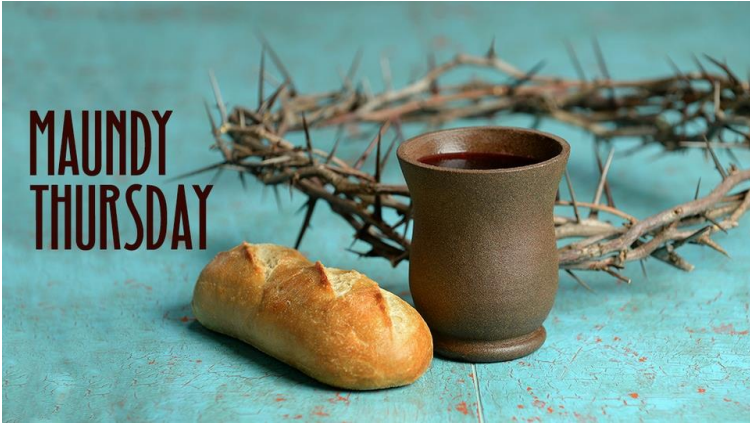


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Altamont, Illinois



MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024

6:30 PM

Ringling of the Bell

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

Stand as the minister enters the sanctuary

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy. *Psalm 43:4*

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

People: who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

Sit

Pastor: During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with the wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

People: Amen.

(Stand)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for**

**the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death
of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and
merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my
forgiveness but God's?

People: Yes.

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the
command of my 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.

Pastor: 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 peace.

People: Amen.

*(The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying,
"Peace be with you.")*

Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(Sit)

Hymn 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

Old Testament

Exodus 24:3-11

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Pastor: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

People: Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Pastor: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. (*Hebrews 9:12, 15; Psalm 111:9*)

Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

²³ 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, ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 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. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks

without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² 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.

Verse (*Stand*)

Pastor: Having loved his own who were in the world,

People: He loved them to the end. *John 13:1*

Stand:

Holy Gospel

Mark 14:12-26


Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me." ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

Institution of the Lord's Supper

²² And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, "This is my blood of the  covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn 446 Jesus, Greatest at the Table

Sermon: *Is It I, Lord?*

Prayers

Offering is Gathered

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Preface, Sanctus, Lord's Prayer, Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini,
Agnus Dei **are spoken**

The Lord's Supper is distributed

Hymns During Distribution of the Lord's Supper:

445 When You Woke that Thursday Morning

449 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

453 Upon the Cross Extended

(Stand)

Post Communion Collect

(Sit)

Choir sings, “*My Lord, My Love Is Crucified*” by Charles Wesley

Psalm 22 (Read in unison from the hymnal)

Stripping of the Altar

The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

All leave the church in silence.

Holy Week at Immanuel

Good Friday

12:00 PM Prayer Service

6:30 PM Tenebrae Service

(no Saturday service)

6:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service

7:00 AM Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM Easter Festival with Lord's Supper