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Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.



On Maundy Thursday we remember our Savior's institution of the new covenant of His body and blood. On the eve of His suffering and death, the Lamb of God thought of us and cared for us, even to the giving of this extraordinary gift by such ordinary means. As His gift is received today, we also remember His care and concern for the truths of God's Word. Believing that the Bible clearly sets forth doctrinal unity for those receiving the sacrament together, we practice closed communion and ask guests desiring to commune to kindly speak with the pastor or an elder before the service.

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

Let Us Love One Another, as Christ Jesus Has Loved Us

March 28, 2024

AS WE GATHER: *"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Cor. 11:26).* By eating His body and drinking His blood, we proclaim to all the world that Jesus is, indeed, our Passover Lamb (Ex. 12:1-14), who was sacrificed for us on Calvary. In Christ, the Lord remembers us in mercy and remembers our sin no more; He forgives us all our iniquity. With such love, he *"loved His own who were in the world,"* and even loves us *"to the end"* (John 13:1). As He washes us and feeds us in love, let us love one another, just as He has loved us (John 13:34).

PRESERVICE "Lamb of God" Chancel Choir

OPENING HYMN: "When You Woke That Thursday Morning" **LSB 445**

ORDER OF WORSHIP: DIVINE SERVICE III

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet-
I can count all my bones-
they stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

They parted My garments among them: and cast lots for My clothing.

But You, O Lord, do not be far off!
O You my help, come quickly to my aid!
Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

I will tell of Your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:
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!
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.

They parted My garments among them: and cast lots for My clothing.

From You comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations
shall worship before You.
For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and He rules over the nations.

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

**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;

my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue
sticks to my jaws;

you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass me;

**a company of evildoers encircle me; they have pierced
my hands and feet—**

I can count all my bones--

they stare and gloat over me;

they divide my garments among them,

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But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

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Deliver my soul from the sword,

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Save me from the mouth of the lion!

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in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

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!

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**the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
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seek him shall praise the LORD!**

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the
LORD,

and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

LSB 329

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

LSB

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HYMN

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 617

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

LSB 189

Pastor: O Lord,

**People: in this wondrous Sacrament You have left
us a remembrance of Your passion. 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; for You live and reign with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,**

now

and forever.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible Page 1227

PSALMODY

Psalm 116:12-19

What shall I render | to the Lord*
for all His bene- | fits to me?

**I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the Lord,**

I will pay my vows | to the Lord*
in the presence of all His | people.

**Precious in the sight | of the Lord*
is the death | of His saints.**

O Lord, I am Your | servant;*
I am Your servant, the Son of Your maidservant.
You have | loosed My bonds.

**I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows | to the Lord*
in the presence of all His | people,

**in the courts of the house | of the Lord,*
in Your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the Lord!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:15-25
Pew Bible Page 1873

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 22:7-20
Pew Bible Page 1636

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke,
the twenty-second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

LSB 191

SERMON HYMN

"Jesus, Greatest at the Table"

LSB 446

SERMON

OFFERTORY "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" **LSB 637**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER:**

LSB 196

No Benediction

This concludes the service for online viewing

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE:

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SANCTUS:

LSB 195

***LORD'S PRAYER**

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

LSB 197

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying"

LSB 597

"The Death of Jesus Christ Our Lord"

LSB 634

PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

People: Amen.

No Benediction

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR AND CHANCEL:

As the verses of the psalm are spoken, the lights are lowered and all linens and adornments are removed. The candles are extinguished at the direction of members of the Altar Guild. These are signs that our Lord Jesus was stripped, beaten, and crucified.

After the altar and chancel are stripped, and the nave is near darkness, a time of silence is observed.

The Paschal Candle is carried to the rear of the nave, where it is extinguished. The service ends in silence.

The Divine Service continues tomorrow with worship at 11am and 6:30pm. Please join us.

PSALM 22

**They parted My garments among them: and cast lots
for My clothing.**

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my
groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

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.
Posterity shall serve Him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet
unborn,
that He has done it.

**They parted My garments among them: and cast lots
for My clothing.**

*(There is no Benediction; our worship continues with the Service of Tenebrae
(darkness) tomorrow.)*

(Please observe silence while departing.)