



# MAUNDY *Thursday*

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**AS WE GATHER**

On this night when our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed into the hands of sinful men, we receive the blessings of forgiveness and new life as we partake of the Lord's Supper. Looking ahead to the death of Jesus on Calvary's cross, we remember with the apostle John that both water and blood flowed from Jesus' side as He was pierced by the spear of a Roman soldier (John 19:34). The flowing water reminds us of the mystery of our Baptism, as God the Father cleanses us of our sin and makes us His children. The flowing blood reminds us of the deep love of the Savior, who allowed Himself to die a horrific death so that we may experience a glorious resurrection, and it points to the Sacrament of our Lord's body and blood. May the blessings of Jesus flow into our lives as we gather to worship Him.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**GREETING**

**P:** Peace be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**HYMN** “Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying” (Tune: LSB 375)      LSB 597

- 1    Water, blood, and Spirit crying, By their witness testifying  
      To the One whose death-defying Life has come, with life for all.
- 2    In a wat'ry grave are buried All our sins that Jesus carried;  
      Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried Us across death's raging flood.
- 3    Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us, Past the scowl of death He  
      leads us; Spreads a table where He feeds us With His body and His  
      blood.

4 Though around us death is seething, God, His two-edged sword  
unsheathing, By His Spirit life is breathing Through the living, active  
Word.

5 Spirit, water, blood entreating, Working faith and its completing  
In the One whose death-defeating Life has come, with life for all.

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## INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

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.**

## CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS

P: 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. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples’ feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. 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 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.

**C: Amen.**

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

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

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: 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.**

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

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: Yes.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

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 peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT 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.

C: **Amen.**

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## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 17:1–7

P: The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the seventeenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALMODY**

Psalm 23

P: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

P: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,**

P: for You are with me;

**C: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **EPISTLE**

1 John 5:5–12

P: The Epistle is from First John, the fifth chapter.

<sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood.

And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

<sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 14:12–26

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>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?" <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>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?' <sup>15</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us."

<sup>16</sup>And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>And when it was evening, He came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>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." <sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup>He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. <sup>21</sup>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."

<sup>22</sup>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." <sup>23</sup>And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup>And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>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 to You, O Christ.**

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## SERIES HYMN “One House Abides Unending”



1 One house a - bides un - end - ing, One Mas - ter  
2 The wealth of all cre - a - tion We squan - dered  
3 With end - less hun - ger driv - en The grave cried  
4 Ex - change our ash for beau - ty, A - noint our



fears no fall, One Lord pro - vides, at - tend - ing The  
at our birth. The heirs of con - dem - na - tion Sowed  
out for more, But Je - sus Christ has giv - en Safe  
grief with joy; Dear Lord, who paid our du - ty, All



dai - ly want of all. When ru - in would al -  
tears in blight - ed earth. But light, the world's first  
pas - sage through its door: His flow - ing blood our  
grace for us em - ploy. Feed us the sav - ing



lure them Whose one es - tate was need, One Fa - ther  
treasure, The Mas - ter worked a - new In prom - ise,  
rai - ment, The flood to purge our shame; The liv - ing  
man - na Lest on the way we fail And sweet - en



would se - cure them In will, in trust, in deed.  
and in mea - sure No mor - tal eye could view.  
God the pay - ment That buys for us His name.  
our Ho - san - na To ho - ly Eas - ter's hail.

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## SERMON “Water and Blood”

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## **NICENE CREED**

**ALL:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You that You have gathered us together on this night when Your Son instituted the Supper we are privileged to receive.

**C:** **Grant that the promised treasures of Your Word remind us of the mercy You give to us by the water and the blood.**

**P:** Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus' great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,

**C:** **that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be forsaken, and that He died so that we may live.**

P: Lord Jesus, grant that especially during this sacred season the treasured story of Your wondrous love for us would draw us closer to You.

**C: Encourage our hearts and minds as we hold fast to Your Word, knowing that all You accomplished during Holy Week was done for our salvation.**

P: Holy Spirit, make us one through this sacred Meal we now prepare our hearts to receive, that in the communion of saints we may be strengthened in our fellowship with Christ Jesus and with one another.

### Special Prayers

**C: All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Your Word declares that the wages for our sin is death. We have been spared this consequence by the substitution of Christ Jesus in our place upon the cross. We give thanks for the water and blood that flowed from His pierced side, for in this cleansing flood we are given Your remission for all our transgressions. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of Christ's cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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 OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

# “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LSB 436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820–1901 Text and tune: Public domain

# “Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior” (Tune: 878)

LSB 640

- 1 Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee,  
 Who in Thy Sacrament art pleased to be;  
 Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail,  
 Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
- 2 In this memorial of Thy death, O Lord,  
 Thou dost Thy body and Thy blood afford:  
 Oh, may our souls forever feed on Thee,  
 And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

- 3 Thou, like the pelican to feed her brood,  
Didst pierce Thyself to give us living food;  
Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win  
Forgiveness for our world and all its sin.
- 4 Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:  
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood;  
Increase our faith and love, that we may know  
The hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.
- 5 O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
May what we thirst for soon our portion be:  
To gaze on Thee unveiled and see Thy face,  
The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace. Amen.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225–1274; (sts. 1–2, 4–5): tr. James R. Woodford, 1820–85, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. Stephen P. Starke, 1955 Text (sts. 1, 4–5): Public domain Text (sts. 2–3): © 1998 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005744

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## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P:** Let us pray. O God the Father, in love and mercy You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh. We thank You that You have given us pardon and peace in this Supper. Grant us faith always to trust that by the water and blood that flowed from Your pierced side You have fully and freely poured out Your forgiveness upon us all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

**P:** Stripping of the altar [removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments] is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It points to the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.

- P: After the Last Supper, events in our Lord's life moved rapidly:  
prayer in Gethsemane  
betrayal by Judas  
arrest, mock trial, painful beating,  
the trudge to Golgotha and execution.
- P: As his life was stripped from him, so we strip our altar of the signs  
of life to point to His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death  
for us.
- P: Flowers are new life springing forth. In the passion and suffering of  
Christ, human life ebbs from Him. In recognition of this we remove  
these flowers from our altar.

[Flowers are removed]

- P: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will  
have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events  
of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the  
world. As even creation was dark when He suffered, so we  
extinguish our candles and remove them.

[Candles extinguished]

- P: Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They  
reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His  
Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was  
removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

[Offerings are removed]

- P: The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship  
life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous  
songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from  
our lips, we remove the missal stand.

[Missal stands and service books are removed]

- P: Jesus' offered Body and His shed Blood have been given to us in,  
with, and under the form of bread and wine in this Holy Mystery.

As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

[Communion vessels removed]

P: Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at his banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

[Altar clothes and paraments are removed]

## READING OF PSALM 22

P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

**C: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.**

P: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**C: In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

P: To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

**C: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

P: All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

**C: "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"**

P: Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

**C: On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.**



- P: Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
- C: Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**
- P: they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
- C: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted with in my breast;**
- P: my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.
- C: For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—**
- P: I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;
- C: they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.**
- P: But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- C: Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!**
- P: Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
- C: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**
- P: 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!
- C: 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.**
- P: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- C: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!**

P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

**C: For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

P: 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.

**C: Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

P: they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

++ All may leave the church silently. ++

**HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER SERVICES 2023**  
**OVERALL THEME: "PROMISED TREASURES"**

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Friday, April 7 at 7:30 P.M.  
THEME: "The Old, Rugged, Wooden Cross"

**EASTER SATURDAY – NO WORSHIP SERVICE**

**EASTER SUNDAY – SUNRISE:** Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 A.M. \*\*  
THEME: "The Oil of Joy and Gladness"

**EASTER SUNDAY – FESTIVAL:** Sunday, April 9 at 9:00 A.M. \*\*  
THEME: "Welcome to the Promised Land of Milk and Honey"

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Schroeder
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor Fitch
<b>Organist</b>	Phil Nickolai

**Welcome to Peace** in the name of the Risen Savior!

***We request that visitors register*** by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. We ask that you share your name and address so that we can recognize your visit with us. All members are requested to register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. Members, please indicate all family members present and those who took communion, so that the Pastor and Elders can be spiritually accountable for you and your family.

***Hearing assist devices and large print bulletins*** are available for those who may need them. Please see an Usher or the Elder who will be happy to assist you.

***A Mother's Room is available*** for parents of young children if the need arises. The Mother's Room in the west hallway. The worship service is able to be heard in the Mother's Room.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is a sacred act, established by Christ Himself and is given to His Church. As members of **The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**, we hold the doctrine of the Real Presence, in with and under; meaning that Jesus gives His Body and Blood with the bread and wine, as He Himself says,

*"This is my body... This is my blood... for the forgiveness of sins."* (Matthew 26:26ff)

The Holy Scriptures also teach us to receive this meal in a way that is responsible and healthy. As overseer, St. Paul wrote- *"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 upon himself"* (1 Cor. 11:28-29). Out of genuine care for God's people we ask that those (1) who have not been baptized and instructed in the faith or (2) who come from another church body, not in altar or pulpit fellowship with us, refrain from receiving Holy Communion.

For those preparing to receive Holy Communion, Luther encourages us to ask ourselves these questions:

Do **I repent** of my sins, desiring to turn away from them, back to the Lord?

Do **I believe** Jesus died and rose for me and gives me His Body and Blood this day "for the forgiveness of sins"?

Do **I intend** to use this means of grace to change my life, following His will and way?

We ask that all who receive the Lord's Supper fill out a "Care Card" and place it in the offering plate. Please note that reduced-alcoholic white wine is available in the center cups of the communion tray.

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Holy Communion Celebrated at all Services  
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Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School (Sept. -May) 10:30 a.m.

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