

## Mt. Calvary - Maundy Thursday    *God on Trial: Respite*

*The Supper is a respite for believers in an antagonistic world. In it we find peace, reconciliation, and communion with Christ and one another. In this room, we are safe—and strengthened for our task. Even Jesus longed for this before his suffering.*



**About the Lord's Supper:** We rejoice that Jesus gives in the Lord's Supper exactly what He says—His true body and blood and with it the forgiveness of sins. From the ancient days of God's Church all confessed that Jesus' true body and blood was given and received in this Meal. That was true regardless of whether the recipient believed or even knew what Jesus gives in the Lord's Supper. Those who received the gift with repentance and faith receive also the forgiveness Jesus offers. Those who receive it without recognizing Jesus' body and blood present there become guilty of sinning against it. This is the reason Mt. Calvary together with the whole ancient Church teaches and confirms her own children and visitors before receiving the Lord's Supper. We believe it loving to take the time to teach the precious gift Jesus offers. If you are not a member of a congregation of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, you are welcome to worship with us as a dear friend in Christ. If you would like to come to the Lord's Supper after receiving instruction, please contact pastor to arrange a time to receive instruction about the Bible's teaching. Thank you for helping us faithfully steward God's gifts by teaching the treasure offered here.

Order of Worship: Divine Service Setting Three *LSB pg. 184*

**Hymn: When You Woke That Thursday Morning**    *LSB 445*

**Collect:** 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.    **C: Amen.**

**Psalm: Psalm 116:12-19** (in the front part of your hymnal) During the Holy Triduum (3 days) the Gloria Patri is omitted together with the Gloria in Excelsis.

### **Old Testament Reading        Exodus 12:1-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 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. "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. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 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. 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. "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.

P: This is the word of the Lord        **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Choir sings: Come to the Table of The Lord*

**Epistle Reading****1 Corinthians 10:16-21; 11:23-32**

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

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, 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." 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." 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. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord**C:** Thanks be to God.**Gospel Reading****Mark 14:12-26**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" 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, 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?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. 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." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. 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."

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." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 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." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**Sermon Hymn: Jesus, Greatest at the Table** LSB 446**Communion: Just As I Am, Without One Plea** LSB 570**Your Table I Approach** LSB 628**What Is This Bread** LSB 629**Closing Hymn: Abide With Me** LSB 878*(Lights are dimmed as the altar is stripped, Psalm 22 chanted by cantor)*

Tonight, the lights are dimmed while the altar is stripped. In the first Garden Satan defeated Adam. Tonight, in the Garden of Gethsemane the Second Adam began His great battle, finally crushing Satan's head for us on the tree of the cross. The most holy of nights is upon us. This night the Son of God will be arrested and stand trial. In the morning, He will be handed over to the crucifiers. The blessed events of our Savior's death have come to be called Good Friday, because of the hope that they have won for all God's people. Please join us at these times...

**Good Friday, 6:00 pm****Easter Sunday, 7:00 am and 10:00 am; Easter Breakfast /Easter Egg Hunt 8:30 am.**