

## **The Last Supper**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 1, 2021**

**“This is My body, This is My blood”**

## CENTERING OUR THOUGHTS

Lent is a time to reflect upon one's sinful life and to repent of sin. But Lent is not only a time to see our sin; it is also a season for beholding our Savior. It is a time to hear his word. Jesus Christ came into the world once and for all to confront sin. He paid its penalty fully and finally. As we contemplate the story of his final victory in death, we are reminded that we have need of cleansing in our lives from sin through his blood and the victory over the grave. Thanks be to God that he gives us the victory through His Body and Blood in the Holy Sacrament of Communion. We come tonight to prepare, repent, and receive God's grace and mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ!

### OPENING HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LSB 427 vs 1-2



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Jesus said, Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.

People: **He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.**  
[John 5:24]

Pastor: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

People: **But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**  
[1 Corinthians 1:18]

Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,

2 People: **Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness to God.** [Colossians 3:16]

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 other. Maybe now more than ever with the threat of this pandemic we will turn to Christ and trust in Him. On Maundy Thursday, it is always our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation. Even in our absence from one another...Christ is with us...Christ unites us...so it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by deliberately and intently 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 tonight...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 that 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 all that I 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 thanks and praise, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us.

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

**People:** Amen.

**HYMN** "Go to Dark Gethsemane" *LSB 436 verses 1 & 2*



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,



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

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

**People:** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People:** **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.

**People:** **Amen.**

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

**People:** **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.

**People:** **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.

**People:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER

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.

**People:** **Amen.**

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and Savior and remembering His promises we are bold to pray:

**People:** **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.**

## HYMNS OF DISTRIBUTION

"Remember Me"

"Remember Me"

*Solo, Kelsie Templin*

*Adult Choir (2019)*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Pastor:** Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

**People:** **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Exodus 12:1-14*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup> "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> "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. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup> And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> "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.

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

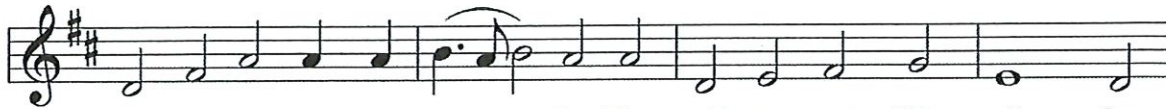
**HYMN**

**"Lamb of God Pure and Holy"**

Verse 1



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

**PSALM**

Psalm 51:1-13

**Pastor:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**People:** **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

**Pastor:** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**People:** **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

**Pastor:** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**People:** **Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

**Pastor:** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**People:** **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

**Pastor:** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**People:** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Pastor:** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**People:** **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Pastor: Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to you.

**People:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 14:12-26*

Pastor: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup> And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup> They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup> He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup> For 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." <sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, "This is my blood of the <sup>[a]</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

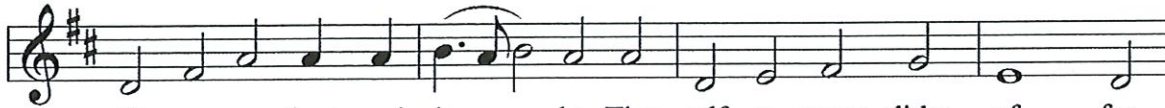
People: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

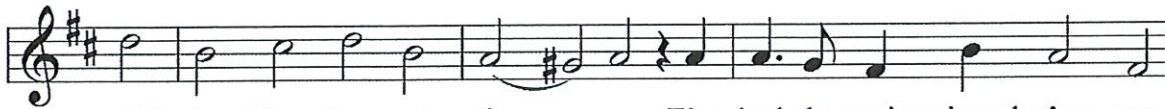




2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



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Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

**SERMON**

**"The New Command"**

**Pastor Scott Henze**

**THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn service of Good Friday.*

**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.

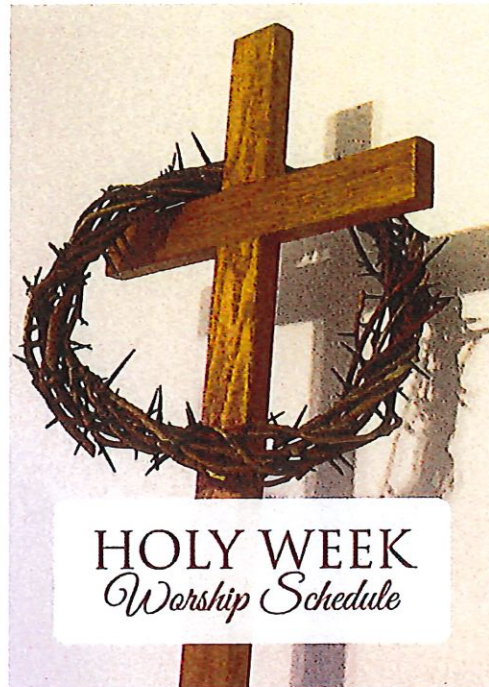
But You, O LORD, do not be far off! O You my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

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.

***All leave the church in silence.***



**Good Friday, April 2– Two Services**

**“Stations of the Cross”** 12:00 Noon at Peace Mound Park located at 1300 Three Village Road- Captivating youth led reenactment of Jesus’ life leading up to Easter.

**Good Friday Service of Darkness-** 7:30 PM at St. Paul

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES, SUNDAY, APRIL 4**

7:00 AM Outdoor Sunrise Communion Service

8:30 AM Festival Communion Service

11:00 AM Festival Communion Service

Resurrection Run -5K Youth Fundraiser at 7:45 AM

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