

Risen Savior Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod - Basehor, Kansas



Holy Thursday Divine Service

April 14, 2022



Tonight is also referred to as Maundy Thursday from the Latin *Mandatum*, "to mandate", as our Lord Christ commanded, instructed, instituted a new covenant in His own blood. His body and blood, given and shed for us, are given us in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins. The sprinkling of the blood of sacrificed animals on the people ratified the old covenant, and the people were forgiven as it points to Jesus. Later, the Passover meal instituted by God becomes a meal to teach and bless His people in a holy communion. For Jesus is our Passover Lamb who has been sacrificed for us. He reclines at table with us and feeds us with His own flesh and blood: "the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain" (Heb. 10:20). In Christ, the Lord remembers us in mercy and remembers our sin no more; He forgives us all our iniquity (Jer. 31:34; Heb. 10:17). **The Lord bless this Divine Service.**

Today's service conveys both the joy that is ours through the Holy Sacrament and the grim reality that our Savior is preparing to sacrifice Himself on the cross.

In the Liturgy, the organ is limited to hymns. The Service ends with the ancient, historical practice stripping of the Altar. The congregation follows Pastor out of the Nave in silence.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, in the confession, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread, wine but His very real, true body, blood to eat, drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him, and with one another. According to Scripture, Holy Communion is a public confession of faith, sharing a unity in doctrinal belief; also those who eat, drink our Lord's body, blood unworthily or without discernment do so to their harm. According to Scripture, the Church has always practiced a closed communion. **In love and pastoral concern for guests, if you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor first.**

During the processional, please turn to face the cross at the rear of the church and follow it. You may wish to bow as it passes you in reverence to Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 613 To Thee, Omniscient Lord

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION from the Lutheran Service Altar Book for Holy Thursday

The sign of the cross (✠) may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

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

C Amen.

P I will go to the altar of God;

C to God, my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C Who made heaven and earth.

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P Dearly beloved, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He instituted this blessed Sacrament for our salvation. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do; for 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 sinful nature 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 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 just as He has loved us. 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 (1 Cor. 10:17). For just as one wine is produced from a variety of grapes, and one loaf 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. In this holy Sacrament, done according to His will and by His words, He promises us His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. He nourishes and strengthens our weak souls with eternal food. He keeps His promise to be with us in every place and time.

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

C Amen.

kneel/stand

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C Pastor, hear my confession and pronounce forgiveness in order to fulfill God's will.

P Lord have mercy on us. Proceed.

C I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter, and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I desire to do better.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

John 20, Matt. 16,18

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you according to God's Word, 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.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray. O Lord Jesus, since You have left us a Sacrament of Your Passion, grant that we may so receive this Sacrament of Your body and blood, that the fruits of Your redeeming work 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.

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OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 31:31–34 *The New Covenant*

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LENTEN VERSES

Psalm 111, John 6

- P** He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;
- C** **the Lord is gracious and merciful.**
- P** He provides food for those who fear Him;
- C** **He remembers His covenant forever.**
- P** My flesh is true food and My blood is true drink.
- C** **Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood, abides in Me, and I in him.**

EPISTLE **Hebrews 10:15-25** *The Covenant of the Lord's Supper and the Communion of Saints*

The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more. "Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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

LENTEN VERSES

Hebrews 9, John 13

- P** Christ has entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.
- C** **Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**
- P** He sent redemption to His people.
- C** **He has commanded His covenant forever.**
- P** Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

Stand

Please follow the cross as to the center of the church. On this festival day, the Gospel is read from the center aisle in celebration of the Good News manifest in the midst of God's people, the Church, and into the world.

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 22:7-20** *Institution of the Lord's Supper*

- P** Agnus Dei, Hymn 962
- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-second chapter.
- C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat

the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to Thee, O Christ.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY **617** O Lord We Praise Thee

SERMON

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OFFERING Choir Arrangement on LSB 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, **P** Let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord have mercy.**

Concludes with, **P** ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

1 Timothy 4

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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 salvation for us by the tree of the cross, and poured out Himself, with water and blood from his side, providing complete payment for all sins and opening the gates of everlasting life by conquering death. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying,

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6, Matt. 21

C **Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!**

P And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting,

C **Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

kneel/stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

- P** 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. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

Matt. 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 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."

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."

PEACE OF THE LORD AND AGNUS DEI

John 20, John 1

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
- C** **Have mercy on us.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- 623** Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray
445 When You Woke That Thursday
878 Abide with Me

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PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11, Revelation 22

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink,
- C** **You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** We pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

There is no Benediction until the completion of our Lord's Passion on Easter morning.

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THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22 Kantor

An ancient ceremony is the stripping of the Altar after the Service in preparation for Good Friday, while Psalm 22 is chanted. The Altar is also symbolic of Christ Himself. It is stripped as a visual symbol of Christ's state of humiliation, stripping of His garments prior to His crucifixion, mocking with the crown of thorns, and at His crucifixion. The bare Altar also symbolizes Jesus' abandonment by God while suffering for the sins of the world. The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated with the stripped Altar. Our Altar also follows the ancient pattern in which 5 crosses are engraved on the top stone (one on each corner and one in the center) symbolizing the 5 wounds of Christ. Also, the Altar front has the Greek letters 'X' which is 'CH' and 'P' which is 'R', thus this ancient symbol for CHR(ist) for Jesus. Also the letter on each of it is the letter 'Alpha' and 'Omega' as Jesus states this as His title in Revelation. In the ancient world to abbreviate someone's name is a sign of honor.

Please leave the church nave in silence.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil Divine Service 7:00 pm

Easter Divine Services 7:00 am & 10:00 am

A free, full breakfast provided between Services, 8:00 – 9:50 am