



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
APRIL 6TH

Welcome!

A warm welcome is extended to ALL who are gathered today. May we all know the love and mercy of God through His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Please take the time to fill out a “Friendship Registry” card. **If you are ‘visiting’ with us today, please introduce yourself to Pastor Krueger.** As our ‘special guest,’ please do not feel obligated to contribute to today’s offering.

Rest rooms are located off the hallway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The nursery is located through the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to use our nursery, please ask an usher who will help you immediately. Hearing assistance devices are available. If you need anything, please ask an elder or an usher – both are happy to help you.

PRESERVICE MUSIC – *please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.*

OPENING SONG – **LSB 445** “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” (all verses)

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-15*

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

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

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Let us confess our sins to the Lord, Who hears us and answers our pleas for mercy.

Almighty Father, we confess that we daily sin against You with our thoughts, words, and actions. We are trapped in sin and death and only You can save us. Hear our pleas for mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ. He shed His blood for us when He was betrayed into the hands of sinners and suffered death on the cross for our salvation.

(silence is observed for personal confession of sins to God our Father)

Almighty God, in His mercy hears and answers our prayers. For the sake of His Son Jesus, and by His command, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

"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. For 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."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-29*

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Whoever 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. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 26:26-30*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He

had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED (*inside back cover of the hymnal*)

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

SERMON VERSE (*TUNE – LSB 423*)

**As we walk the road before us,
see each sign along the way
marking out the steps of Jesus
that we follow day by day.
Now the Lamb Himself will feed us,
with His Body, with His Blood,
that the morning's light will witness
poured out in a sacred flood.**

SERMON "Heavenly Food"

Text: Matthew 26:26-30

RESPONSE VERSE (*TUNE – LSB 423*)

**See the Lamb of God, our Savior,
soon He will be lifted up;
body sacrificed for sinners,
blood spilled for salvation's cup;
in the bread and wine He gives us
on this night He was betrayed,
we receive His holy presence,
sign and seal of covenant made.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jesus, our Passover Lamb, in the gift of Your body and blood we have the refreshment of life and salvation.

In Your death and resurrection the covenant is fulfilled and our sins are washed away in Your blood.

Lord Jesus, help us to bring mercy and hope to those in need, especially those whom we now lift up in prayer from our hearts ... and those we now name before Your throne ... Dearest Jesus, our Great Physician and Healer,

Help us to reach out to all who suffer in any way with the good news of forgiveness, hope, and new life that is offered in Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, nourish and strengthen our faith through this holy meal, through this cup of salvation.

Make us messengers of Your covenant of grace and forgiveness for all who Believe and trust in Your atoning sacrifice for sinners. Amen.

Lord Jesus, remember in 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.

+ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Silence is observed as the communion vessels are prepared, and for us to prepare to receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#1 LSB 628 "Your Table I Approach"

#2 LSB 606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (alternate tune – TLH 652)

#3 LSB 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

#4 LSB 609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Adult Choir "I See a Rose in the Garden" (Joseph M. Martin)

THE READING OF PSALM 22

*Please exit in silence as we meditate on the coming of Good Friday.
You are invited to return for our Good Friday service at 6:30PM.*