

HOLY THURSDAY

March 29, 2018

8:30 am & 7:00 pm



AS WE GATHER

Holy Thursday, the night Jesus was betrayed, began with the disciples celebrating the Passover. Here, Jesus washed His disciples' feet, telling them to love one another, just as He loved them. He took a cup, gave it to His disciples to drink, and commanded them to remember Him by doing likewise. Then we go to the Garden of Gethsemane, where He was betrayed and arrested. On this day we remember the commands of Jesus and celebrate His coming to us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



WELCOME

(Please Remain Seated)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

INTRODUCTION

Pastor: This night we know as “the night Jesus was betrayed” began with a meal. Faithful to all that had been written, Jesus and His disciples would observe the customary Passover meal that was instituted centuries before, prior to the Lord leading and delivering His people out of slavery in Egypt and observed by the faithful each year following.

READING *Exodus 12:1–14* (The first Passover meal is instituted.)

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴And 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and 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. ⁷“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. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³ 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.¹⁴ “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.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” *LSB 445, v. 1*

**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 sin’s wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.**

READING *John 13:1–13* (Jesus washes His disciples’ feet.)

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.”⁸ Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” *LSB 445, v. 2*

**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.**

READING *John 13:21–35* (Jesus predicts His betrayer.)

²¹After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. ²³One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side,²⁴ so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, “Lord, who is it?” ²⁶Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹Some

thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor.³⁰ So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” *LSB 445, v. 3*

**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.”**

READING *Matthew 26:26–30* (Jesus gives His body and His blood.)

²⁶Now 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.”²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you,²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.²⁹ 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.”³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” *LSB 445, v. 4-5*

**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 hearts desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union Of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion In Your neverending feast.**

(Please Stand)

CATECHISM RESPONSE *The Sacrament of the Altar*

Pastor: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

People: **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

Pastor: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
People: **These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

Pastor: Who receives this Sacrament worthily?
People: **Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.**

SERMON HYMN “Lord, Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” LSB 623

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.**

**Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n, The certain joys of heirs of heav’n.**

**By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.**

**One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven’s high and holy feast.**

(Please Be Seated)



SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYERS

Pastor: Father, on the night when He was betrayed, Christ Jesus humbled Himself to stoop down and bathe His disciples’ feet, even the feet of the one who would betray Him. Grant us the fervent desire to embody this attitude of service and kindness to all that the love of Christ may abound through all our speech and actions. Hear our prayer and

People: **humble us, O Lord.**

Pastor: On this night, Christ prayed that His disciples would be one in faith. He prayed for those who would hear His disciples’ proclamation, that all would come to know that You sent Him into the world to be the light of the world. Just as Christ encouraged others to boldly proclaim the message of salvation, so also hear our prayer and

People: **renew our witness, O Lord.**

Pastor: On this night, Your Son and our Savior gave us His last will and testament, giving us His true body and blood that we receive Him for the forgiveness of sins and nourishment of faith. Give us truly penitent hearts that we receive this Sacrament worthily. Cleanse us and feed us with the precious body and blood of Your Son, that we live godly lives and boldly resound with the one true confession of faith with the whole company of saints, in heaven and on earth.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(Please Stand)



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins in thought, word, and deed with which I have offended You. Although I justly deserve Your punishment in time and eternity, I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. In Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, forgive me all my sins, and direct me to walk in Your loving ways.

Pastor: 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. 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.

☩ SACRAMENT ☩



PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith, and above all believe the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. Amen.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
1 Corinthians 11:26

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

Pastor: Lord, 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "What Is This Bread"

**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.**

7:00 PM “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Carl Anderson, solo

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LSB 621

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending, Comes our homage to demand.**

**King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heav'nly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish, As the darkness clears away.**

**At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

THE DISMISSAL 8:30 AM READING *Psalm 22*

Pastor: ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

People: ²**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.**

Pastor: ³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: ⁴**In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

Pastor: : ⁵To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

People: ⁶**But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

Pastor: ⁷All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

People: ⁸**“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**

Pastor: ⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

People: ¹⁰ **On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.**

Pastor: ¹¹ Be not far from me,
for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

People: ¹² **Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

Pastor: ¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

People: ¹⁴ **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;**

Pastor: ¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

People: ¹⁶ **For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and
feet—**

Pastor: ¹⁷ I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;

People: ¹⁸ **they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

Pastor: ¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

People: ²⁰ **Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!**

Pastor: ²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

People: ²² **I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

Pastor: ²³ 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!

People: ²⁴ **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.**

Pastor: ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

People: ²⁶ **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live
forever!**

Pastor: ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

People: ²⁸ **For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

Pastor: ²⁹ 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.

People: ³⁰ **Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

Pastor: ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

All: **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.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR 7:00 PM *John 13:31*

Pastor: During the closing hymn, the altar is stripped as a symbol of the abandonment our Lord endured in the hours that would follow and a reminder of how Jesus was stripped of His clothes and ultimately His life, in payment for our sins. No benediction concludes this service as an indication that the worshipful reflection continues for three more days into Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

HYMN “As the Darkness Closes In” [TUNE LSB 436]

All: **As the darkness closes in, You prepare to bear our sin.
Your appointed hour at hand, Love is Your farewell command.
To You, Lord, in hope we cling; For us, You give ev’rything.**

Communionware

Women: *As You serve the bread and wine, You prepare Your grace divine.
“Here, the blood I shed for You. Take and eat My body true.”
In this holy gathering, For us, You give ev’rything.*

Banners

Men: ***Days before, we praised Your name. Singing of Your royal fame.
Palms and hands raised to the sky—Shouting with victorious cry!
Hail! Hosanna! Save us, King. For us, You give ev’rything.***

Flowers

Women: *In the garden, time grows near For the agony severe.
All alone, You humbly pray. Lamb of God, You will not stray
From Your coming suffering. For us, You give ev’rything.*

Bible/Hymnal/Missal Stand

Men: ***Word made flesh, You came to dwell With us, sinners doomed to hell.
With Your last words while You live, You entreat God to forgive.
Mercy ever pardoning—For us, You give ev’rything.***

Candles

Women: *Light of light, the world grows dim And our outlook ever grim.
We deserve eternal doom, Hopeless in despairing gloom,
Desp’rate for the light You bring. For us, You give ev’rything.*

Paraments

Men: *Savior, as You pay the price For the nations' sacrifice,
At Your feet, we will divide Garments You will set aside.
Losing ev'ry scrap and string, For us, You give ev'rything.*

Cross/Crucifix

Women: *Bare and hanging on the tree, You take our iniquity.
We give You our curse and shame; You give us Your holy name.
You remove death's painful sting; For us, You give ev'rything.*

All **We are empty without You. We have nothing we can do
That would free us from our chains. Without You, our guilt remains.
You provide the offering. For us, You give ev'rything.**

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(Ministers and worshipers leave in silence.)

*Our worship continues tomorrow from noon-3 pm during the circuit-wide
Tré Ore service at Ascension Lutheran Church
and our Tenebrae service at 7 pm at Ascension.*

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PREACHER: Seminarian Jeff Jenkins

LITURGIST: Pastor Matthew Clark

ELDERS: 8:30 Jack Pendleton: 7:00: Randy Agne

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: 8:30 & 7:00 Gabe Maichel, organist

USHERS: 8:30 Volunteers; 7:00: Gary Freer, Dave Jones, Carlos Lopez

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 29 - Maundy Thursday	8:30 am & 7:00 pm
March 30 - Good Friday	12:00 noon-3:00 pm
March 30 - Good Friday	7:00 pm
April 1 - Easter Celebration Services With Communion	
	8:00 a.m., 9:30 am & 11:00 am
Easter Breakfast – Sr. Youth	7:30 am-10:30 am