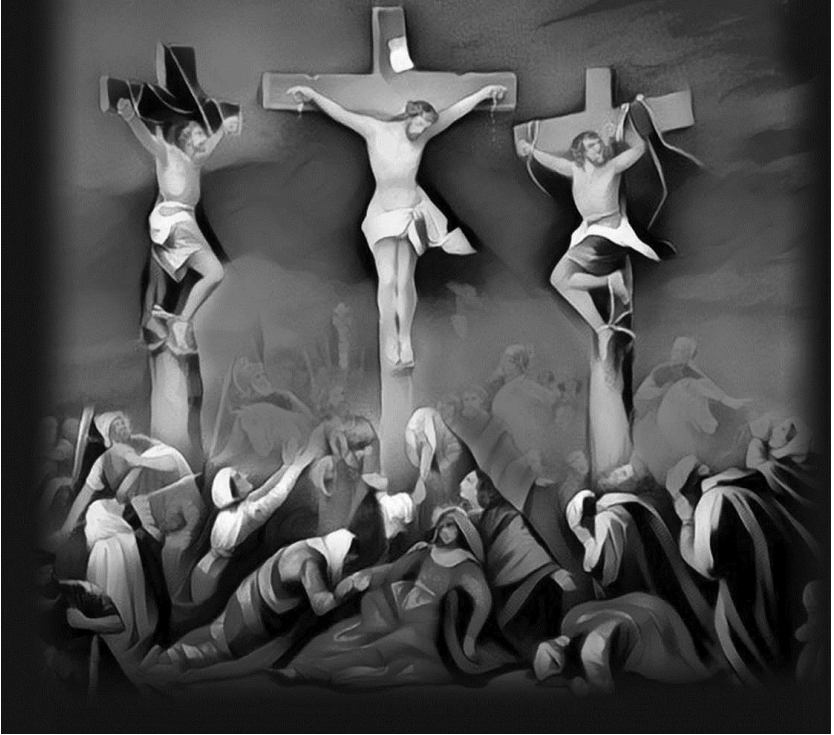


WITNESSES TO CHRIST



Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022

7 p.m.

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
Brillion, WI

Welcome

When You Woke That Thursday Morning

LSB 445

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P** As we continue our Lenten journey, we focus on the night when Jesus was betrayed.
C We find Jesus' betrayer, Judas.
P Satan leads Judas to this grave sin.
C Judas, the thief, betrays Jesus for money,
P but Judas isn't the only guilty person at the table.
C All of the disciples abandon Jesus.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Even as Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness, life, and salvation of His disciples, they all still fail Him. Even though we receive the Lord's Supper regularly for our forgiveness, life, and salvation, we still fail Jesus as well. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him with repentant hearts, seeking forgiveness.
- C** Heavenly Father, we have betrayed You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have pursued other things as being more important than You. Forgive us, Lord, on account of Jesus.

- 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 Though we abandon and betray our Lord, He never abandons or betrays us. Jesus Christ has taken away your sins and failures by His death and resurrection. 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. We are welcomed and forgiven because of Jesus.

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.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You endured betrayal and abandonment on the road to the cross. Strengthen us, through Your Word and Sacraments, to be faithful witnesses of Your resurrection to the world; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1–14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴And 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and 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.

⁷“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. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴“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.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 116:12–19

P What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

C I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

P I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

C Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

P O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

C I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

P I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,

C in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵In 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.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But 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.

Choir Anthem

“I Only Looked Away”

Holy Gospel

John 13:21–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in His spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.”

²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom He spoke. ²³One of His disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, ²⁴so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom He was speaking. ²⁵So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to Him, “Lord, who is it?” ²⁶Jesus answered, “It is He to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when He had dipped the morsel, He gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why He said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

“Behold! The Lamb of God,” John Said (Tune: LSB 432)
(Cong.) 1 “Behold! The Lamb of God,” John said,

“Who takes all sin away.”

This Lamb is Christ, who in our stead
For sin would mutely pay.

“Behold your King!” by Pilate scourged;
Sin’s hellish sum on Him converged,
While “Crucify!” the hateful urged,
Their Savior to betray.

(Choir) 2 The Way—of justice was deprived;

The Truth—was overrun;

The Life—was all from Christ derived;
God glorifies His Son!

“I am the Bread of Life,” Christ said;

“My sacred blood for all, I shed;

Who eats and drinks of Me is fed.”

All death by Christ undone.

3 (Men) Christ's glory is not seen by those
Who view God's Word as dross,
(Women) For worldly wisdom never knows
How gain could come from loss.
(Men) Yet, this the glory of the Christ:
His perfect life He sacrificed,
(Women) His finished work for all sufficed—
Debt canceled on the cross.

(Cong.) 4 May we this holy Lententide
Christ's Passion clearly see;
This somber vision will provide
The truth that sets us free.
Hear John, who speaks of what he knows;
Come, follow on the path Christ chose:
The cross, the tomb from which He rose In joyous victory!

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Offering and Rite of Friendship

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for

us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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.

Agnus Dei

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C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
Your Table I Approach

LSB 618

LSB 628

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

The stripping of the altar is an ancient feature of Maundy Thursday, symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the soldier's hands. Psalm 22 rehearses that and other themes of the Passion.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 22

P My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

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

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

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.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

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

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

P “He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

C Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

P On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

3 Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv’n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav’n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

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 within 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.

4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.

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.**
- 5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.
- 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.