Maundy Thursday April 1, 2021 7:00 p.m. Service



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 'HEARING, SHARING AND LIVING THE GOSPEL.'



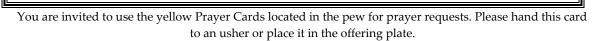
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Holy Communion is offered today:

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift given to us by God. In the bread and wine, just as He says, Christ gives us His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause Godly and brotherly love to grow. In this sacrament we proclaim Christ's death on the cross to atone for the sins of the world and His triumphant resurrection over the grave, to the glory and praise of God. To receive this means of God's grace properly we should be able to positively answer the following: "Do I need forgiveness for sin?" "Do I believe the pastor's forgiveness is God's forgiveness?" "Do I believe in Christ as my Savior?" "Do I trust that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?" "Do I desire to live anew to God and others in love and

service?" In our 'yes' to these questions we join in a close and holy communion — a fellowship of faith.

Out of Pastoral concern and care, and taking to heart God's Word in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" — if you are unsure of what it means to recognize the body of the Lord in the Lord's Supper and you cannot confess these beliefs, please feel free to remain seated or come forward with hands folded for a blessing or speak to the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

If you need to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please tell an usher. For those who so desire, the cups in the center have water infused with a drop of wine. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice.)

Pre-Service Meditation

Maundy Thursday (Maundy comes from the Latin, mandatum, meaning a new commandment- John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciple, if you love one another.") Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday begins a single service that spans three days, called the Triduum (*TRI-dee-um*). What is begun tonight is not concluded until the end of Easter Vigil on Easter Sunday.

The Triduum is one story told in three parts over three days. Because it is seen as one service in three parts, no benediction is spoken at the conclusion of the Thursday service. Good Friday has neither entrance rite nor benediction; it is a day of repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ.

The Triduum starts with Passover, the last of the Passovers Jesus would celebrate and the last of the Passovers appointed by God. As of that night, things are changing. This final Passover becomes the introduction to the New Covenant meal of Jesus' body and blood. The joy of this most sacred meal is tinged with sadness. Someone will betray Jesus--someone close to Him. But this sadness is transformed into joy because this meal points to the eternal banquet which Jesus will eat with us and all His saints in heaven. The betrayal is for a purpose. Jesus will use the events of the next three days to end the reign of sin and death and prepare a whole new future for us, His people. This Holy Supper connects us to what Jesus did and sustains us until we are with Him in heaven for all eternity.

MAUNDY THURSDAY



"Jesus, Servant Stripped of All But Love" Divine Service – Setting Three April 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Welcome

Stand

+ PREPARATION +

LSB 184

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

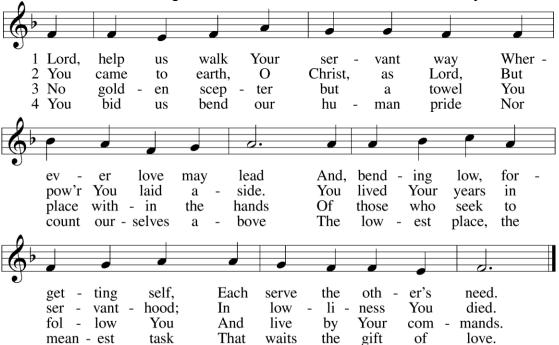
C who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

Sit

Opening Hymn

LSB 857 sts. 1-5

"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"



5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.

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Christian Questions and Answers

(adapted from *The Small Catechism*, (c) 1991 Concordia Publishing House, p. 40ff.)

- **P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?
- C Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
- **P** How do you know this?
- **C** From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
- **P** Are you sorry for your sins?
- C Yes. I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
- P What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
- C His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.
- **P** Do you hope to be saved?
- C Yes, that is my hope.

- **P** In whom then do you trust?
- **C** In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.
- **P** Who is Christ?
- The Son of God, true God and man.
- P What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
- C He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.
- P Did the Father also die for you?
- C He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.
- **P** Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?
- C Yes, I believe it.

- **P** What convinces you to believe this?
- The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.
- P What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?
- We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.
- **P** Why should we remember and proclaim His death?
- C First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

- P What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?
- C His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners.
- **P** Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?
- That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

Stand

Confession and Absolution *LSB 184*

P Having learned about the Holy Sacrament and our unworthiness, let us now come to Confession and Absolution:

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

LSB 292

- C Amen.
- P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

 LSB 293
- C Yes.
- **P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

P Upon this your confession, LSB 185
I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my 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.

P With this declaration of God's absolution, our Lenten season comes to a close. We enter now into the Triduum – the 3 days of Christ's Passover from death to life, from captivity to freedom.

Collect of the Day

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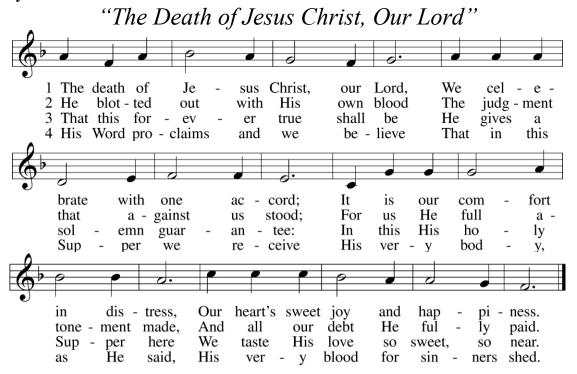
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the teaching of the sacred mystery of Your body and

blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit Hymn

LSB 634 sts. 1-5



5 We dare not ask how this can be,

But simply hold the mystery

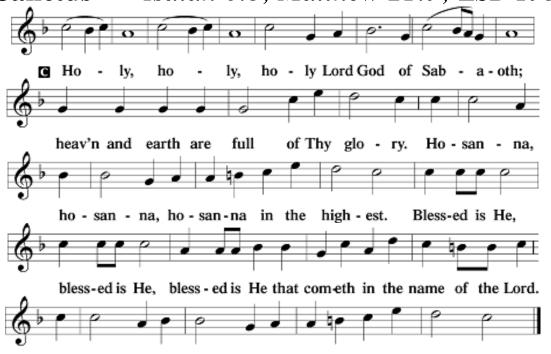
And trust this word where life begins:

"Given and shed for all your sins."

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- + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + LSB 194
 Preface
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is meet and right so to do.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; LSB 195



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 196

- P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:
- 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.

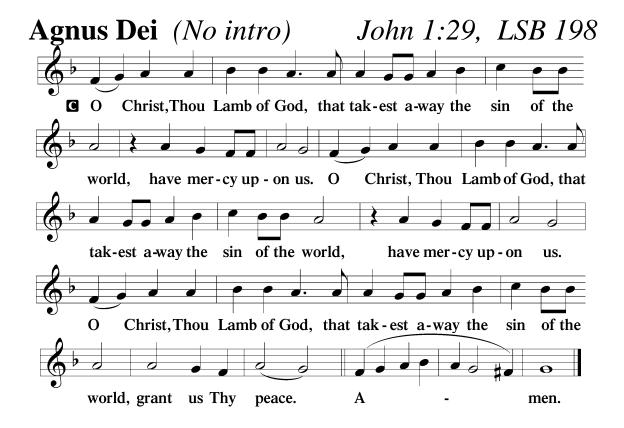
The Words of Our Lord

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Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ♣ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ▶ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P The peace of our ▶ Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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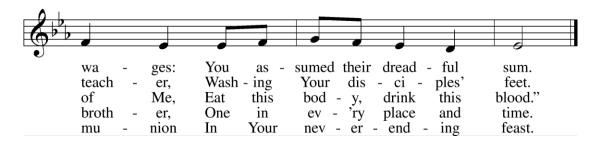
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"When You Woke That Thursday Morning"





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On Screen

"Behold the Lamb"

Prayer

P Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your gift of faith and in Your favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

C Amen.

+ WORD + LSB 190

First Reading Exodus 12:1-14, selected

- 12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt...
- 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.
- 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are...
- 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast...

- 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.
- 12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. 14 "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.
 - **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
 - C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (read responsively)
Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

A [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places by means of His own blood,

- C thus securing an eternal redemption.
- A Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,
- **C** so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
- **A** He sent redemption to His people;
- C He has commanded His covenant forever.

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night 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, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St.

John, the thirteenth chapter. LSB 190

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

13 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began

to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" 10 Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your

Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

...Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

33 "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise be to Thee, O Christ. LSB 191

Together We Confess our Common Faith Using the Nicene Creed *LSB 191*

P C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ♥ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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P Mighty God, You once delivered Your chosen people from slavery in Egypt. You have delivered us from slavery to sin and death through the sacrifice of Your dear Son, Jesus, the Lamb of

God. Grant Your healing, peace and comfort to those we name before You now in our hearts and on our prayer list. Let Your Holy Spirit work within us to lead us in the ways of life and service to You and to Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P Gracious Father, Your Son gave us a memorial of His death in the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood. As we have received this meal of thanksgiving, grant that our faith be strengthened, that the burden of our sins be lifted from us, and that we may be preserved in Your loving care until the promised day comes when we see You face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

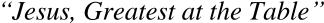
P Lord Jesus Christ, You have given us Your unbounded love as You came among us and served us. Especially as we think about Your suffering and death on our behalf, help us to

recognize Your love and to let Your love pass through us in words and actions of love toward all of Your people. Help us to understand and live the servant-life in response to Your great love for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Sit

We Return To God Our Offerings LSB 193 In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)





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Sermon

"Stripped for Work" Pastor Tom Rhodes

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

[As the Psalm is read, the Elders and members of the Altar Guild will remove linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles from the chancel. The altar symbolizes Christ and His sacrifice; removing its usual adornments recalls for us the abuse our Lord endured this night. There is no Benediction; our three days of continual worship moves forward with the Service of Tenebrae [darkness] tomorrow.]

Psalm 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- 2 O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.
- 3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.
- 4 In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

- 6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:
- 8 "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.
- 10 From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- 11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
- 12 Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
- 13 Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

- 16 Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

 17 I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.
- 18 They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. ...
- 19 But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.
- 20 Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.
- 21 Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.
- 22 I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.
- 23 You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
- 24 For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

- 25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows.
- 26 The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him—may your hearts live forever! 27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,
- 28 for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.
- 29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- 30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.
- 31 They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn—for he has done it.

(Please observe silence for a few moments and then continue as you may, knowing with joy that the sacrifice of Christ is done out of love for you.)