

March 28, 2024



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Maundy Thursday Service

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good. In Your name we pray, Amen.*

Tonight's Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 445 *When You Woke that Thursday Morning*

1 *When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages; You assumed their dreadful sum.*

2 *Never so alone and lonely, Longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear and only For a quiet hour apart;
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature, One last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher, Washing Your disciples feet.*

3 *What was there that You could give them That would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them, What last will and Testament?
"Show me and the world you love Me, Know me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me, Eat this body, drink this blood."*

4 *One in faith, in love united, All one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited, You are with us as You said.
One with You and one another In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother, One in ev'ry place and time.*

5 *One day all the Church will capture That bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture That Your heart desired for us,
When the longed for peace and union Of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion In Your never-ending feast.*

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

The Responsive Reading *Psalm 62*

- P** Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.
- C** **He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.**
- P** My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.
- C** **He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.**
- P** In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.
- C** **Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.**
- P** God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.
- C** **Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For You render to each one according to his work.**



Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 12:1-14*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. ⁷ "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰ And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the

firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Interlude Hymn 767 *Jesus, Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. (4x)

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Lenten Confession of Faith

From Luther's Large Catechism Explanation to the 2nd Article of the Apostles Creed

☩ I believe that Jesus Christ, God's true Son, has become my Lord. He has redeemed me from sin, from the devil, from death, and from all evil. He is the Lord of life, righteousness, every blessing, and salvation. He has delivered us poor, lost people from hell's jaws, has won us, has made us free, and has brought us again into the Father's favor and grace. He has taken us as His own property under His shelter and protection so that He may govern us by His righteousness, wisdom, power, life, and blessedness. Amen.

Hymn 629 *What Is This Bread*

**1 *What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release.
Oh, taste and see – The Lord is peace.***

**2 *What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love, and so I sing:
Oh, taste and see – The Lord is King.***

**3 *So who am I, That I should live and He should die
Under the rod, My God my God Why have you not forsaken me?
Oh, taste and see -- the Lord is free.***

**4 *Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear.
In mouth and soul He makes us whole – Christ, truly present in this meal.
Oh, taste and see – The Lord is real.***

**5 *Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive His very body and His blood.
Oh, taste and see -- The Lord is good.***

LENTEN MEDITATION

“THREE WORDS OF TRUTH”

Matthew 26:26-28 – Take and Eat; Take and Drink

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you." ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (NIV)



Hymn 618 *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

**1 *I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:***

[Refrain]: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

**2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. [Refrain]**

**3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: [Refrain]**

**4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. [Refrain]**

**5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. [Refrain]**

Prayer of the Church – The Lord's Prayer

The petitions of the congregation are gathered and presented to the Lord.

C 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 Exhortation

We are reminded of the meaning and purpose of the Lord's Supper.

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

- P** I now ask you before God, who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment? Then declare so by saying: I do so confess.
- C** I do so confess.
- P** Do you repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed? Then declare so by saying: I do repent.
- C** I do repent.
- P** Do you believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.
- C** I do believe.
- P** Do you promise that with the help of the Holy Spirit you will strive to amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: I do promise.
- C** I do promise.
- P** Do you believe that our Lord offers to you through the elements of bread and wine, His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

C I do believe.

P Finally, do you believe that through me, as a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

C I do believe.

P As you believe, even so may it be unto you. Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of Christ, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always! Amen.



Distribution of the Sacrament

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Corinthians 1:10 *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*

1 Corinthians 11:26-30 *"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."*

Response Hymn 632 *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

**1 *O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.***

**2 *Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blest am I! How good Thou art!***

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

G Amen!

Closing Hymn 692:1

**1 *Praise to You and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation, Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Your steps are leading.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: In the early church, the celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter were considered to be one continuous service. Good Friday was a continuation of the Maundy Thursday service and Easter was the culmination of both! We hope you will join us for the continuation of this three-day service:

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, March 29 at 7:00pm

(Easter Sunday Brunch, March 31 at 10:00am)

Easter Sunday Worship Service, March 31 at 11:00am

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT: The normal collection of the offering has been omitted from this service. If you have a special Maundy Thursday offering that you wish to contribute, please deposit it in the gold plate on the hymnal rack or use the \$CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztion".

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