**+In Nomine Iesu+**

**Holy Thursday**

**18 April 2019 ~ 6.30pm**

Theme of the Day:

All too often we don’t have the right connections with the right person at the right time to accomplish all the right things. If we could just obtain access. The good news is that through the blood of Jesus we have unlimited access!

**Invocation**

[During the sermon series on Exodus our worship used psalms that celebrate Israel’s deliverance from Egypt. Tonight selected verses are from **Psalm 78**.]

P: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of a strange language.

C: Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

P: The sea looked and fled,

C: The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

P: Tremble at the presence of the Lord,

C: At the presence of the God of Jacob!

P: Who turns the rock into a pool of water,

C: The flint into a spring of water.

**Hymn LSB 445** When You Woke that Thursday

**Confession and Absolution** (Selected from **Romans 7**)

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

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

P: That is, in my sinful nature.

**C: I have the desire to do good.**

P: But I cannot carry it out.

**C: What I do is not the good I want to do.**

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

**C: I find this law at work—**

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

**C: In my inner being I delight in your law.**

P: 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.]*

P: 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!

**C: At the presence of the God of Jacob!**

P: Who has given us forgiveness and access,

**C: in the blood of Jesus our Savior!**

**Hymn LSB 433** Glory Be to Jesus

**Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray… O Lord, 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.

**All: Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:**

Old Testament: Exodus 24:1-11 (p.82)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 (p.1198)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Gospel: St. Matthew 26:26-30 (p.1057)

P: In many and various ways God spoke to our forefathers by the prophets,

**C: But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.**

**Nicene Creed** (inside back cover of hymnal)

**Hymn LSB 574** Before the Throne of God Above

**Sermon**: Access!

**Ingathering of Thank offerings and Gifts**

**Prayers of the Church**

(based on Romans 5.16 & Hebrews 10.19)

P: Let us pray for the whole Christian church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ: Almighty Father, we thank and praise you that through Jesus,

**C: “We have gained access.”**

P: Protect Your church from the temptation to compromise this message of salvation, as well as from the temptation to remain silent, that Your pure Word, passionately proclaimed and guided by the Holy Spirit, may be an occasion for all people to know that through Jesus,

**C: “We have gained access by faith.”**

P: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God, that with our lips and our lives we declare that,

**C: “We have gained access by faith into this grace.”**

P: Lord, at Your Son’s invitation, we come to His table. Help us to discern in the bread His true body and in the cup His true blood. Give us, by Your Holy Spirit, a right judgment of ourselves, that lamenting our sins we would receive pardon and absolution, all because,

**C: “We have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.”**

P: These prayers, and those whom we name now \_\_\_\_ and silently place before You, we place before You, O God, because

**All: “We have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus.”**

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask praying:

The Lord’s Prayer (inside back cover of hymnal)

**+The Sacrament of the Altar+**

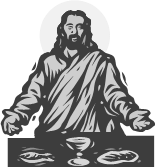
P: I will go to the altar of God,

C: **to God my exceeding joy.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: In holy fear we approach His altar rejoicing,

**C: we have gained access through faith in Jesus!**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Peace**

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

**C: and also with you.**

**The Distribution & The Distribution Hymns**

**634 sts. 1-4,** Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

**530** No Temple Now, No Gift of Price

**634 sts. 5-8**

**The Blessing**

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in T peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** – **LSB 449** O Sacred Head

**The Stripping of the Altar**

While **Psalm 22** is read in its entirety, the communion vessels are reverently removed from the chancel, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

Congregation departs in silence

Silent Prayer: Jesus, I come to You, for You have broken every barrier down! Amen.

Everyone is invited to join us at **1pm for our Good Friday Service** and at **6.30pm** for our **Good Friday Tenebrae Service w/HC**, the **Saturday Easter Vigil Service w/HC at 7.30pm**, and **Sunday Sunrise Service at 6:30am,** the **Easter Breakfast** following the Sunrise Serviceandthe **9am Easter Festival Service w/HC** celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.

*(Each service and sermon are different.)*

Peace and grace be yours in our crucified and resurrected Lord!

**+Soli Deo Gloria+**

**THOSE SERVING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE**

**PREACHER/CELEBRANT-** Rev. D. Lee Cullen Jr.

**ORGANIST** – Jonathan Gruber

**ELDER –** Dean Diroff

**USHERS** – Richard Krug, Mike Palmer, Mark Perhatch

Darryl Livingston

**ALTAR GUILD** – Kay Gelvin, Chere Perhatch

**ACOLYTES –** Isabella Perez

**CRUCIFER –** Bryce Elliott

**MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYER**

Chester Wloch Roger Nocella Gail Sachs

Sharon Nocella Alice Miletich Nancy Sachs

Jean Falkenberg Sally Parker Dwight Sachs

Miriam Bunge JoAnn Muir Wilbur Sachs

Vi Bathgate Karen Everett Therese Sachs

Eric Prendergast Bob Kuehnlein Cheryl Little

Gene & Mary Au

**FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Dennis Johnson – Brother of Bob Johnson

David Jones – Son-in-law of Vicki Kitts

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David & Sam Liechti – Friends of Bryan Everett

Kathy Nichols – Mother of Lisa Kuehnlein

Ed Barron – Friend of Miriam Bunge

Barbara Neidinger – Friends of Betty Stratton

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Meg Roemke – Mother of Karen Everett

Elyse Wickenheiser – Cousin of Brandy Werner

Alvin White – Uncle of Bryan Everett

Theresa Vandervoort - Mother-in-law of Gretchen (Everett) DeClerq

Bobby Perry – Friend of Kay Gelvin

Bob & Val Johnson – Sister & brother-in-law of Kay Gelvin and Chere Perhatch

Nancy Kittendorf – Friend of Lefcheck Family

Jill Wilson – Co-worker of Gretchen Elliott

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