

"The Last Supper" by Simon Ushakov, 1685

Maundy Thursday

Divine Service 3

March 28, 2024 7:00pm

Scripture of the Day

Exodus 24:3–11 1 Corinthians 10:16–17 Mark 14:12–26

About the Liturgy

This service for Maundy Thursday is the first service in the celebration of the holy three days of Christ's Passover, commonly known as the Paschal Triduum. It culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Christ's Passion and Resurrection and leads into His sacrifice on our behalf. As such, the service, like that for Good Friday, exhibits a mood of reverence and awe. It consists of four parts: the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, the Service of the Word, the Service of the Sacrament, and the Stripping of the Altar.

The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution signals the end of the Lenten preparations with the absolution and peace of Christ that stand at the center of the Triduum. The Service of the Word focuses upon Christ's humble service demonstrated in His washing of His disciples' feet, a servanthood enacted on the Cross and whose benefits are bestowed in the Lord's Supper. The service culminates with the Lord's ministry to His people through the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death. In this service, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the Great Three Days of Christ's Passover from death to life, from captivity to sin to Gospel freedom.

A Prayer before Worship

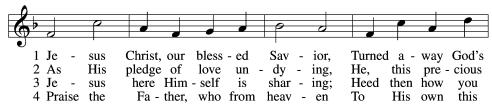
O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

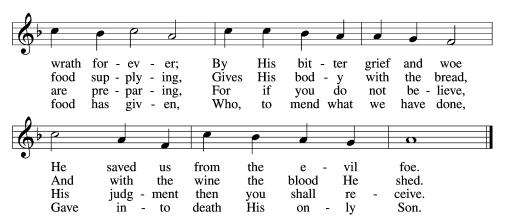
Prelude: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND ("Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"), T. Beck

Please stand and face the Processional Cross.

Processional Hymn: Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

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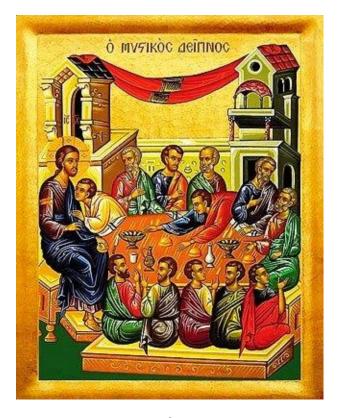




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+ Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** I will go to the altar of God.
- **C** To God, my exceeding joy.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- Who made heaven and earth.
- During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to turn to Him and be renewed in our struggle against sin, death, and the devil to reject all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sins, humbly confess them, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sinful nature and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you my body to eat."

In the same way also, He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking upon myself all your iniquities. I give myself into death, shedding my blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which

gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you my blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death – that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing his disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love as a Christian congregation. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and the one bread is made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C Amen.

Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve your punishment now and forever. 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.
- **P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C Amen.

- **P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak to you is from God Himself?
- C Yes.
- Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and 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.
- C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray. (Silence is kept) 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.
- C Amen.

Sit



+ Service of the Word +

The Old Testament Reading Exodus 24:3–11

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴And 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. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then 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." ⁸And 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."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



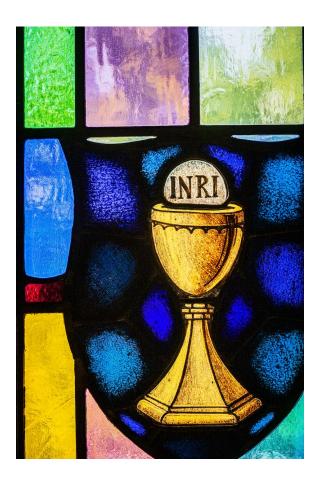
"Moses on Mount Sinai" by Jean-Leon Gerome, 1895

The Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16–17

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



The Holy Gospel Mark 14:12–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

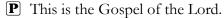


¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.







Nicene Creed

| C I believe in one God, | Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 44:6 |
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| the Father Almighty, | Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3 |
| maker of heaven and earth | Genesis 1:1; John 1:1 |
| and of all things visible and invisible. | Colossians 1:16 |
| And in one Lord Jesus Christ, | Romans 10:9 |
| the only-begotten Son of God, | John 3:16; Matthew 16:16 |
| begotten of His Father before all worlds, | John 1:2 |
| God of God, Light of Light | John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1 |
| very God of very God, | Colossians 2:9 |
| begotten, not made, | John 1:2 |
| being of one substance with the Father, | John 10:30 |
| by whom all things were made; | Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3 |
| Who for us men and for our salvation | Matthew 20:28; Galatians 4:4-5 |
| came down from heaven | John 3:13, John 6:38 |
| and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary | Luke 1:34-35 |
| and was made man; | John 1:14 |
| and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. | Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18 |
| He suffered and was buried. | John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53 |
| And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures | 1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6 |
| and ascended into heaven | Acts 1:9 |
| and sits at the right hand of the Father. | Acts 7:55 |
| And He will come again with glory | Matthew 26:64 |
| to judge both the living and the dead, | Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12 |
| Whose kingdom will have no end. | 2 Peter 1:11 |
| And I believe in the Holy Spirit, | John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38 |
| the Lord and giver of life, | Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:3 |
| Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, | John 15:26 |
| Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and | glorified, Mt. 3:16-17; Lk. 2:14 |
| Who spoke by the prophets. | Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21 |
| And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, | 1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22 |
| I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, | Ephesians 4:5, Acts 2:38 |
| And I look for the resurrection of the dead 1 Corinthian | ns 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 |
| and the life $+$ of the world to come. | Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-4 |
| Amen. | Psalm 106:48 |

Please remain standing for the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day: O Lord, We Praise Thee



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Sermon Rev. Stephen Schumacher

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Prayer of the Church

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Psalm 51:10-12

Offertory C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a way from Thy pres-ence,and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it me the joy of Thy sal - va from me. Re - store un - to tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

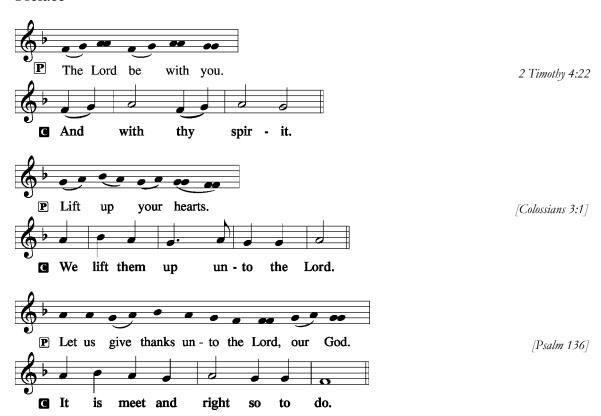


+ Service of the Sacrament +

About Receiving the Lord's Supper at Bethany

As we receive the Lord's Holy Supper according to His institution, we receive the salvation, forgiveness, and life eternal won for us on the cross. Also, we believe that when a person communes at an altar, one confesses unity with the teachings of that church. Therefore, if you are not in fellowship with the teaching of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we ask that you refrain from communion until you have had opportunity to speak with one of the pastors about Christ's bodily presence and the forgiveness of sins given in this meal. However, all are welcome to receive a blessing, for the forgiveness of Jesus is still yours. Please indicate this as your intention by crossing your arms over your chest when the pastor comes by.

Preface



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

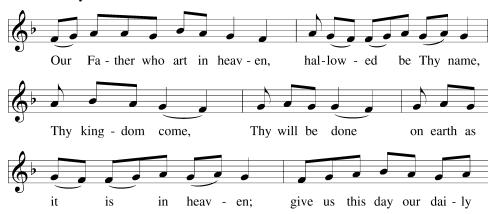
bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

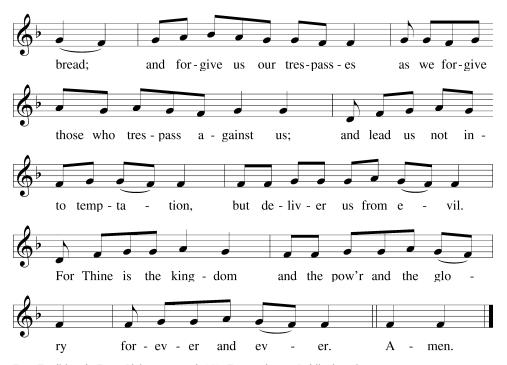


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Lord's Prayer: Our Father Who Art in Heaven LSB 957

Matthew 6:9-13





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The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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 H blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



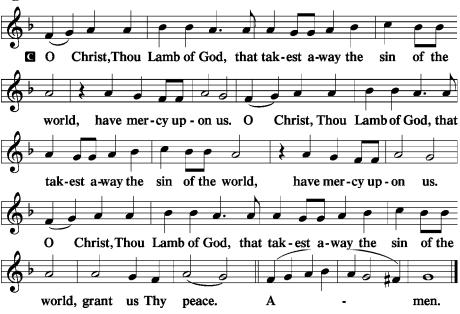
Pax Domini John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei John 1:29



Sit

A Prayer for Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymn: Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



- 9 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin confesses,
 You will be your Savior's guest,
 Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.

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Distribution Hymn: Jesus, Greatest at the Table



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Stand



Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

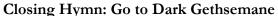
- Let us pray.

 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.

Where is the Benediction?

Due to the unified nature of the services of the Triduum, the Benediction is omitted this day. The Benediction spoken at the Easter Vigil concludes the liturgy of the Great Three Days.

₩ Stripping of the Altar ₩



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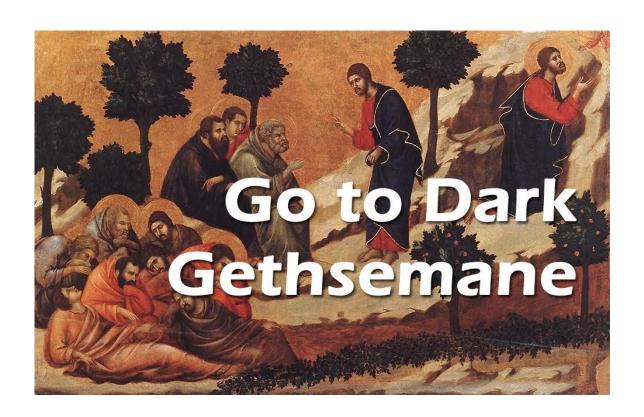
The congregation leaves in silence.

The Triduum liturgy continues tomorrow with the Good Friday Chief Service at 4:00pm and the Tenebrae Vespers at 7:00pm, as we remember the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.



A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



Those Serving You Today

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Stephen Schumacher

Assisting Pastors: Rev. Seth Clemmer, Rev. Emmett Bartens

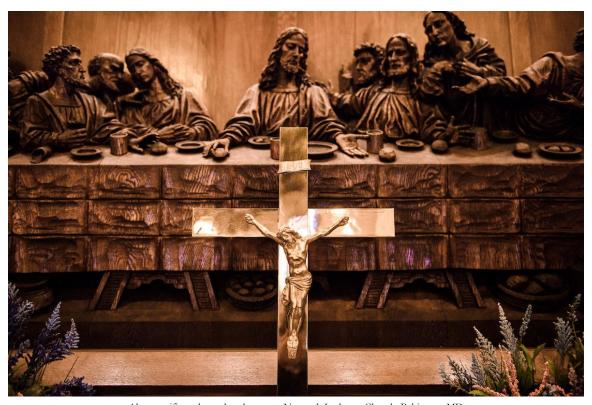
Organist: Tom Mueller

Live Stream Tech: Gia Singer

Acolytes: Jonah Swett, Riley Cordero **Sacristans:** Glenn Luehrsen, Doug Splitt

Ushers: Chad Baganz, Keith Luhrs, JR Wilson, Rich Witkowski

Communion Care: Sue Dumford



Altar crucifix and wood sculptures at Nazareth Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD



Why do we have a week called "Holy Week"?

Why would we refer to a week as being holy? The word "holy" means that it is from God. That's why we call the Bible "holy." It isn't just any book. It is God's living Word given to us for our salvation! The same goes for Holy Week. This is "God's Week." This is the week in the Church Year when Jesus actually paid for our sins and won our salvation!



There are particular days during Holy Week that are extra special. During Holy Week we celebrate Palm Sunday, when Jesus went to Jerusalem and people celebrated His arrival; Maundy Thursday, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper; Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross; and Holy Saturday, when we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday!











Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for other things in the church that are considered holy (i.e. God's Word, the Sacraments, etc.). Ask them: "How does God use these things to give us His forgiveness?"





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