



"For this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many, for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:28

Welcome to worship on this Maundy Thursday. All too often we don't have the right connections with the right person at the right time to accomplish all the right things. If we could just obtain access. The good news is that through the blood of Jesus we have unlimited access. Our sermon title is, "Access!"



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MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30pm Service

Pre - Service Music

Ken Thies

Welcome

Pastor Paul Appold

Opening Hymn

"My Song is Love Unknown"

LSB 430 vss. 1-4 &7

***My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.***

***Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?***

***He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.***

***But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!***

***Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.***

***Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.***

*Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.*

*Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!*

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Invocation & Opening Sentences

P: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language.

C: Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion

P: The sea looked and fled,

C: The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

P: tremble at the presence of the Lord

C: At the presence of the God of Jacob!

P: Who turns the rock into a pool of water,

C: The flint into a spring of water.

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

Based on Philippians 2:1–11

P: Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

(We observe a moment of silence as we kneel for personal prayers of confession.)

P: With humble hearts, let us pray together:

C: Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.

P: By the water and blood that flowed from Your pierced side, our redemption has been guaranteed and our salvation has been secured.

C: Our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is why You died for us—

P: To forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.

C: With hearts that are humble and lives ever grateful, help us to receive Your grace, bow before You in worship, and confess that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: Hear the Good News! The same God who delivered Israel from the Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb has been sacrificed and His blood forgives you and sets you free. You are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn

"The Lamb"

LSB #547, v. 1-4

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

(REFRAIN) Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering

The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *(REFRAIN)*

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill

So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. *(REFRAIN)*

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *(REFRAIN)*

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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 great passion for us. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be made manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:1-11

R: The Old Testament Reading for Maundy Thursday is from Exodus, the 24th chapter.

Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. ² Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him." ³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules.[a] 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

R: The Epistle is from Romans, the fifth chapter.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith[b] into this grace in which we stand, and we[c] rejoice[d] in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Anthem**"Remember Me"**Elizabeth Thies*

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*Holy Gospel**Matthew 26:26-30*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the[a] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰And 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.

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and Meaning

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean?

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man born of the virgin Mary is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true!

Sermon Hymn

"Just As I Am"

LSB 570, vss. 1-3 & 6

**Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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Sermon

"Access!"

Exodus 24:1-11

Offering

Prayers of the Church

P: ...Lord in your selfless love...

C: Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: (Sung) And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: (Sung) We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: (Sung) It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer

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 Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper and when He had given thanks, He 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. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Those receiving Holy Communion for the first time are welcomed with their families.)

Receiving the Lord's Supper

P: Take, eat, this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

P: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

After receiving Holy Communion:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

Communion Hymn

"In Christ Alone"

**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

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Post Communion Collect

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (Sung)

Closing Announcements

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: (Sung) Amen.

Closing Hymn

"What Wondrous Love is This"

LSB #543

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down

Beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

***To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.***

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The Stripping of the Altar

Quiet Dismissal in remembrance of the events of Maundy Thursday

+ Please Join Us For Worship +

March 29, 6:30 pm Good Friday–Tenebrae (Service of Darkness)

March 31, 8:00 & 10:30 am – Sunrise and Festival Easter Sunday Services

Easter Breakfast will be served in the Parlor from 8:30-9:45 am