



The Last Supper

***MAUNDY THURSDAY
THURSDAY, MARCH 28***

Theme of the Day: When we don't conquer coveting, coveting conquers us. Every time! Coveting drives a stake into every relationship we have. But don't despair! *There is hope for us today in God's Word.*

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

[During the sermon series on Exodus we are using psalms that celebrate Israel's Deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from Psalm 78.]

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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,

All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

HYMN

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

(LSB 422)

On my heart im-print Your im-age, Bless-ed Je-sus, King of grace,

That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;

Let the clear in-scrip-tion be: Jesus, cru-ci-fied for me,

Is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, And my glo-ry and sal-va-tion!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (From Romans 7)

P Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

C **I know that nothing good lives in me.**

P That is, in my sinful nature.

C **For I have the desire to do good.**

P But I cannot carry it out.

C **For what I do is not the good I want to do.**

P No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

C **I find this law at work—**

P When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

C **For my inner being I delight in God's law.**

P But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

All: Who will rescue me from this body of death?

[You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,

Christ's love is greater.]

- P** Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from 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! Tremble at the presence of the Lord.
- P** Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 24:1-11* (The Covenant Confirmed)

24 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.

ANTHEM (11:00AM)

“Just As I Am” (William Bradbury, arr. Courtney)
Tim Larson, vocal soloist

EPISTLE READING *Romans 5:1-10* (Peace with God through Faith)

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we^{1a} have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith^{1a} into this grace in which we stand, and we^{1a} rejoice^{1a} in hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and 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.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. **10** For 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.

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 26:26-30* (Institution of the Lord's Supper)

26 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.” **27** And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, **28** for this is my blood of the^{1a} covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. **29** I 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.”

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

SERMON HYMN *“How Firm a Foundation”* (LSB 728)

SERMON *“Access!”* (Exodus 24:1-11)

More Moses – This week – the Book of Leviticus
Finish “Guided to the Cross” Devotional Book

APOSTLES CREED

☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, by Your righteousness deliver our souls, which are precious in Your sight. Embolden our hearts to pray, confident that Christ prays with us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, as the institution of Your new testament is celebrated this day among all peoples, make Your saving power known throughout the earth. Grant that those who boast in the sacrificial gift of Christ share Him with the world He came to bless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You have formed us after the pattern of Christ's humble service. Help us in our vocations to follow His example of self-sacrifice. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God of Israel, we rally to Your altar in the wilderness of this world. Hear our prayers for [_____ and] all those who are sick. Refresh them in their suffering, comfort them with Your Word, and nourish them in body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Host, You welcomed the elders of Israel to eat and drink with You and did not lay Your hand on them. As You welcome us to Your altar to eat and drink our Lord's Supper, do not lay Your hand on us, but count us worthy to receive forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gather us, heavenly King, around Your Son's altar and throne with angels and saints. Bless our fellowship on earth, that at length we come to share this feast in eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things; redeem us, O Lord, faithful God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

All: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:00AM) *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

African American Spiritual (Arr. Gwyneth Walker)

Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

The accompaniment in Gwyneth Walker's arrangement of this spiritual subtly enhances the text. The introduction begins with descending phrases that suggest manna (bread) slowly sinking from heaven, as well as the phrase, "fall on my knees." Throughout the piece, there are repetitive chords played between the verses, as if expressing the words, "Lord, have mercy on us." The piece slowly builds to a grand crescendo, alluding to "When I rise from my knees, with my face to the rising sun," and then, finally, the intense "O Lord, have mercy," before the final, quiet, "...and bring us peace."

COMMUNION HYMNS	<i>"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"</i>	(LSB 490)
	<i>"The Lamb"</i>	(LSB 547)
	<i>"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"</i>	(LSB 637)
	<i>"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"</i>	(LSB 449)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one

another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The 11:00 am service concludes on page 9 with the Closing Prayer.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (7:00PM)

During the Psalm, the Communion vessels are reverently removed, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

PSALM 22

¹ My God, My God, why have You for- |
saken Me?*

Why are You so far from saving Me,
from the words of My | groaning?

² O My God, I cry by day, but You do
not | answer,*

and by night, but I | find no rest.

³ Yet You are | holy,*
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

Communion Ware is removed

⁴ In You our fathers | trusted;*
they trusted, and You de- | livered them.

⁵ To You they cried and were | rescued,*
in You they trusted and were not | put to
shame.

Offering Plates are removed

⁶ But I am a worm and | not a man,*
scorned by mankind and despised by the
| people.

⁷ All who see Me | mock Me;*

they make mouths at Me; they | wag
their heads;

⁸ “He trusts in the Lord; let Him de- |
liver Him;*

let Him rescue Him, for He de- | lights in
Him!”

Processional Cross is removed

⁹ Yet You are He who took Me | from
the womb;*

You made Me trust You at My |
mother’s breasts.

¹⁰ On You was I cast | from My birth,*
and from My mother’s womb You have |
been My God.

¹¹ Be not far from Me,
for trouble | is near,*
and there is | none to help.

Processional Torches are removed

¹² Many bulls en- | compass Me;*

strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round Me;
¹³ they open wide their | mouths at Me,*

like a ravening and roaring | lion.

Altar Candles are removed

¹⁴ 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;
¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a
potsherd,
and My tongue sticks | to My jaws;*
You lay Me in the | dust of death.

Missal Stand is removed

¹⁶ For dogs en- | compass Me;*
a company of evildoers encircles Me;
they have pierced My | hands and feet—
¹⁷ I can count | all My bones—*
they stare and gloat | over Me;
¹⁸ they divide My garments a- | mong
them,*
and for My clothing they | cast lots.

Altar Linens are removed

¹⁹ But You, O Lord, do not be | far off!*
O You My help, come quickly | to My
aid!
²⁰ Deliver My soul | from the sword,*
My precious life from the power | of the
dog!
²¹ Save Me from the mouth of the | lion!*
You have rescued Me from the horns of
the wild | oxen!

Altar Parament is removed

²² I will tell of Your name to My |
brothers;*
in the midst of the congregation I will |
praise You:
²³ You who fear the Lord, praise Him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify
Him,*
and stand in awe of Him, all you
offspring of | Israel!
²⁴ 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.

***Pulpit and Lectern Paraments are
removed***

²⁵ From You comes My praise in the
great congre- | gation;*
My vows I will perform before those
who | fear Him.
²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall | praise the
Lord!*
May your hearts live for- | ever!
²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall
remember
and turn | to the Lord,*
and all the families of the nations
shall worship be- | fore You.
²⁸ For kingship belongs | to the Lord,*
and He rules over the | nations.

Palms and Cloth are removed

²⁹ 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 him- |
self alive.
³⁰ Posterity shall | serve Him;*

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming
gener- | ation;
³¹ they shall come and proclaim His
righteousness to a people | yet
unborn,*
that He has | done it.

CLOSING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Gracious Father, grant that we may put off our old selves with all our sinful deeds and put on the new person, which bearing the image of Your Son, Jesus, has been given to us in Holy Baptism, that when we let go of our earthly habitation, we may not be found unclothed, but being transformed may receive the garment of a new glorious body like His, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C Amen.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C In the name of the Lord.

CLOSING HYMN (11:00 am) "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" (LSB 643)

*After the pastors have exited the Sanctuary, the congregation leaves in silence.
There is no Benediction.*

Silent Prayer: Jesus, I come to you, for you have broken every barrier down! Amen.

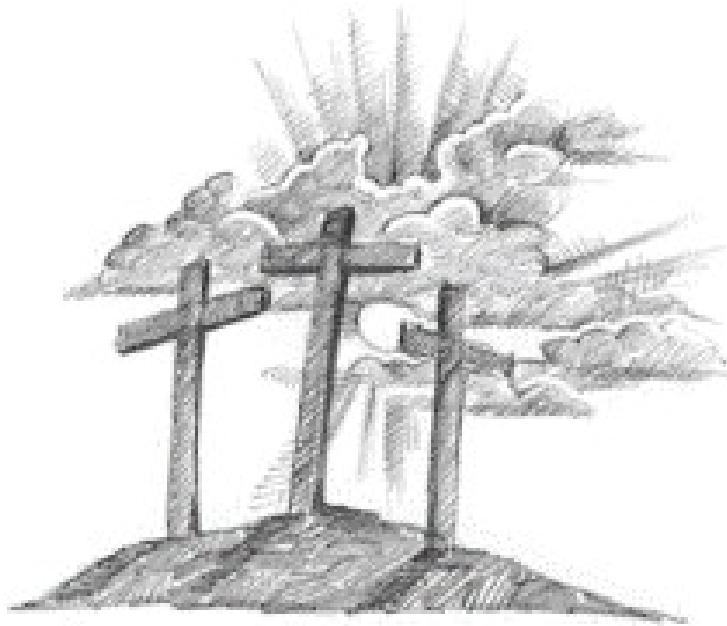


Looking ahead:



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POTATO
DINNER

Tomorrow, March 29, 2024
5:30-6:45 pm



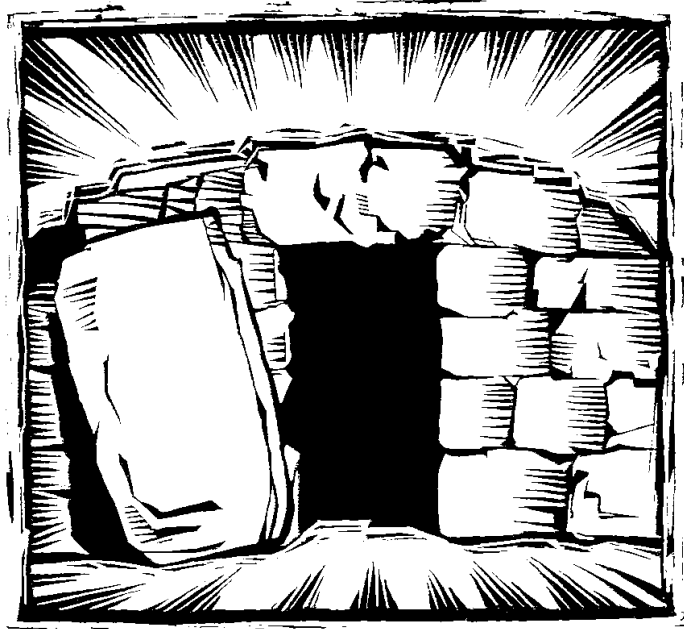
Good Friday

S E R V I C E

Good Friday, March 29

“Agnus Dei”

7:00 pm



E A S T E R

Easter Sunday, March 31

“Against All Odds”

8:30 & 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast between

Worship Services

9:30-10:45 am