

# HOLY THURSDAY

April 18, 2019

8:30 am & 7:00 pm



## AS WE GATHER

“Do this in remembrance of Me,” Jesus commanded as He instituted the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. When we receive His body and blood, we remember and proclaim His death. His death was the only sacrifice needed as He brings about the new covenant. As the writer of Hebrews explains, now there is no need for sacrifice. God remembers His steadfast love and, for Jesus’ sake, forgets our sins. We are therefore able to come into His presence and also move one another to love and good works.

**PRELUDE** “Via Dolorosa”

*Carl Anderson, solo*

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



**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN** “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”

*LSB 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 sin’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 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 Remain Seated)*

## INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*(During the sermon series on Exodus we are using psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt.  
Today we use selected verses from Psalm 78.)*

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

**People:** Amen.

## 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. This day, we join in confessing our sins.



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*(If you would like private confession and absolution,  
please call the office (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

**Pastor:** Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

**People:** I know that nothing good lives in me.

**Pastor:** That is, in my sinful nature.

**People:** For I have the desire to do good.

**Pastor:** But I cannot carry it out.

**People:** For what I do is not the good I want to do.

**Pastor:** No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

**People:** I find this law at work—

**Pastor:** When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

**People:** For in my inner being I delight in God's law.

**Pastor:** But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

**ALL:** Who will rescue me from this body of death?

*(You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,  
Christ's love is greater.)*

**Pastor:** Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free! Tremble at the presence of the Lord.

**People:** Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament you have left us a remembrance of your passion.

**People:** **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,**

Pastor: for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Amen.**



**OLD TESTAMENT** *Exodus 24:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. <sup>2</sup>Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.” <sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

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



**EPISTLE** *Romans 5:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

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

*(Please Stand)*



**GOSPEL** *Matthew 26:26–30*

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

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

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

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### **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** "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

*LSB 435*

**Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.**

**Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.**

**Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.**

**They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.**

*(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

*Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

*(Please Stand)*

**OFFERTORY** "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

LSB 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen**



## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.*

## 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** *Holy, Holy, Holy Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9* *LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabbaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**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* *LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us,  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** "What Is This Bread" *LSB 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.**

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

*LSB 637*

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heavn’ly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

*LSB 575*

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

***Refrain:* On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain***

**His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain***

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain***

**THE DISMISSAL 8:30 AM READING *Psalm 22***

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

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

**Pastor:** <sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**People:** <sup>12</sup> **Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

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

**People:** <sup>14</sup> **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: <sup>15</sup> my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pastor: <sup>23</sup> 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:** <sup>24</sup> **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: <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

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

Pastor: <sup>27</sup> 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:** <sup>28</sup> **For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.**

Pastor: <sup>29</sup> 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:** <sup>30</sup> **Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

Pastor: <sup>31</sup> 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 Messiah Lutheran Church  
and our Tenebrae service at 7 pm at Ascension*

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**PREACHER:** Rev. Matthew Clark

**LITURGIST:** Trevor Freudenburg, Pastoral Assistant

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

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** 8:30 & 7:00 Gabe Maichel, organist, 7:00 Carl Anderson, soloist

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

**Good Friday Service April 19, 2019**

Tre Ore 12:00 - 3:00 pm. at Messiah Lutheran Church

*“Agnus Dei”*

Tenebrae - 7:00 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church

**Easter Communion Services April 21, 2019**

*“Against All Odds”*

8:00 a.m., 9:30 am & 11:00 am

*Easter Breakfast – Sr. Youth 7:30 am-10:30 am*