

## MY SERMON NOTES

“Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.” ~ Rm 10:17

### ✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

Holy Communion is administered to **COMMUNICANT MEMBERS** of Ascension, of other Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, and of Lutheran Church bodies in declared fellowship with the LCMS, who have been instructed, examined, and **confirmed** in the Christian faith as taught by the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and so publicly declared their unity of faith in all doctrines of Holy Scripture in fellowship with LCMS.

All **COMMUNICANT MEMBERS** desiring to commune today are to fill out a *Member Communion Card* or *Guest Communion Card* and hand it to the Ushers when coming forward to commune.

**All others we kindly and respectfully request to abstain from communing until such public declaration is made in keeping with Christ's institution.**

If you would like to know more about receiving Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak to the Pastors after the service and they will be glad to instruct you to that end. *Thank you!*

**Preacher** ✠ Rev. Gary Zieroth  
**Assisting Pastor** ✠ Rev. James Gier  
**Organist** ✠ JoAnn Zieroth

**Prelude** ~ “Gethsemane” (Sam Marquart)  
**Special Music** - “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (choir)

## HOLY THURSDAY

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This service for Holy Thursday is the first service in the celebration of the holy three days of Christ's Passover, commonly known as the Triduum. It culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Christ's Passion and Resurrection and leads into His sacrifice on our behalf. As such, the service, like that for Good Friday, exhibits a mood of restrained joy. It consists of four parts: the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, the Service of the Word, the Service of the Sacrament, and the Stripping of the Altar.

The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution signals the end of the Lenten preparations with the absolution and peace of Christ that stand at the center of the Three Days. The Service of the Word focuses upon Christ's humble service demonstrated in His washing of His disciples' feet, a servanthood enacted on the Cross and whose benefits are bestowed in the Lord's Supper. The service culminates with the Lord's ministry to His people through the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death. In this service, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover from death to life and from captivity to freedom.

**Note:** Since Holy Thursday serves as a point of transition from the preparatory season of Lent to the Triduum, restrained joy is characteristic of this service. It is a simplified and reflective celebration of the Divine Service. As a result, various aspects of the Divine Service may be omitted: *Hymn of Invocation, Introit/Opening, Hymn/Kyrie/Gloria in Excelsis, Verse, Creed, Offering/Offertory, Post-Communion Canticle.*

**Gradual** (Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; 111:9a)

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | His own blood,\*

thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore He is the mediator of a new | covenant,\*

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance.

He sent redemption to His | people;\*

He has commanded His covenant for- | ever.

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✠ **Stripping of the Altar** ✠

**Psalm 22:1-19**

(sung responsively)

*After the Stripping of the Altar, all leave in silence.*

**Old Testament Reading – Exodus 12:1-14 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (ESV)** <sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. <sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel – John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (ESV)** <sup>13</sup> Now 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. <sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> Then 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. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” <sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” <sup>10</sup> Jesus 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.” <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” <sup>12</sup> 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? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ...<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> 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.’ <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

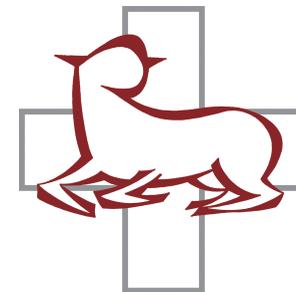
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Welcome to ASCENSION!

We are delighted to have you with us today. **If this is your first visit, see PREPARING FOR WORSHIP below.** That we may know you better, please sign the Guest Registry in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor after the service. May God bless you with the assurance of His forgiveness, life, and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. *Thank you, and ...*

**Peace be with you!**



### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**ALL WORSHIPERS.** The *Worship Bulletin* includes the Order of Service and those parts not printed in the Hymnal. It is designed to be used with the hymnal. *Prayers for Worship* are located on the inside front cover of the Hymnal. *Large print hymnals*, full sheet magnifying glasses and personal hearing devices are available. Please ask an Usher. For *Spiritual Care* of our worshipers **please sign the pew information pad.**

**PARENTS,** a “Little Lambs” worship room is available if your child needs attention during the service, and a “Nursery” for mothers needing privacy.

**GUESTS** inquiring about Communion at Ascension, please see our Communion Statement on the inside of the bulletin cover.

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