

else at the altar). A few examples of Bible teachings on which we are in agreement: the Bible, God's inspired Word, is without error; salvation comes by grace alone through faith in Christ; Baptism is not an act of obedience but a means by which we are saved; the universe as we know it was created by God in six days; marriage is a lifelong union between one man and one woman.

For these reasons we follow the ancient Christian practice of **close communion**. Aside from our own members in good standing, we invite to the Lord's Table members of congregations who confess the truth of God's Word, congregations of the **Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)** and the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)**. (If you're a visiting ELS/WELS member, please speak with the pastor or one of the elders if you wish to commune.)

We humbly ask that visitors who are not communicant members of either ELS or WELS churches please refrain from coming forward. Our pastor would be glad to answer any questions that you might have. Thank you for your kind and loving respect of our beliefs and practices; and God bless you.

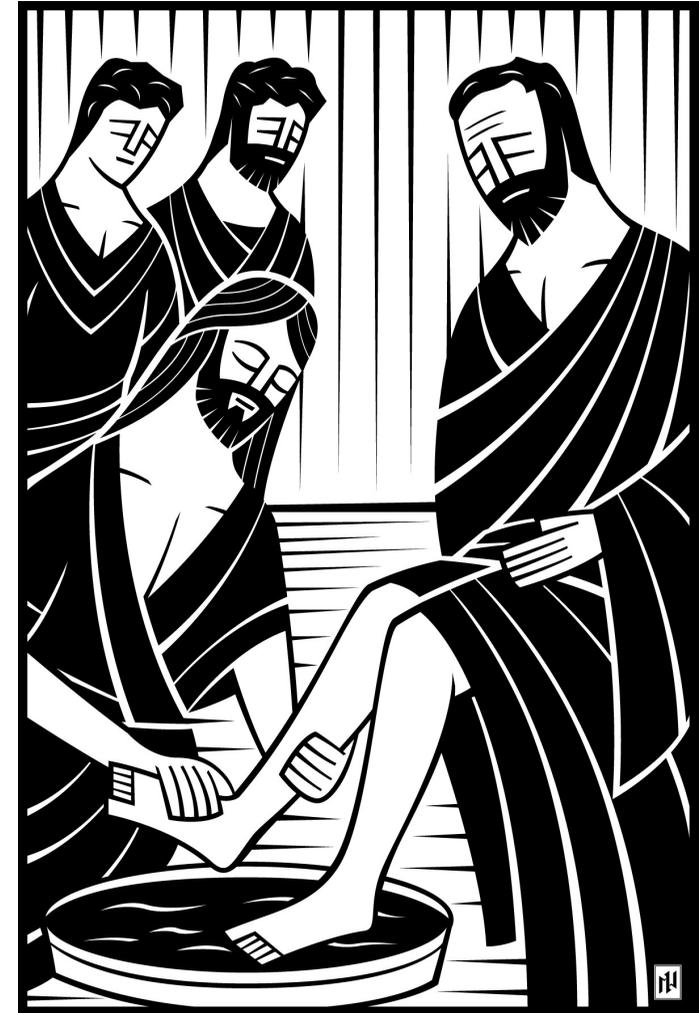


OUR MISSION

Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church **gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God** for His grace received through Word and Sacrament **by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ** with the people of this community and the world.

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Service of Holy Communion with Christian Questions

Maundy Thursday

Christ The King Lutheran Church

Green Bay, Wisconsin
March 29, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer Him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the red binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Van Kampen.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience tonight's order of service is printed on the following pages. The order of service is based on the "Christian Questions and Answers" portion of Luther's Small Catechism, a series of questions and answers designed to promote self-examination prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Members are asked to announce for communion by signing the communion register in the narthex. To our visitors: we hold to the ancient, biblical practice of "close communion." This means that we commune only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). **If you are a guest who is interested in communing, please speak with the pastor prior to the service.** If you have questions, please speak with the pastor after the service. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Good Friday Tenebrae Service (Comm.) - March 30, 6:30 p.m.
Easter Dawn (Comm.) - April 1, 7:00 a.m.
Easter Festival Service - April 1, 9:00 a.m.



Easter Breakfast will be served between the two services, starting around 7:45 a.m.

A Word About Communion

Maundy Thursday perhaps warrants a slightly longer explanation of our beliefs and practices. The simple truth is that the Sacrament of our Savior's body and blood is His gift to us. It's a sacred feast, through which our Lord nurtures two kinds of fellowship:

1. The Supper nurtures our relationship with God.

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and the wine, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and 1 Corinthians). Through the Sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

The blessings of the Lord's Supper are truly great! Therefore, the stakes are high for those who would take the Supper for granted. This is why the Bible instructs us to prepare for the Lord's Supper by examining ourselves, to make sure we "discern Christ's body and blood" in the Sacrament (believe that Jesus' body and blood are truly present under the bread and wine, and that by them we receive God's forgiveness for our sins). Anyone who eats and drinks without such discernment is guilty of "sinning against the body and blood of the Lord," eating and drinking "judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). It's important to note that because this particular sin had become so widespread, some people in the ancient city of Corinth actually died from taking the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:30).

2. The Supper nurtures our relationship with one another.

When we commune at the Lord's altar, the Bible teaches us that we demonstrate our unity with one another in faith as fellow members of the "One Loaf," the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:17). However, true Christian unity only exists as God's gift to us through our shared faith in the teachings of His Word (1 Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 1:27; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; Romans 16:17).

Therefore, when you come to the Lord's Table, you are saying in a very public way that you agree with *all* of the Bible's teachings (and are in full agreement with everyone

THE BENEDICTION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee | 309

You may be seated.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

During the singing of Psalm 88 by the choir, women from the congregation will remove the Communion vessels and solemnly strip the altar and chancel of vestments to remind us all of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday. When the women have finished removing all the paraments from the chancel, they exit the sanctuary. Upon a moment for meditation and reflection, the congregation is also dismissed.

PSALM 88

Refrain: What wondrous love is this, O my soul! 8 Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in Destruction? Are your wonders known in the place of darkness, or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?

1 O LORD, the God who saves me, day and night I cry out before you.

2 May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry. 9 But I cry to you for help, O LORD; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

3 For my soul is full of trouble and my life draws near the grave. I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like a man without strength. 10 Why, O LORD, do you reject me and hide your face from me?

Refrain

4 I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care. 11 From my youth I have been afflicted and close to death; I have suffered your terrors and am in despair.

Refrain

12 Your wrath has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me. All day long they surround me like a flood; they have completely engulfed me.

5 You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths. Your wrath lies heavily upon me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.

13 You have taken my companions and loved ones from me; the darkness is my closest friend.

6 You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them. I am confined and cannot escape; my eyes are dim with grief.

Refrain

Refrain

7 I call to you, O LORD, every day; I spread out my hands to you. Do you show your wonders to the dead? Do those who are dead rise up and praise you?

TONIGHT'S FOCUS

Tonight the season of Lent comes to a close as we begin the Triduum, the three holy days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. This evening we join Jesus together with His disciples in the upper room, where we witness our Savior as He writes His Last Will and Testament, leaving to His disciples Himself and all that He has come to win for them, His true body and blood, the price of their salvation, the promise that He will never forsake them. That is what Jesus gives us in His sacrament! Knowing everything there is to know about us as sinners, He gives it to us freely anyway, as His gracious gift!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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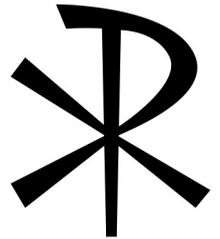
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CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

WELCOME

INVOCATION & RESPONSIVE DIALOGUE—Psalm 116

Please stand.

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

C: **Amen.**

M: I love the LORD, because He has heard My voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

C: **The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow.**

M: Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!" Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful.

C: **The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.**

M: Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling.

C: **I will walk before the LORD In the land of the living.**



M: I believed, therefore I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted." I said in my haste, "All men are liars." What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me?

C: **I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD.**

M: I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people. Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints. O LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds.

C: **I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD.**

M: I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people, In the courts of the LORD's house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

C: **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.**

M: Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion You give us Your true body and blood as a remembrance of Your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe Your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

You may be seated.

OPENING HYMN

'Twas on That Dark, That Doleful Night | 164

THE QUESTIONS BEGIN

M: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

C: **Yes, I believe it; I am a sinner.**

M: How do you know this?

C: **From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.**

M: Are you also sorry for your sins?

C: **Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**

M: What have you deserved from God by your sins?

C: **His wrath and displeasure, temporal death and eternal damnation.**

M: Do you also hope to be saved?

C: **Yes, such is my hope.**

M: In whom, then, do you trust?

C: **In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: Who is Christ?

C: **The Son of God, true God and man.**

M: How many Gods are there?

C: **Only one; but there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

THE LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou
Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
A - - - men.

You may be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*An Awe-full Mystery Is Here | 304
The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord | 163*

Please stand.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: **And His mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that by Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C: **Amen.**



Synod, but also our brothers and sisters in the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference. Strengthen our common confession, so that we rejoice in the oneness You give us.

C: Provide opportunities to encourage one another and proclaim together Your Son, who poured out His blood of the covenant for us.

M: Lord, we remorsefully confess that we are prone to stray from You. Guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world and our own sinful human nature. Forgive our sins and strengthen our faith.

C: Keep us as Your own until You bring us to feast with angels, archangels and all Your saints at Your heavenly table.

M: As Your Son washed His disciples' feet and then offered Himself in service by going to the cross, give us humble hearts that are ready always to serve our families, our friends, our communities and even our enemies, caring for everyone in Your name and using our lives to do Your will.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Christ entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood; He has redeemed us and inaugurated Your new covenant. Teach us to examine ourselves, so that confessing our sins, we come in repentance to receive our Savior's body and blood.

C: By these gifts, grant us Christ's forgiveness and renew us in faith.

M: Into Your hands, O Lord, we place ourselves and all those for whom we pray, confident of the mercy that You show to us because of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."



After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

RESPONSORY HYMN

I Come to Thee, O Blessed Lord | 330 v. 1-3

THE FIRST LESSON - Exodus 12:1-14

Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ² "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. ³ "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. ⁴ 'And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ 'Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. ⁷ 'And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. ⁸ 'Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹ 'Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire -- its head with its legs and its entrails. ¹⁰ 'You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ 'And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹² 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. ¹³ 'Now 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 the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ 'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

MORE CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS

M: What, then, has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

C: He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

M: Did the Father also die for you?

C: He did not; for the Father is God only, along with the Holy Spirit; but the Son is true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

M: How do you know this?

C: From the holy Gospel and from the words of the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

M: How do those words read?

C: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, 'Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

M: You believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

C: Yes, I believe it.

M: What induces you to believe this?

C: The words of Christ: "Take, eat, this is My body... Drink from it, all of you; this... is... My blood."

RESPONSORY HYMN

I Come to Thee, O Blessed Lord | 330 (v. 4-6)

SECOND LESSON - 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷ For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

MORE CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS

M: What ought we to do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and thus receive the pledge?

C: **We ought to remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: "Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."**

M: Why ought we to remember and proclaim His death?

C: **That we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins but Christ, true God and man; and that we may learn to look with terror at our sins, and to regard them as great indeed, and to find joy and comfort in Him alone, and thus be saved through such faith.**

M: What was it that moved Him to die and make satisfaction for your sins?

C: **His great love to His Father and to me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; Ephesians 2.**

RESPONSORY HYMN

Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord | 307

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON - Mark 14:12-26

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover *lamb*, His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?" ¹³ And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. ¹⁴ "Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, "The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" ' ¹⁵ "Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished *and* prepared; there make ready for us." ¹⁶ So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁷ In the evening He came with the twelve. ¹⁸ Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who eats with Me will betray Me." ¹⁹ And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And another *said*, "Is it I?" ²⁰ He answered and said to them, "*It is* one of the twelve, who dips with Me in the dish. ²¹ "The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born." ²² And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²³ Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. ²⁵ "Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

THE END OF THE QUESTIONING

M: Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?

C: **That I may learn to believe that Christ died for my sin out of great love, as said before; and that I may also learn of Him to love God and my neighbor.**

M: What should admonish and incite a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?

C: **In respect to God, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord should move him; and in respect to himself, the trouble that lies heavy on him, on account of which such command, encouragement, and promise are given.**

M: But what shall a person do if he is not aware of such trouble and feels no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

C: **To such a person no better advice can be given than that, in the first place, he put his hand into his bosom, and feel whether he still have flesh and blood, and that he by all means believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7.**

Secondly, that he look around to see whether he is still in the world, and keep in mind that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John chapters 15 and 16; First John, chapters 2 and 5.

Thirdly, he will certainly have the devil also about him, who with his lying and murdering, day and night will let him have no peace within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John chapters 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; Second Timothy 2.

You may be seated.

CHORAL ANTHEM - Draw Near

HYMN

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior | 311

Please stand for the singing of the last verse.

SERMON TEXT - Hebrews 8:6-13

SERMON THEME - *Jesus Is the Mediator of a New Covenant*

OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: Holy Lord, Your Son taught us that as often as we eat His bread and drink His cup, we proclaim His death until He comes. Use every proclamation of Christ to turn those without faith to trust in the Passover Lamb who offered Himself for our salvation. Bless our partner churches throughout the world, not only the churches of our own Evangelical Lutheran