



March 28, 2024 - Maundy Thursday Service

As We Gather: The name for this day comes from the Latin word "mandatum," meaning "commandment." It refers to the two "new" commandments our Lord gave to His disciples on this day. The first is "love one another," and the second is "do this in remembrance of Me." Tonight, we give thanks for the love we receive at the Lord's Table, and the example of self-giving love shown by our Lord.

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 628 "Your Table I Approach"

Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord;

People: **O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, having been restored to God's family by the blood of Jesus Christ, we are called to live as children of God. Yet we confess before God and one another that we have not loved Him with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, nor have we loved one another as we have been loved. We have sinned in our thoughts, in our words, in our actions, and in our lack of actions. Some of our sins we know; some remain unknown even to us. Let us silently reflect on those sins known to us, and confess them to God, our merciful Father.

(Silence for personal reflection on God's Word and confession of sin.)

Pastor: With repentant King David and with the tax collector in the temple we plead,

All: **"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."**

Pastor: God is merciful. He sent His Son to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and at the command and promise of our 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, since you have left us a memorial of your Passion in a wonderful sacrament, grant, we pray, that we may so use this sacrament of your body and blood that the fruits of your redeeming work may continually be manifest in our lives; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1-14 (*The institution of the Passover.*)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb^[a] for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. ¹⁴“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:14-20 (*Luke’s account of Jesus’ institution of the Lord’s Supper.*)

When the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it^l until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Choir Anthem: “Come, Find Forgiveness and Love”

Sermon: Luke 22:19-20 "For You"

Prayers

Offerings

Preparing Ourselves

Pastor: Once more we are about to celebrate the Lord's Supper. As we do, let us take time to meditate on what we are doing. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

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

Pastor: For what purpose do we go to the Lord's Supper?

All: **We go to the Lord's Supper, to receive forgiveness of our sins, to be strengthened in our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and to obtain strength to live a more Christian life.**

Pastor: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

All: **It is not the eating and drinking indeed that does them, but the Words of God, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." For it is the Word of God that gives this Sacrament its power; and whoever believes these words has what they say and express, namely, the forgiveness of sins.**

Pastor: Who then is worthy and prepared to go to Holy Communion?

All: **A person is truly worthy and well prepared, if they repent of their sins and seek God's forgiveness; if they believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior; if they believe Christ is truly present in the Sacrament; and if, with the help of the Holy Spirit, they intend to amend their sinful life.**

Communion Liturgy

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. You so loved the world that You sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer and our King. By His sacrificial life, He has brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy Holy (*Words and music in hymnal page 195*)

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven 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 Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Words of Institution

The Greeting of Peace

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

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God (Words and music in hymnal page 198)

All: 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.

Communion Distribution

Distribution Hymns: LSB 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"
LSB 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Nunc Dimittis: Song of Simeon (Words and music in hymnal on page 199)

All: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Christ our Savior, we give You thanks for having fed us through this Sacrament. Strengthen us, we pray, that we may live in obedience to You and help us daily to remember You and all that You did to bring about our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 632 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, To Thee"