Maundy Thursday Thursday, March 28, 2024 7:00 p.m.

ELW Setting Four Worship with First Holy Communion

Welcome to our worship service this evening! If you are visiting with us, please sign our guest book in the narthex. We are glad you are here, and we hope to see you again soon!

This evening 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. Tonight 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. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Today is a historic day in the life of our church with three young people receiving their First Holy Communion. We rejoice with them as they receive sacramental gifts of bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; and we hold the 2024 First Holy Communion Class in our prayers!

Our service is streamed LIVE on our Facebook page for those unable to be with us.

Our Nursery area is downstairs, but please note it is not staffed. If you are visiting with us today, an usher will direct you.

PRELUDE

Organist's Improvisation

All stand as able for the processional hymn.

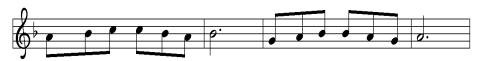
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ELW#708

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"







- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor,
- These are the ones we will serve, Kneel at the feet of our friends,
- si lent-ly wash-es their feet,
- var ied in col or and race,
- these are the ones we will love; si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The minister begins. Please remain standing as you are able.

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 each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

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

Please kneel or sit as you are able. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

The minister continues:

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.

The minister proclaims God's forgiveness.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power

through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The minister greets the assembly; the assembly responds in the bold print.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

The cantor begins; the assembly sings the bold print.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





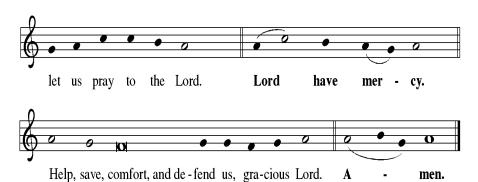
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The minister leads the prayer of the day.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

The reading is announced: A reading from Exodus.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [5Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The reading is concluded: Word of God, word of life. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

The psalm will be sung responsively by whole verse. The assembly sings the bold print.



- ¹I love the LORD who has [|] heard my voice, and listened to my [|] supplication,
- ²for the LORD has given | ear to me whenev- | er I called.
- ¹²How shall I re- I pay the LORD for all the good things God has I done for me?
- 13I will lift the cup | of salvation and call on the name | of the LORD.
- ¹⁴I will fulfill my vows I to the LORD in the presence of I all God's people.
- ¹⁵Precious in your | sight, O LORD, is the death | of your servants.
- ¹⁶O LORD truly I | am your servant; I am your servant the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.
 - ¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving and call upon the name | of the LORD.
 - ¹⁸I will fulfill my vows I to the LORD in the presence of I all God's people,
 - ¹⁹in the courts of | the LORD's house, in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.

THE SECOND LESSON 1st 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.

The reading is announced: A reading from 1st Corinthians.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The reading is concluded: Word of God, word of life. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR LENT

The assembly welcomes the gospel singing the Lenten acclamation. Please stand as you are able.





THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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.

The gospel is announced.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

The assembly responds: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." 11For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The reading is concluded: The Gospel of the Lord.
The assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.
The assembly is seated.

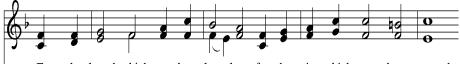
HOMILY

Kathy Long, SALM

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW#494

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"



- 1 For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom-ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re-stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n-ly board,
- 4 In your ser vice, Lord, de fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo-ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal-low all our lives, O Lord. may the church still wait-ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord. in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.



Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895 Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The minister calls the assembly to prayer. Please standing as you are able.

Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence is kept.

God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and all who will receive their First Holy Communion this night. Fill us at this shared table and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We pray for all veterans, that they may receive the care and support they so need, and for those separated from family and friends, especially during this holy week, as they serve in the Armed Forces around the world, that we may continue living daily in freedom. Merciful God,

God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints, especially those we dearly miss and remember in silent gratitude before you now...

(We pause in a moment of silence.)

In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

receive our prayer.

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.
Our service continues with our tithes and offerings.

OFFERING

The acolyte presents the offering plates to the ushers.

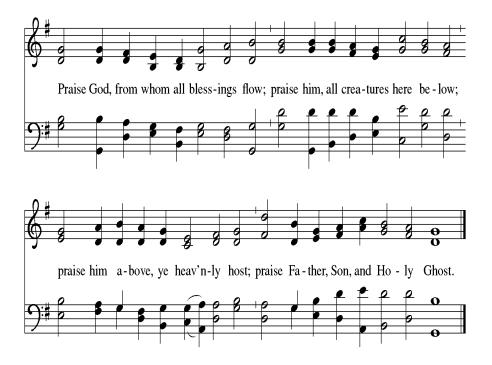
OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

"Into The Woods"

Sanctuary Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN—THE DOXOLOGY

As the ushers bring forward the gifts, please stand as you are able and join in singing, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (ELW#884) printed on the following page.



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

OFFERING PRAYER

After the gifts have been presented, the offering is blessed by the minister with the prayer as follows. Please remain standing as you are able. The minister begins; the assembly reads the bold print.

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The minister continues. The assembly responds in the bold print.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

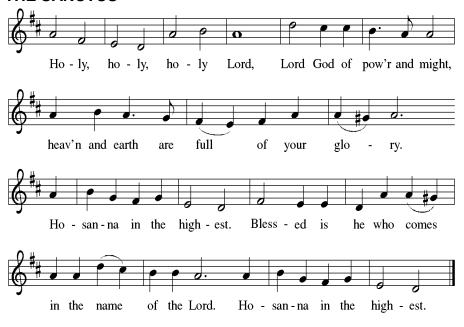
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

The minister continues.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The minister continues with the words of our Lord as spoken at the Last Supper.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

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 for the 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 sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The minister introduces The Lord's Prayer. A bell is rung for each of the seven petitions.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

THE INVITATION

The minister addresses the assembly as the bread is broken.

Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!
The assembly responds: Amen

The assembly is seated.

At this time, the crucifer, acolyte and communion assistants will commune with the minister.

COMMUNION HYMN

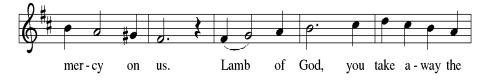
The assembly joins in singing the communion hymn.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have





THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS IS WELCOMED TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

As each name is called, the 1st Holy Communion class may come forward to the rail and kneel.

Aydan Potter Breiner
Brielle Paige Steigerwalt
Ashlin Larc Wolter

The minister addresses the class.

After proper Holy Communion instruction based upon the Holy Scriptures and Luther's Small Catechism, we welcome you to the Lord's table and invite you to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

The minister continues with the blessing.

May God's grace and guidance be upon each of you as you continue in your faith formation and in the promises placed upon you in Holy Baptism, in the name of the Father, ♣ the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

As each child receives the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the proper response is: **Amen**

When all have communed, the class stands to receive certificates along with gifts from the congregation before returning to their seats.

The minister and the communion assistants proceed to the font to commune the assembly.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

During the distribution, the minister and the communion assistants will say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Each person responds: Amen



All baptized people are welcome to God's table of grace. Any adults not yet baptized or children not yet receiving First Holy Communion instruction may fold their hands and receive a blessing from the pastor. For those unable to come forward, please notify an usher.

Communion Instructions: Wafer and Wine.

Proceed from the center aisle as directed by the usher. Take an empty glass to receive wine. To receive grape juice, pre-filled glasses are located on the table near the communion assistant. The minister will distribute the bread.

If you desire a gluten free wafer, please inform the minister as you come forward.

<u>PLEASE HOLD YOUR HAND OPEN TO RECEIVE THE</u> WAFER INTO THE PALM OF YOUR HAND.

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS & VISITORS:

All members are reminded to please complete a communion card for our parochial records for the New Year of 2024. You may hand it to an usher as you proceed to receive communion as you exit the sanctuary. Cards are available in the pews and in the Narthex.

If you are visiting with us, please complete a Communion Card and we will notify your home congregation that you have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

The assembly joins in singing the hymn during the distribution: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" (ELW#712) printed on the following page.



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985 Text © 1961 Oxford University Press. Arr. © 1985 Augsburg Fortress.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

After all have returned to their places, the minister blesses the assembly. Please stand as you are able.

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

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please remain standing as you are able. The minister continues with the Prayer after Communion; the assembly reads the bold print.

(Let us pray...) 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.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

As the lights are dimmed, the assembly sits or kneels during the Stripping of the Altar as Psalm 22 is sung by Stacey Sheckler.

The stripping of the altar and silent procession that follows provides continuity and preparation for the services of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The church is left in semi-darkness, and the transition is made from the Last Supper to Jesus' crucifixion and death.

When the Psalm has ended and the clergy have proceeded out in silence, please depart in silence as your own prayers have ended.

We continue on Good Friday (tomorrow evening) at 7pm.

We invite you to check in frequently on our church website & Facebook page for updates.

Luther wrote that we should read a Psalm daily; check our Facebook page for postings of a daily Morning Psalm and Prayer!

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Please take a moment over these Three Holy Days to pray for our members and friends of Trinity as we look with hope toward Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of our Lord.

Our Members:

Darryl Arner, Carol Hunsberger, Sandy Edwish, Heather Kincaid, Deb Kunkle, Lester Miller, Louise Roth, Earl Schneider, Pauline Snyder, Ed Solt, Herbert Werner, Joanne Werner

Family and Friends of Trinity

Heather Bolton, Chad, David & Sandy Dietz, Ed, Teresa Fowler, Connie Heckman, Jim Hoppel, Michael Kincaid, Dave Matsinko, Missy Neff, Jennifer Nielsen, Melinda Nothstein, Michele Nothstein, Thomas Reidenhour, Susan Rhoads-Procina, Vicki Romascavage, Thomas Roth, Nancy Schappell, Kris Snyder, Vanessa Snyder, Kristie Sticka, Wendy Wentz

ALL YOU CAN EAT



Sunday, April 14, 2024

11:00am till 1pm. in Luther Hall

Cost: Adults (Age 13+) \$15.00

Children 5-12 \$ 7.00

Children 5 and under are FREE

Menu includes pancakes, potatoes, eggs, breakfast meats, and beverages

Proceeds benefit Youth Service Projects & Activities

The Pantry item for March is TUNA

Please place your donation in the basket by the church entrance or bring it to the church office.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Bulletins – \$10.00 each (3 needed per weekend)

April 28 (3), May 26 (3)

Chancel Flowers – Florist of your choice!

April 21, April 28, May 12, May 26

If you would like to sponsor any of the above dates, please sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

JACK AND JILL PRESCHOOL NEWS ...

Cindy's Deli 6" Hoagie Ticket Fundraiser – \$5.50 each
 Orders and money due by April 5th. Sign up in the Narthex
 or at the church office. Tickets can be redeemed April thru
 October.

Thanks for your continued support!

ST JOHN'S DONUT SALE

Orders must be received by April 14th.

Delivery to the church office on Wednesday, May 1st.

Persians - \$2.00 each Iced Long John (pack of 2) - \$4.00 Coconut Long Johns (pack of 2) - \$4.50



Sign up in the narthex or church office. If paying by check, make payable to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.



DISCOUNTED TICKET SIGN-UP

- Orders and money due by April 29th.
- Turn money or checks made to TELC into the church office
- Tickets can be used anytime in the 2024 season. (Valid thru January 1, 2025)

PRICES:

- All-age Admission (ages 3+) \$43.10 save \$44.70
 Reg Price \$87.80
- Parking \$25.00 <u>save \$5</u>
- Meal Ticket \$19.06 (includes 1 entree, 1 side & 1 beverage)