Peace Lutheran Church

"Peace Through Christ"

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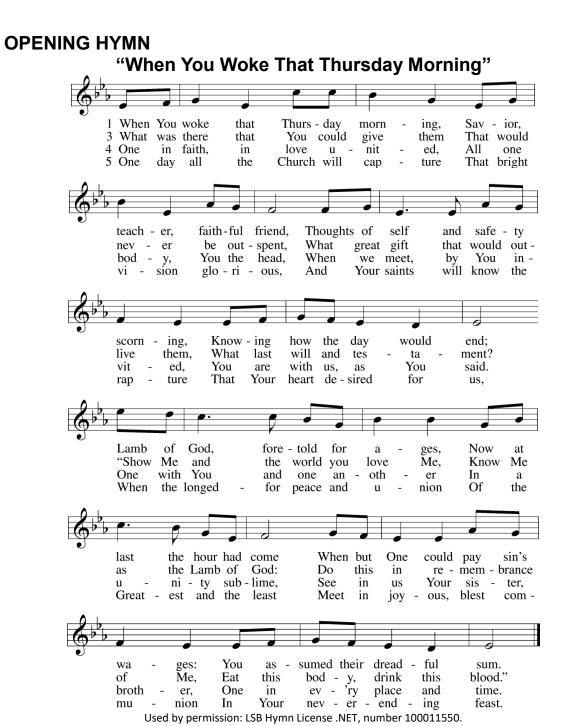
MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023

As We Gather "On the night in which He was betrayed..." These words mark Maundy Thursday as a special moment in the life of Jesus. These words are repeated during every celebration of the Lord's Supper. These words mark a moment in time that bridges Jesus' joyful celebration of the Passover to His sacrificial death on the cross. When we hear these words tonight we may know both joy and sorrow---joy in knowing that our sins are forgiven as we receive the body and blood of Jesus in bread and wine; sorrow in knowing what great suffering Jesus experienced so that we could have the forgiveness of sins.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this evening. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God's forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ's body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor.10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.



INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the

Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

(For those who intend to go to the sacrament) (adapted from *The Small Catechism*, (c) 1991 Concordia Publishing House, p. 40ff.)

Pastor: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

People: Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

Pastor: How do you know this?

People: From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

Pastor: Are you sorry for your sins?

People: Yes. I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

Pastor: What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

People: His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and

eternal damnation.

Pastor: Do you hope to be saved?

People: Yes, that is my hope.

Pastor: In whom then do you trust?

People: In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Who is Christ?

People: The Son of God, true God and man.

Pastor: How many Gods are there?

People: Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son,

and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

People: He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: Did the Father also die for you?

People: He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

People: Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

People: Yes, I believe it.

Pastor: What convinces you to believe this?

People: The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

Pastor: What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

People: We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pastor: Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

People: First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that.

Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious.

Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

Pastor: What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for vour sins?

People: His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners.

Pastor: Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?

People: That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

Pastor: What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?

People: First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

Pastor: But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

People: To such a person no better advice can be given than this: First, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God about the Sacrament, let us

now confess our sins:

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, 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.

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

People: Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my

forgiveness but God's?

People: Yes.

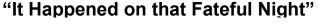
Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by

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.

People: Amen.

HYMN





5 O Lord, your feast we celebrate; We show your death; we sing your name Till you return, when we shall eat The marriage supper of the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

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. And 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. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and 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. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do 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. 13 The 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In 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." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ... "His Hands"



(Jesus celebrates the Passover for the last time.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the

22nd chapter:

People: 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.

(After the reading of the Gospel)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"



MESSAGE

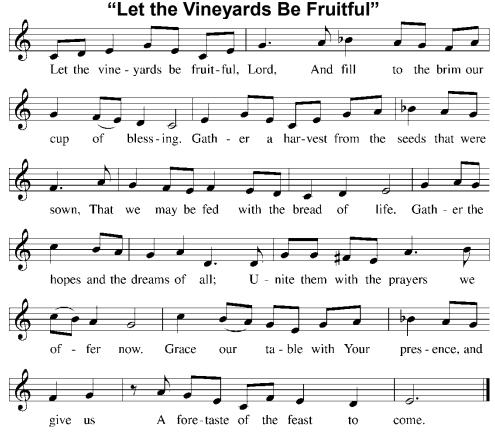
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OFFERING

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OFFERTORY



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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord, our God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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 singing:

SANCTUS



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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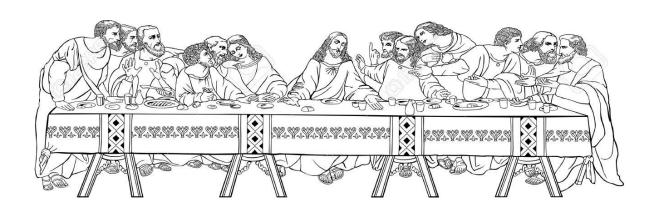
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

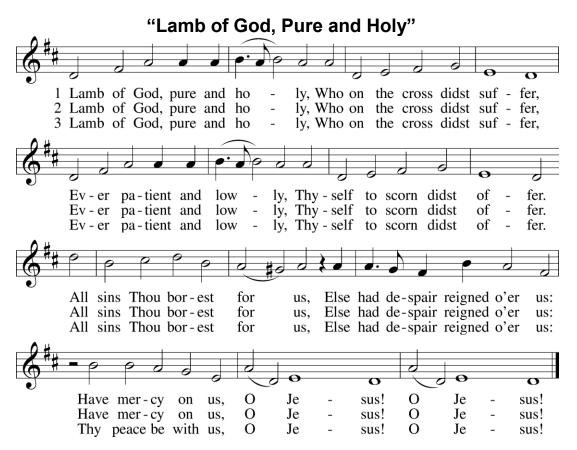
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(Please be seated)



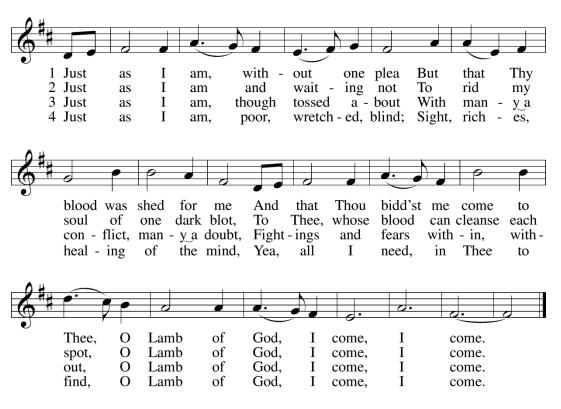
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS



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"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

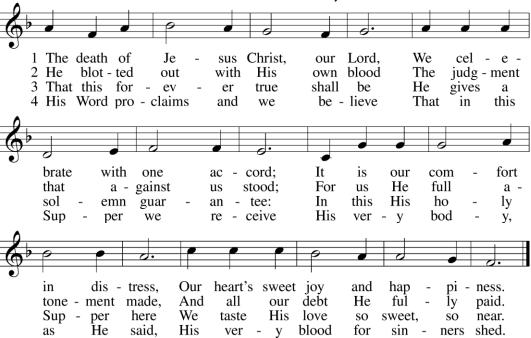


5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 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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5 We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."

8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

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6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

7 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!

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life

everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

People: Amen.

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

Stripping of the altar is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. The altar candles are extinguished and removed. Candles represent the light of Christ. Jesus said; "I Am the light of the World." In recognition of the darkness following the death of Jesus on the cross, the candles are removed from our presence. The Communion Ware is removed. Jesus' Body and Blood have been given to us, have been shed for us, and are given to us in, with and under the form of the bread and wine. Just as He was removed from us in the grave, so too the elements and the vessels of the Holy Eucharist are removed from our presence. The linens and paraments are removed, symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.

PSALM 22

(As the psalm is spoken, members of the Altar Guild will remove the linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles from the chancel. The altar symbolizes Christ; removing its usual adornments symbolizes the abuse our Lord endured this night.)

Pastor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are

you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of

anguish?

People: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

by night, but I find no rest.

Pastor: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one

Israel praises.

People: In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and

you delivered them.

Pastor: To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

People: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

Pastor: All who see me mock me;

they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

People: "He trusts in the LORD," they say, "let the LORD rescue him.

Pastor: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

People: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

Pastor: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

People: My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

Pastor: Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

People: All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.

Pastor: They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

People: But you, LORD, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

Pastor: You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

People: For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;

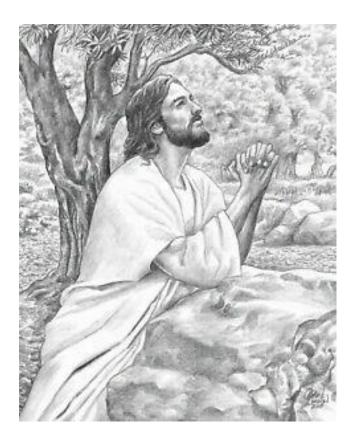
Pastor: he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

DISMISSAL (from the Gospel account of the Lord's Supper)

Pastor "When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." *Mark 14: 26*

(Ending without the Benediction reminds us that this Service continues tomorrow.)

The congregation leaves in silence.





Please join us for:

April 7, 12:00 noon Good Friday Worship Service April 7, 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service

Easter

April 9, 2323
9 am Traditional Service
9:20 am Pre-K & Kindergarten Sunday School
11 am Praise Service

Brunch 10:30-11:30 am & Egg Hunt

Easter Brunch – We will be having an Easter Brunch from 10:30 – 11:30am next Sunday. Fellowship will be providing ham and orange juice. Please bring a coffee cake, deviled eggs or fruit to share. We look forward to seeing everyone then.

Please worship with us at our regular worship

Services on Sundays at:

9:00 am Traditional Services9:20 am Sunday School10:20 am Adult Bible Study11:00 am Praise Service