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Maundy Thursday

"This is my body, which is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

"This cup is the new
covenant in my blood."

Do this, as often as
you drink it, in
remembrance of me."



1 Corinthians 11:24-25

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 116 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 445 *When You Woke that Thursday Morning*

LSB 445

Invocation

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

P In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and 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. Psalm 43:4; 124:8

Confession and Absolution

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

P I now ask you before God, who searches our hearts:

Do you confess that you have sinned against God and have deserved His wrath and punishment? – Then declare so by saying, "I do confess."

C I do 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, has forgiven you all your sins? – Then declare so by saying, "I do believe."

C I do believe.

P Do you intend that with the help of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life and conform it to the will and Word of God? – Then declare so by saying, "I do so intend with the help of God."

C I do so intend with the help of God.

P Finally, do you believe that through me, 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 Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of Christ, and by His command and authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God give us His Holy Spirit, that by His strength, our faith may prosper and produce the fruits of the Spirit in our daily lives.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

O Lord, in this wonderful Sacrament of the Altar You have left us a remembrance of Your suffering and death. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be evident in our hearts and lives. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 116 (selected verses – Responsive) (NIV 84)

P I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

C Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

P The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me;

C I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

P Then I called on the name of the LORD:

C "O LORD, save me!"

P The LORD is gracious and righteous;

C Our God is full of compassion.

P The LORD protects the simplehearted;

C When I was in great need, he saved me.

P Be at rest once more, O my soul,

C For the LORD has been good to you.

P For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling,

C **That I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

P How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?

C **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

P Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

C **Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (ESV)

P The second reading is from 1 Corinthians 11:23-32.

C **Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!**

²³ 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.

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

LSB 206

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.**

Hymn of the Day: 624 *The Infant Priest was Holy Born*

LSB 624

Sermon Text: John 13:1-17, 31-35 (EHV)

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.² By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.³ Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God.⁴ He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist.⁵ Then 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 asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

⁸ Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."
⁹ "Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"
¹⁰ Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹ Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."
¹² After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. ¹⁴ Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Amen, Amen, I tell you: A servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

...³¹ After Judas left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once."

³³ "Dear children, I am going to 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 commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Sermon Theme: The Hand of the LORD Who Serves and Feeds Us

✠ In what ways did Jesus serve and feed His disciples on Maundy Thursday?

✠ How does He serve and feed us still today?

✠ What does He call us to do in response to His loving service? **(v. 14-17, 34-35)**

Offertory

LSB 956

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.

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Sermon Hymn: 857 *Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way*

LSB 857

Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood.
We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

The Words of Institution / Responsive Prayer

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 body and blood in the Sacrament.

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, established the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- C** **Praise be to You, O Lord, for giving us this sacrament by which we are strengthened in our faith, uplifted in our spirits, and built up in our love for You and for our neighbor.**

- P** Jesus took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples.
- C** **We give thanks to You, Lord Jesus, for this special meal by which You would nourish and sustain the souls of Your disciples.**
- P** He said to His disciples, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you."
- C** **How great and marvelous is Your power in this sacrament, O Lord, in giving us to eat of Your very body which was lifted up on the cross to make us redeemed children of God and heirs of heaven.**
- P** Concerning the sacramental eating of His body, Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of Me."
- C** **Help us, dear Lord, to make frequent use of this sacrament, and to be reminded through it of the great sacrifice You made for our eternal salvation.**
- P** In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to His disciples.
- C** **We give thanks to You, Lord Jesus, for being willing to drink the bitter cup of suffering on the cross as our Savior, so that in this sacrament the cup of blessing might be received for spiritual refreshment.**
- P** He said to His disciples, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."
- C** **How marvelous it is, dear Savior, that in this sacrament You give of Your very blood which was poured out on the cross in atonement for all our many sins. In this precious blood we find the sure and certain guarantee of Your forgiveness and covenant of grace.**
- P** Concerning the sacramental drinking of His blood, Jesus said, "Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of Me."
- C** **May Your precious blood, Lord Jesus, given here in this sacrament, always serve to remind us of God's forgiving love through You.**
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C** **Amen.**

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, in Your infinite love You have invited us to this holy supper in which Your sacrifice, which was made once for all, might be given to us for our forgiveness and salvation. Bless us, as we receive it, with faith to know Your real presence in the bread and wine. Give us strength to obey Your commands and show our love for You by loving others. Receive our heartfelt thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us. In Your saving name we pray, as we pray now the prayer that You taught us,

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Hymn of Preparation

"Your Table I Approach"

LSB 628 v. 1-3, 6

1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
6 Oh, may I nev - er fail To thank You day and night

Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
For Your true bod - y and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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The Distribution

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us today. The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30).

For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

Communion Hymns: 629 LSB; 634 LSB

Prayer After the Lord's Supper

Adapted from The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 4

☞ O blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Your faith and favor. As You live in me, let me also live in You. May Your body and blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life! Amen.

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness!

The Thanksgiving

"My Heart Has Now Become Thy Dwelling"

LSB 619 v. 5

5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "My Heart Has Now Become Thy Dwelling". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first three staves are the main melody, and the fourth is a refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a '5' indicating a measure rest. The music is in 4/4 time. The refrain is marked with a double bar line and the word 'Refrain' above it.

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Stripping of the Altar

P This is the night on which our Lord was betrayed. After He had instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, He and the eleven disciples went out to the Garden of Gethsemane, where He knew Judas would come to set in motion the events leading to His crucifixion.

This evening, the items on our altar, which are symbols and reminders related to our Lord, are stripped from the altar—which represents Jesus Himself—just as He was struck, humiliated, tortured, and taken to the cross.

As the various items are removed, we speak together the words of Psalm 22, which was a prophecy of our Lord's suffering and death. We then receive the Lord's blessing, sing a hymn, and depart until our worship continues tomorrow.

Psalm 22 (NKJV)

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?

O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;

And in the night season, and am not silent.

But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

Our fathers trusted in You;

They trusted, and You delivered them.

They cried to You, and were delivered;

They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

But I am a worm, and no man;

A reproach of men, and despised by the people.

All those who see Me ridicule Me;

They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

"He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him;

Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

But You are He who took Me out of the womb;

You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts.

I was cast upon You from birth.

**From My mother's womb You have been My God.
Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help.
Many bulls have surrounded Me;
Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.
They gape at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion.**

**I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.
My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
And My tongue clings to My jaws;
You have brought Me to the dust of death.**

**For dogs have surrounded Me;
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
They pierced My hands and My feet;
I can count all My bones.
They look and stare at Me.
They divide My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.**

**But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
O My Strength, hasten to help Me!
Deliver Me from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dog.
Save Me from the lion's mouth
And from the horns of the wild oxen!**

**You have answered Me.
I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!
For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
Nor has He hidden His face from Him;
But when He cried to Him, He heard.**

**My praise shall be of You in the great assembly;
 I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.
 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
 Those who seek Him will praise the LORD.
 Let your heart live forever!
 All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD,
 And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.
 For the kingdom is the LORD's, And He rules over the nations.**

**All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship;
 All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him,
 Even he who cannot keep himself alive.
 A posterity shall serve Him.
 It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,
 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,
 That He has done this.**

Benediction *The Apostolic blessing (2 Corinthians 13:14).*

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 The love of God the Father,
 And the the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



Closing Hymn: 887 Now the Light Has Gone Away *(please stand for the last verse) LSB 887*

Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

This Week: *Holy Week*

Friday – **No School at MLS** (Easter Break – School Resumes Tues. 4/22)

Good Friday Tenebrae Service – 8pm

Church Cleaning: Team #3 (4/12-4/18); Team #4 (4/19-4/25)



Sunday:
4/20/25

Easter Sunday – Resurrection Day

Worship – 9am

Easter Brunch – 10:15am

RESERVED

Reminder: Our members are encouraged to keep the last two pews reserved for families with small children. Thank you!



Remembrance Lilies for Easter Sunday - We would like to decorate the altar with lilies on Easter Sunday in celebration of Christ's resurrection and in memory of loved ones who have died in the Lord and who, in light of Christ's resurrection, will surely rise again in glory at His return. If you would like to provide a lily in memory of a loved one, let Pastor know and he will include the names in the Easter bulletin.

Tomorrow - Good Friday Tenebrae Service – Fri. 4/18 @ 8pm – On Good Friday we will hold our customary tenebrae service. Tenebrae is a Latin term meaning "shadows, darkness." This service is an ancient form of worship dating from the fourth century. The tone is very somber as candles are extinguished, and the sanctuary is gradually darkened to remind worshippers of the three hours of darkness which blanketed the earth during Christ's crucifixion as He suffered the punishment of being forsaken by God for our sins. The darkness of Good Friday prepares us for the brilliant dawning of Easter. The Good Friday tenebrae begins at **8:00 p.m.**

