

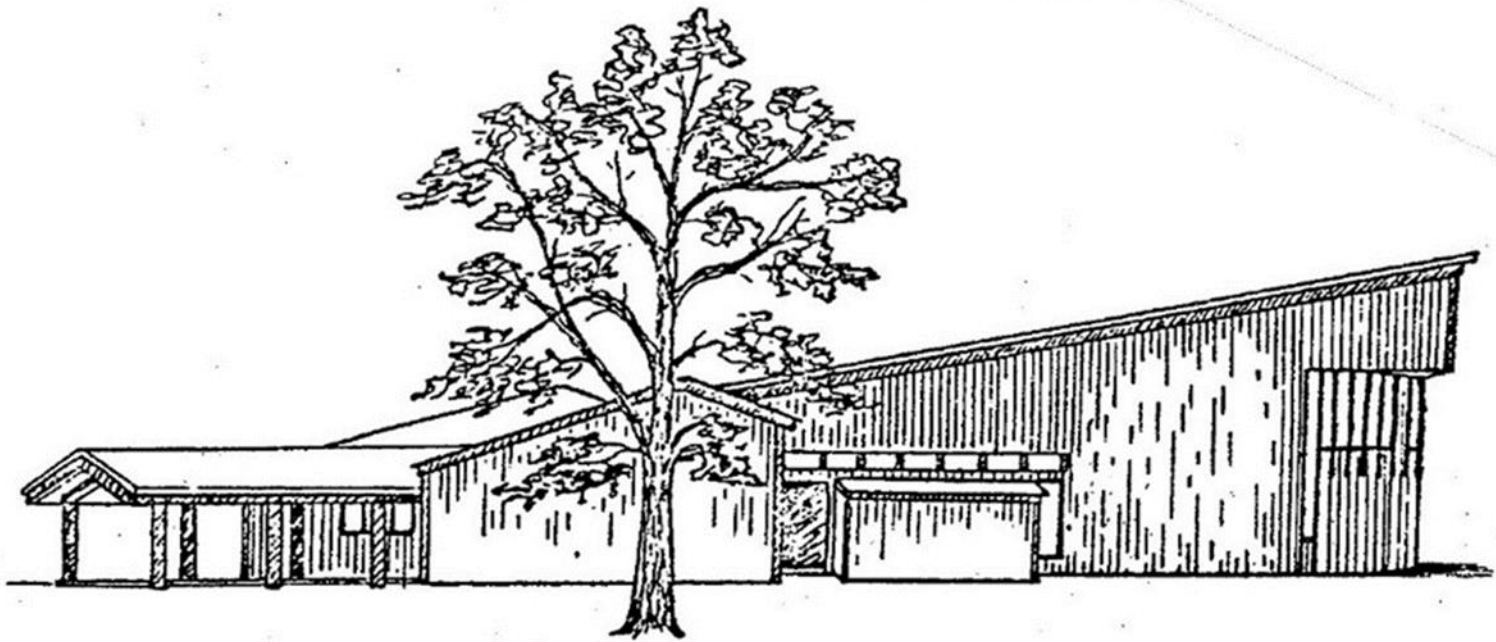
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Growing in Faith Towards God -- and Love for One Another



“Maundy Thursday”

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WELCOME!!! We extend a warm welcome to ALL joining us today. May we experience the love and mercy of God through His gifts of Word and Sacrament. **Please take the time to fill out the blue folder in each pew.** If you are 'visiting' us today, please introduce yourself to Pastor Krueger.

RESTROOMS, NURSERY, ETC Restrooms are located in the hallway past the sanctuary entrance. The nursery room is available through the Fellowship Hall. Hearing assistance devices are also available. If you need anything, our "Elder on Duty" and ushers are willing to help you.

THE LORD'S SUPPER – We rejoice in this blessed meal as the Lord Jesus Himself comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving us His true Body and Blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. St. Paul writes, "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." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) Out of love and care for all who come to the Lord's Supper, we ask those not instructed in the Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions, and / or doubts the 'REAL presence' of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak with the Pastor before the service.

PRESERVICE MUSIC (*Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.*)

*The name "Maundy" comes from the Latin 'mandatum' which means 'command.' On this day, Jesus observed the 'Feast of the Passover' with His disciples in the 'upper room' in Jerusalem. In the presence of His disciples, He instituted "The Lord's Supper." Jesus gave two clear commands in this holy sacrament: "**Take, eat**, this is My body ... **Take, drink**, this is My blood." Tonight, we rejoice in the comforting answers to these questions: What is this bread? What is this wine?*

"When You Woke That Thursday Morning" (Lutheran Service Book 445)

**When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
thoughts of self and safety scorning, knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, now at last the hour had come
when but One could pay sins's wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.**

**Never so alone and lonely, longing with tormented heart
to be with Your dear ones only for a quiet hour apart:
sinless Lamb and fallen creature, one last paschal meal to eat,
one last lesson as their teacher, washing Your disciples' feet.**

**What was there that You could give them that would never be outspent,
what great gift that would outlive them, what last will and testament?
"Show Me and the world you love Me, know Me as the Lamb of God:
do this in remembrance of Me, eat this body, drink this blood."**

**One in faith, in love united, all one body, You the head,
when we meet, by You invited, You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another in a unity sublime,
see in us your sister, brother, one in ev'ry place and time.**

**One day all the Church will capture that bright vision glorious,
and your saints will know the rapture that Your heart desired for us,
when the longed-for peace and union of the Greatest and the least
meet in joyous, blest communion in Your never-ending feast.**

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

On this day, Jesus commanded His disciples and all who would follow Him saying,
**“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I
have loved you, you also should love one another.”**

On this day, Jesus broke bread for His disciples, and commanded them,
“Take, eat, this is My body broken for you.”

On this day, Jesus passed the cup filled with wine, and commanded them,
“Take, drink, this is My blood shed for you.”

On this day, Jesus gives us His whole self,
that we, too, might follow Him and have abundant life in His name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, we offer You our lives,

**full as they are of shadow and light, kindness and apathy, hope and
despair. Take what is broken and mend it. Take what is wrong and right it.
Take what is destructive and disable it. Take what is useless and make it
useful. Hear us, we pray, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 12:1-14

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. 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 door posts 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."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 10:15-17

I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Adult Choir - "Given for You"

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 26:17-29

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will You have us prepare for You to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, He reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, He said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." Judas, who would betray Him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so." 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

“WHAT IS THIS BREAD” (Lutheran Service Book 629)

**What is this bread? Christ’s body risen from the dead:
this bread we break, this life we take, was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see – the Lord is peace.**

**What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
the cup of grace brings His embrace of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see – the Lord is King.**

**So who am I, that I should live and He should die under the rod?
My God, my God, why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see – the Lord is free.**

**Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
in mouth and soul He makes us whole – Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see – the Lord is real.**

**Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe that I receive His very body and His blood.
O taste and see – the Lord is good.**

SERMON -- “What is this bread? What is this wine? -- 1 Cor. 11:23-26

WE RETURN OUR TITHES AND FIRSTFRUIT OFFERINGS TO GOD OUR FATHER

*If you have not done so, please register your attendance in the booklets in each pew.
Pass them along to others sitting with you. They will be collected following the service.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor ends each petition, “Lord, in Your mercy.”

Worshippers respond, “Hear our prayer.”

Lord Jesus, 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.

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Holy and merciful Father,

I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sins I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some are known only to You. In the name of Jesus, I ask forgiveness for all my sins. Deliver and restore me that I may live each day in peace as I follow Your will.

(Silently confess your sins of commission and omission to Your Father in heaven.)

Through the mercy of your loving Father in heaven, you are redeemed through saving faith in Jesus. It is in His stead and by His command that I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *(followed by singing the lyrics below acapella)*

**Be present at our table, Lord; be here and ev'rywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with Thee.**

**COMMUNION OF WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
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"LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED" (Lutheran Service Book 622)

**Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared this feast for our salvation;
it is Your body and Your blood, and at Your invitation as weary souls,
with sin oppressed, we come to You for needed rest,
for comfort, and for pardon.**

**Although You did to heav'n ascend, where angel hosts are dwelling,
and in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
and though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty
till dawns the judgment morning.**

**Yet, Savior, You are not confined to any habitation;
but You are present even now here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, unmoved by any daring hand
or subtle craft and cunning.**

**We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
that Your true body and Your blood our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true, all things are possible for You,
for You are Lord Almighty.**

**Though reason cannot understand, yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now at once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.**

**Lord, I believe what You have said; help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, and let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears refreshes me and stills my fears
and is my priceless treasure.**

**Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
and, truly grieving for our sins, may prove by our behavior
that we are thankful for Your grace and day by day may run our race,
in holiness increasing.**

**For Your consoling supper, Lord, be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place the world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be a blessed comfort unto me
when living and when dying.**

"A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH" (Lutheran Service Book 438)

**A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, the guilt of sinners bearing
and, laden with the sins of earth, none else the burden sharing;
goes patient on, grows weak and faint, to slaughter led without complaint,
that spotless life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
the mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."**

**This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send to gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said, "And free My children from their dread
of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
but by Your passion they will share the fruit of Your salvation."**

**"Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what You command Me.
My will conforms to Your decree, I'll do what You have asked Me."
O wondrous Love, what have You done! The Father offers up His Son,
desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong You are to save!
You lay the One into the grave Who built the earth's foundation.**

**Lord, when Your glory I shall see and taste Your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before Your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown;
with these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought,
as Your own bride shall we be brought to stand in joy beside You.**

"I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE" (Lutheran Service Book 618)

**I come, O Savior to Thy table, for weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able to satisfy and make me whole:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

**Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning that sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; so I, a sinner, come to Thee.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

**Unworthy though I am, O Savior, because I have a sinful heart,
yet Thou Thy Lamb wilt banish never, for Thou my faithful shepherd art:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

**Weary am I and heavy laden; with sin my soul is sore oppressed;
receive me graciously and gladden my heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!**

**What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
it is the strength of heart and spirit, the covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

On Maundy (Holy) Thursday, the worship service ends with the ancient custom known as "The Stripping of the Altar." As the life of Jesus was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar and chancel of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death "for us and for our salvation."

All vessels, linens, worship materials, and paraments are removed as words are read that connect their function to the life of Jesus.

"O CHRIST, YOU WALKED THE ROAD" (Lutheran Service Book 424)

**O Christ, You walked the road our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r and fought our ancient foe.**

**No bread of earth alone can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, the food Your grace imparts.**

**No blinding sign we ask, no wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone in Your unswerving love.**

**When lures of easy gain with promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; our wills with Yours align.**

**O Christ, You walked the road our wand'ring feet must go,
stay with us through temptation's hour to fight our ancient foe.**

**PLEASE LEAVE THE WORSHIP SERVICE IN SILENCE AND PREPARE YOURSELF
TO RETURN 'IN SILENCE' FOR OUR "GOOD FRIDAY" WORSHIP SERVICE
TOMORROW AT 6:30PM. MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST GO WITH YOU.**