



Lutheran Church & Christian School



Maundy Thursday
“The Cup”

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Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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AS WE GATHER

The services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are really one worship service – continuing for three consecutive days. Historically these days are called the **Triduum** in Latin, simply meaning “the three days.” Our theme for this year’s services is: “The Cup – The Cross – The Crown.”

An early Church name for Maundy Thursday celebration was *Natale Calicis*, which, in Latin means, “Birthday of the Cup.” During our service this evening we will remember the events that took place on the night in which our Lord Jesus was betrayed. While gathered in the “Upper Room” Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper. What a joy it is to know that in this Sacrament we receive all the benefits of Christ’s Passion, death, and resurrection. At the conclusion of the service is the Stripping of the Altar. This action symbolizes how Christ was stripped of His glory and power, and delivered to the hands of His captors. Our worship, then, continues tomorrow night – Good Friday – as we behold the Cross of Jesus.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “When I See Your Face” *(Words & music by Eddie Taylor)*

WELCOME & SHARING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you all.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: The cup of blessing that we bless,

Congregation: Is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

Pastor: The bread that we break,

Congregation: Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

Pastor: Because there is one bread,

Congregation: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of that one bread.

Pastor: So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Congregation: For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Silence for self-examination.

CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

Congregation: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

Congregation: Amen.

PSALM OF PRAISE *Psalms 116:12-19*

Pastor: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving

Congregation: and call on the name of the Lord.

Pastor: What shall I render to the Lord

Congregation: for all His benefits to me?

Pastor: I will lift up the cup of salvation

Congregation: and call on the name of the Lord.

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the Lord

Congregation: in the presence of all His people.

Pastor: O Lord, I am Your servant;

Congregation: I am Your servant, the child of Your maidservant.

Pastor: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving

Congregation: and call on the name of the Lord.

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the Lord

Congregation: in the presence of all His people

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty Father, whose Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Congregation: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 24:3-11 (*The Covenant confirmed.*)

³ 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."

⁹ 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 10:15-25 (*The full assurance of faith.*)

⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”¹⁷ then He adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh,²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”; *(by Reginald Heber)*
(Arranged by Carlton R. Young)

GOSPEL READING Luke 22:7-20 *(The New Covenant ratified in the Lord’s Supper.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹ They said to Him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” ¹⁰ He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹ and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, ‘Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.”

¹³ And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴ And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. ¹⁵ And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

¹⁶ For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹ And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "What Is This Bread?"

LSB 629

MEDITATION

PETITIONS AND PRAISES OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "The Old Rugged Cross" *(Arranged by David Andres)*
Trombone Solo by Tom Ricks

LITANY OF THE CUP

Pastor: Is not the bread we break a sharing in the Body of Christ? Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the Blood of Christ?

Congregation: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Pastor: For many though we are, we *are* one body, the body of Christ.

Congregation: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Pastor: So that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will live forever.

Congregation: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Grant us Your peace.

Pastor: On the night before He would give His life for the sins of the world, our Lord and Savior Jesus instituted a sacred meal. This the birthday of the cup, where, in the Lord's Supper, He gives us His own Body to eat and His own Blood to drink. Here He offers forgiveness of sins and strength for our life of faith. Blessed are they who eat of this bread and drink this cup, proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Taught by our Lord, and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

Congregation: 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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Matthew 8:8 Paraphrased

Pastor: Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof.

Congregation: But just say the word, and Your servant will be healed.

DISTRIBUTION "Eat This Bread"

LSB 638

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we give You thanks and praise for the wonderful gifts of Your Body and Blood in this Sacrament. May the taking of this sacred meal strengthen Your Church to serve You with our whole heart and life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: The meal is eaten, the prayers said. Now Jesus begins the final journey to the cross.

People: Confusion fills the air. Sorrow now shadows the evening.

Pastor: Judas hurries to the temple. The priests plot and plan the destruction of the Temple.

People: The joyful fellowship and companionship of the holiday turns into solemn company and fearfulness.

Pastor: Now, follow Jesus as you have promised. Follow Him in service. Follow Jesus as He prays in anguish of spirit. Follow Him as He serves your sentence on the cross. Follow God's suffering Servant to death, and to life!

People: Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

At this time, the altar is stripped and the chancel is cleared in preparation for Good Friday. The congregation is invited to meditate on Psalm 22 in the front of your hymnal.

DEPARTING HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LSB 436

As this service is continued with our Good Friday services tomorrow at 12 noon to 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. the Benediction is omitted. Having tasted of The Cup, we journey to The Cross, to behold our Savior and our Life.

