

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE (HOLY THURSDAY)

APRIL 17, 2025
4:00 & 7:00 PM

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

O Almighty God, Heavenly Father, You do not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their evil ways and live. I come before You although I have sinned and deserve only Your anger. I flee to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave His body and blood for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may always believe this and never waver. Grant that, trusting in You and Your Son, I may worthily receive at Your Table the very body and true blood which Your Son gave that I and all people might be saved. Hear my prayer for the sake of Your Suffering Servant, Jesus Christ, my Savior and my Redeemer. Amen.

THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO SERVES AND FEEDS US

When Christians gather as the church, it is for what we normally call a “service.” In daily life a “service” is, of course, a person or group who provides something of value to others; for instance, a food service, a cleaning service, or a place for “servicing” your car. But when we gather as church for a service, who is doing the serving and who is being served? After all, with our eyes we only see one another singing and praying, making the sign of the cross, standing, sitting, kneeling, baptizing with water, and communing with bread and wine. It is easy for some to get the impression that this activity we call “worship” is a gathering where we are doing something for God. What is really going on of most importance is God’s doing, God’s serving us through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. This divine service was most dramatically shown in this night on which our Lord Jesus serves and feeds us.

Tonight, our mighty Lord, who has proved His power over demons, sickness, and even death, takes the humbler part. His loving service is shown, first, by taking the role of a servant washing His disciples’ feet. His greatest and chief service, however, He announced as He took charge of the ancient Passover meal, changing it from a mere memorial of what God has done in the Old Testament exodus of the past to its fulfillment in what He was about to accomplish in His innocent, bitter suffering and death on a cross. From now on, the fulfillment of the annual Passover feast is to be celebrated “often” as the chief means by which God literally connects us with our Lord’s crucified body and His precious blood that take away the sin of the world “as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup” (*LSB*, p. 162).



HYMN “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” [LSB hymn 625]



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin
 pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,
 In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress
 for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,
 Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.
 As - sured of Your full par - don.
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

Cong.: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Cong.: who made heaven and earth.

Sit

Pastor: During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each another. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit, He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one Body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Stand

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

Cong.: 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.

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

Cong.: Yes.

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe.

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.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

Cong.: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

(Psalm 116:1-4; *antiphon*: Psalm 116:5)

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**Cong.: Because He inclined His ear to me,
therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

Pastor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

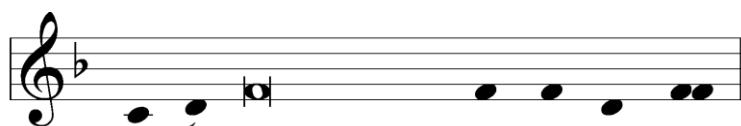
I suffered distress and anguish.

Cong.: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive 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.

Cong: Amen.

Sit

CHOIR ANTHEM (7:00 PM)

“Dark Gethsemane”

Lloyd Larson

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s pow’r; your Redeemer’s conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour. Turn not from His griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray. Follow to the judgement hall, view the Lord of life arraigned. O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suffer’ing, shame or loss; learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at His feet, mark the miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete! “It is finished!” hear Him cry. Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading (page 53 in the pew Bibles)

Exodus 12:1-14

Elder: The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the twelfth chapter.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 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.

“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. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 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. 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.

“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.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

(Psalm 116:12-19)

Pastor: What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

Cong.: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

Cong.: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Pastor: O LORD, I am Your servant;

I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**Cong.: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.**

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

**Cong.: in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

Epistle (page 958 in the pew Bibles)

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Elder: The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the eleventh chapter.

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, 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." 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE FOR HOLY THURSDAY

John 13:1b

Pastor: We speak the verse together.

All: Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. . . .

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

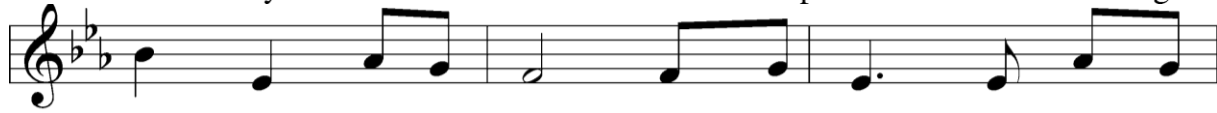
Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit **HYMN “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” [LSB hymn 445]**



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
 3 What was there that You could give them That would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



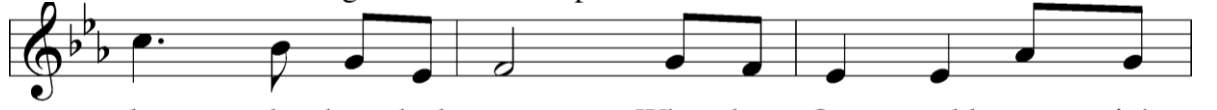
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
 “Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood.”
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

SERMON

“The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us”

(Pastor Tom Miller)

Stand

NICENE CREED

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.

Sit

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 51:10-12)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, as we conclude these holy forty days of Lent and enter the three days of our Lord's Passion, death, and rest in the tomb, we give You thanks that You have shown Him to be for us Your very hand of our creation and life; our victorious Lord over the adversary Satan and his hordes; our Great Physician, who heals our diseases; our Lord of Life, who raises us from death; and our all-powerful Lord in whom all things hold together whether on earth or in heaven. Tonight, as He demonstrated His love at His Last Supper, make us to be servants of love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Defend Your whole church throughout the world, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen all pastors to rightly preach and administer Your Sacraments. Sanctify Your faithful people, making them perfect in faith, love, and in all good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless the missions of Your church, the newly established congregations, and those that reach out across the world with the light of Your truth and witness to Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Preserve our nation in justice and honor, that we may lead a peaceable life in all honesty and integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear offices of the authority of government in our land and help them to serve all people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: By Your Word and Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, *especially* Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cong: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

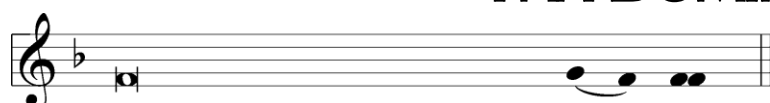
(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pastor: 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."

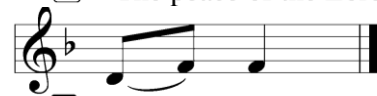
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

(John 20:19)



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor of this congregation. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

What actually is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) should be received, after proper instruction and preparation, in the sure and certain confidence that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine to forgive the sin of all who receive him in repentance (according to 1Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:17-33; Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-30). Please review the questions on pages 326-27 and 329-330 in the front part of "Lutheran Service Book" for a proper understanding of this holy meal.

Who may properly come to the Lord's Supper?

You are invited to receive Christ's true body and blood if you:

- ☐ have been Baptized into the name of the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit);
- ☐ repent of your sin against God and recognize your need to forgive others as God has forgiven you;
- ☐ put your trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation;
- ☐ are old enough to examine your own faith and life (according to 1Corinthians 11:27-32);
- ☐ believe in the words of Jesus himself when he declares that his Body and Blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine, offering life, salvation and the forgiveness of sins;
- ☐ sincerely intend to live a God-pleasing life in accordance with God's will as revealed in the Bible;
- ☐ have received instruction about the Supper at a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation.

I now come to the Lord's Table having read, understood and agreed with these beliefs.

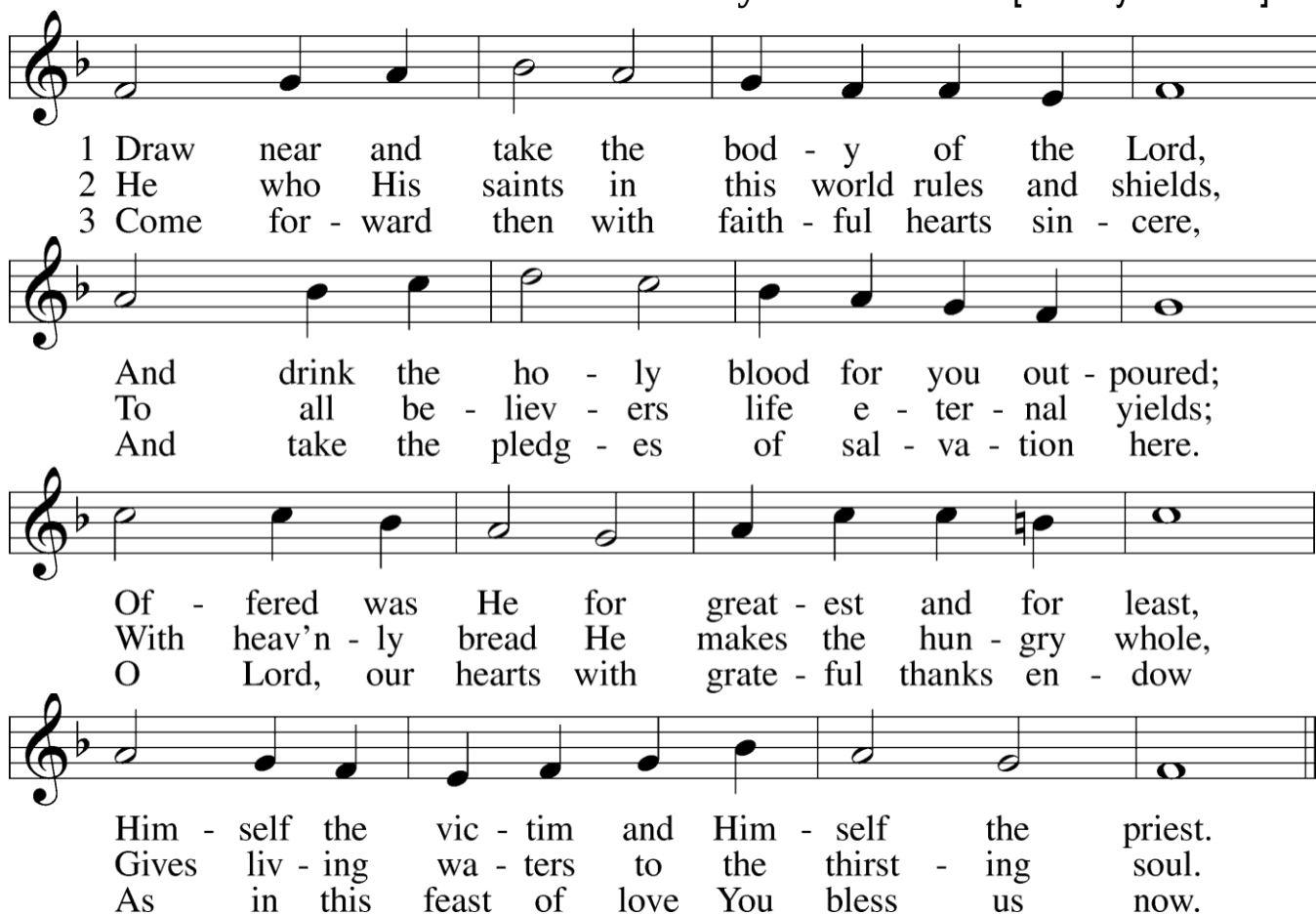
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNING

Almighty Lord Jesus Christ, as often as I shall come to Your holy table to refresh my spirit, pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; impure as I am, to make me clean; naked as I am, to clothe me, so that Your body, so full of divine power, and Your most precious blood may not become for me, Your servant, the occasion for judgment or punishment, but a memorial of the death You underwent for me, a strengthening of my faith, a proof of the taking away of my sins, a bond of closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” [LSB hymn 637]



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” [LSB hymn 436]

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing

tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,

Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"

griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

“Eat This Bread” [LSB hymn 638]

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

Cantor or Choir

1 This is His bod - y giv - en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.
 2 As of-ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death un-til He comes a-gain.
 3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.
 4 An - y - one who eats this bread will live for - ev - er.
 5 If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter - nal life.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

✠ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR ✠

During the singing of Psalm 22,
the vessels, candles, linens, and paraments are removed from the altar, symbolic of the
humiliation Christ experienced by the stripping of his garments prior to the crucifixion.

At the conclusion of the stripping of the altar, the congregation leaves the church in silence.

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!” Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
Elder:	Steve Snyder	Roman Jurenka
Acolyte:	Lochlan Deen	Avalon Doherty
Music:		Sanctuary Choir
Pianist:	Beth Hansen	Beth Hansen
Organist:		Matt Laub
Cantor:	Karen Miller	Adam Volkert
Altar Guild:	Chris Ohlendorf, Susan Aube	Vicki Taylor, Judy Loughlin
	Carol Waidner, Scott Prior	Cherie Silcox

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES CONTINUE

April 18	Good Friday Service of the Word “The Hand of the Lord Who Was Pierced For Us”	4:00 & 7:00 PM
April 19	Easter Vigil Divine Service “The Hand of the Lord Who Made Us”	7:00 PM
April 20	Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) Divine Service “The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen”	8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
	Easter Breakfast	9:30– 10:30 AM

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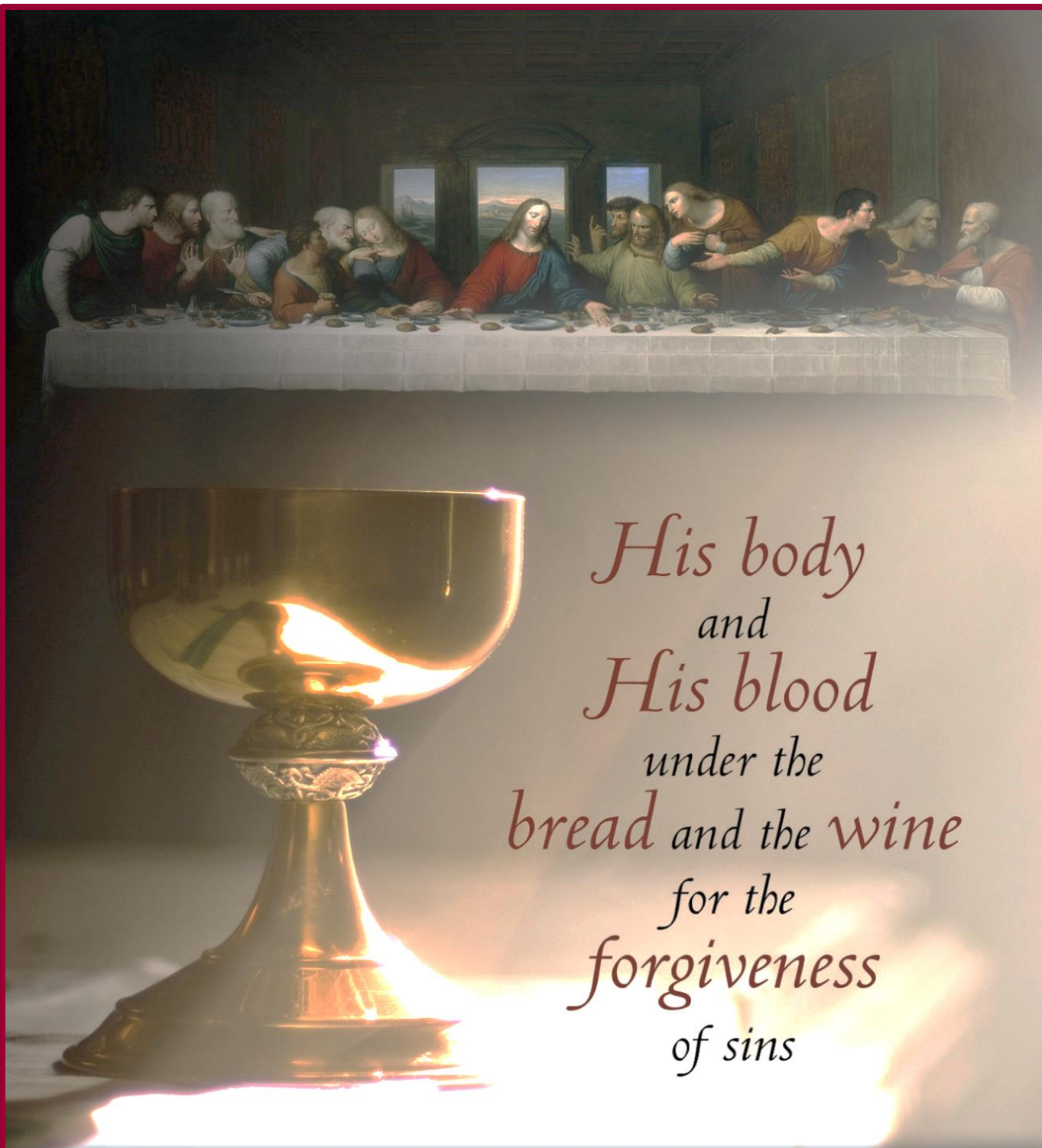
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CLEAR WITNESS ✝ CARING SERVICE

Our mission is to receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, worship Him and grow in His grace, and to share those holy gifts, by making disciples for Christ, who reach out joyfully to the world around them.

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*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

1 Corinthians 11:26