whose glory hideth the brightness of the sky.

The Life of all is sleeping, but hell is quaking sore;
And Adam bursts the fetters which prisoned him before.
All praise to Thee, Lord Jesus, whose providence of love
Hath won for us, Thy people, the Sabbath-rest above.

Thou God of my salvation in whom I trust by faith,
Who hast for my transgression lain in the dust of death;
I place upon Thy merit while here my confidence;
And will commend my spirit to Thee, when I go hence.

Hymn: 684 *Judgment*
Jesus' body once interred, sanctifies his people's rest,
And the place which keeps their bodies,
Since earth lodged that heavenly guest,
Now is hallowed; now is hallowed;
We lie down in hope most blest.

Hymn: 774 *Eden*
In this sepulchral Eden the tree of life I've found,
Here is my treasure hidden, I tread on hallowed ground;
Ye sick, ye faint and weary, howe'er your ailments vary,
Come hither, and make sure of a most perfect cure.

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Here lies in death's embraces, my Bridegroom, Lord and God;
With awe my soul retraces the dark and dolorous road
That leads to this last station; here in sweet meditation
I'll dwell by day and night, till faith is changed to sight.

Hymn:

West

God gave His only Son, that sinners who believe,
Might not be lost but be His own, and in His Kingdom live.

His Cross dispels each doubt; we bury in His tomb
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each lingering shade of gloom.

Why should we fear to trust the place where Jesus lay?
He'll raise our bodies from the dust, and unto life convey.

(Grace before partaking of the Lovefeast)

Grace: 779

Herrnhut

Jesus' mercies never fail, this we prove at every meal;
Lord, we thank Thee for Thy grace,
Gladly join to sing Thy praise.

Lord, the gifts Thou dost bestow can refresh and cheer us too;
But no gift can to the heart
Be what Thou, our Savior, art. Amen.

Partaking of Lovefeast

Choir Anthems During Lovefeast:

Adagio in G Minor (Let Darkness Fall)

Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)
and Remo Giazotto (1910-1998)
Arr. Jon Paige

Let darkness fall in silence. Let teardrops fall in sorrow.
Come, see the crown of thorns. Come, see the wooden throne
Come, see the tattered robe. Behold the King!
Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.) Let the earth receive her King!
Requiem aeternam. (Rest eternal.)

Text by Pamela Stewart

Ave verum corpus and Wounded Lamb!

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1792)

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
Whose pierced side flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in trial of death.

Latin Hymn

Wounded Lamb! By your self-offering unto death, by foes reviled,
You, through martyr's death and suffering us with God have reconciled.
Ever, till our dying hour, may your holy death's sharp pain
And your suffering's matchless power, blessing, strength, and comfort gain.
Anon. Moravian text, trans. C. Daniel Crews and Nola Reed Knouse

Hymn: 364

Lindsey House

Jesus, Thy soul, forever blest, hath gone among the dead,
And to His peaceful place of rest Thy dying thief hath led,
And all for us; that when, 'ere long, we shall resign our breath,
We may not fear to go among the unseen shades of death.

Hymn: 763

Passion Chorale

The passion theme pursuing, I bow at Joseph's tomb,
My Saviour's body viewing, embalmed in sweet perfume;
There I behold Him sleeping, at rest from death's hard strife,
Absolved from pain and weeping; on Him hangs all my life.

Hymn: 73

Prague

Lord Jesus, who our souls to save,
Didst rest and slumber in the grave,
Now grant us all in Thee to rest,
And here to live as seems Thee best.

Give us the strength, the dauntless faith,
That Thou hast purchased with Thy death,
And lead us to that glorious place,
Where we shall see the Father's face.

O Lamb of God, who once was slain,
We thank Thee for that bitter pain.
Let us partake thy Death, that we
May enter into Life with Thee.

Hymn: 506

Holy Lord

Holy Lord, Holy Lord, by Thy Body given to death,
Mortify my sinful nature, 'til I yield my dying breath!
Ah, protect Thy feeble creature;
Grant that I, by nothing drawn aside; Thine abide, Thine abide.

Hymn: 675*Confession*

I would not live alway; no, welcome the tomb,
Since Jesus hath lain there, I dread not its gloom,
There sweet be my rest, 'til He bid me arise
To hail Him in triumph descending the skies.

Hymn: 279*Pilgrimage*

The bitterness of death is past
For each believer, when, at last,
The trumpet's sound shall wake the dead,
And Christ shall come, our glorious Head;
When nations underground shall rise
To meet their Saviour in the skies;
We too shall share their glorious part,
If Christ now dwells within our heart.

Hymn: 769St. Theodulph*

All praise to Thee, Lord Jesus, whose Providence of love
Hath won for us, Thy people, the Sabbath rest above.
To Christ, the King of glory, who in the tomb was laid,
To Father and to Spirit eternal laud be paid.

**Service ends with no benediction or postlude,
but in silent anticipation of Easter Triumph.**

Serving during Holy Week

Pastors: Rev. Mark V. Breland, Sr., Rev. Sayward E. G. Lippincott
Direction of Music / Organist / Choir Director: Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell
Trombone & Handbell Choir Director: Marilyn Winfield
Sacristan: Bob Turgyan
Sound Booth: Wayne Wolf

**Thank you to all those who helped in the preparation
and serving of the Lovefeast.**

Orchestra

Flute: Jessica Kistler
Violin: Venona Detrick, Michele Allen
Viola: Emily Sheffer
Cello: Ailin Hsieh
Bass: John Yerger

Easter

Resurrection Day Service Schedule Sunday, April 20, 2025

2:15 a.m.	Trombone Choir members - breakfast
3:00 a.m.	Trombone Choir begins to announce the Greatest Good News to Lititz
6:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service - Beginning in silence in the Sanctuary and concluding with walk to God's Acre
6:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast - served in Fellowship Hall
8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion - Chapel of Brothers House
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Easter Presentation - Fellowship Hall followed by Easter Egg Hunt (rain or shine)
10:30 a.m.	Resurrection Day Worship Celebration - Sanctuary

Please use this page to jot down any special notes, thoughts, or messages that spoke to your heart during today's worship service.

**Whether it's a meaningful Scripture, a moment of inspiration, or something you want to remember and reflect on later—
this space is just for you.**

