



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

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Welcome! We are so glad that you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today, and welcome to our church! Christ is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We have been gathering around Word and sacrament since 1976. Our pastor would be happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership in our congregation. Please join us again soon!

Our restrooms are located by going to the right out of the sanctuary doors and proceeding down the hallway. They are at the end of the hallway on the right. There is also a **family restroom** with a changing station out the sanctuary doors to the left and around the corner.

We love hearing little ones in God's house but if you feel like your child needs a moment there are speakers to hear the service as well as books and toys in the entryway

Our guest register is located in the entryway. Please leave us a record of your visit and we will be glad to supply you with more information about our church.

The focus of worship this evening centers on the hidden glory of Jesus show to his disciples then, us now, and all believers in the future. Additionally, this is all connected with the "new command" given by Jesus on that Thursday night. This service is really "**Part One**" of the three-part service that is Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Because of this no benediction will be given until we worship our risen Savior Easter Sunday. Instead, this portion of the service will conclude with the "**Stripping of the Altar.**" Since the altar symbolizes Christ, the "stripping of the altar" symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers prior to his crucifixion. The Altar will be stripped at the end of this Maundy service

MAUNDY THURSDAY ORDER OF SERVICE

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn – “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” (Hymn #717 in Blue Hymnal)

L: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

C: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

L: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me.

C: I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord.

L: The Lord is gracious and righteous: our God is full of compassion.

C: The Lord protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he saved me.

L: How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?

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

L: In the name of and to the glory of the Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - we gather here this evening in sacramental and sacrificial worship.

C: May we tonight both bless you and be blessed by you, O Lord!

Tonight, for our edification and understanding, we will be looking at the explanation of Holy Communion as described in Luther's Catechism. May we be reminded that here we have a man's explanation of God's word but it is an explanation which comes from God's word.

THE INSTITUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

L: WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and drink.

L: WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

C: The Holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and the Apostle Paul tell us: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them and said, Drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Response Hymn – “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior” (#313 in Red Hymnal)

Silence for Reflection

THE BLESSINGS AND POWER OF HOLY COMMUNION:

L: WHAT BLESSING DO WE RECEIVE THROUGH THIS EATING AND DRINKING?

C: This is shown us by these words, given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Through these words we receive the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

L: HOW CAN EATING AND DRINKING DO SUCH GREAT THINGS?

C: It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words, Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

Response Hymn – “The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord” vs.1-5 (#135 in Red Hymnal)

Silence for Reflection

THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

L: WHO, THEN, IS PROPERLY PREPARED TO RECEIVE THIS SACRAMENT?

C: Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words, given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words, “for you” require nothing but hearts that believe.

Response Hymn – “The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord” vs.6-9 (#135 in Red Hymnal)

Silence for Reflection

Psalm 116

All: I will walk in the presence of the LORD, in the land of the living.

L: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;

C: he heard my cry for mercy.

L: Because he turned his ear to me,

C: I will call on him as long as I live.

L: The LORD is gracious and righteous;

C: when I was in great need, he saved me.

L: For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,

C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

L: How can I repay the LORD

C: For all his goodness to me?

L: I will lift up the cup of salvation

C: And call on the name of the LORD.

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.

I will walk in the presence of the LORD, in the land of the living.

PSALM PRAYER:

L: God of mercy and might, through the resurrection of your Son you have freed us from the anguish of guilt and the bonds of death. Be with us on our pilgrimage and help us glorify you in the presence of all your people: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sermon Lesson: Luke 22:7-20

⁷The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it." ⁹They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare it?" ¹⁰He told them, "Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. ¹¹Tell the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'" ¹²He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there." ¹³They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹He 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." ²⁰In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

Response Hymn – "What Wondrous Love Is This" (#120 in Red Hymnal)

Sermon on Luke 22:7-20
Theme: "A Holy Week: His Food, Our Fill"

Offering The members of Christ Lutheran join together to do the Lord's work in Cambridge and throughout the world in our church body, the WELS. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry. You can also make use of online giving through the VancoMobile app or by going to the church's website (www.christcambridge.com) and selecting the "Donate" tab under "About" in the site menu.)

Confession of Faith and Sins

Tonight, we combine our confession of faith and sins by using some of the "Christian Questions" as found in page 371 in Luther's Catechism. While we do not have the opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper together this evening, I pray these give assurance of sins forgiven through Christ's death on your behalf as well as create a longing for the opportunity to receive it once more.

L: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

C: Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.

L: How do you know this?

C: I know this from the ten commandments which I have not kept.

L: Are you sorry for your sins?

C: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

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

C: I deserve his wrath and displeasure, temporal death and eternal damnation.

L: Are you convinced that you are saved?

C: Yes, such is my confidence.

L: In whom do you trust?

C: I trust in my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

L: Who is Jesus Christ?

C: Jesus Christ is the Son of God, true God and man.

L: How many Gods are there?

C: There is only one God, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

L: What has Christ done for you that you trust in him?

C: He died for me and shed his blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.



L: Did the Father also die for you?

C: He did not; for the Father is God only, the Holy Spirit likewise. But the Son is true God and true man. He died for me and shed his blood for me.

L: How do you know this?

C: I know this from the holy gospel and from the words of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

L: Which are those words?

C: 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, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

L: Do you believe that the true Body and Blood of Christ are present in the Sacrament?

C: Yes, I believe it.

L: What moves you to believe it?

C: I am moved to believe this by the Words of Christ, "Take, and eat; this is my body. Take and drink; this is my blood."

L: What does Christ want you to do when you eat his body and drink his blood in the Lord's Supper?

C: Christ wants me to remember and proclaim his death and the pouring out of his blood as he taught me: "Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

L: Why does Christ want you to remember and proclaim his death?

C: He wants me to do this so that I learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for my sins, but only Christ, who is true God and man, could and did do that; I learn to look with terror upon my sins and regard them as great indeed; I find joy and comfort in Christ alone and believe that I have salvation through faith in him.

L: What moved him to die and make a complete payment for your sins?

C: He was moved to do this by his great love for his Father and for me and other sinners, as the Scriptures teach. (John 14:31; Romans 5:8; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 5:2)

L: Why do you desire to receive Holy Communion?

C: I desire to receive it because in Holy Communion the Holy Spirit works faith in my heart to firmly believe that Christ, out of his great love for me, died for my sins and offers me his forgiveness.

HYMN – Lamb of God (#748 in Blue Hymnal)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1Corinthians 11:23-25

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, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

(spoken) AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

God tells us in the Bible that his Supper is for sinners who are accurately instructed in his word, who examine themselves by living in repentance, and who recognize the miraculous real presence of Jesus' body and blood. It is our joy and honor to use God's Holy Word. Therefore, we invite only current members of Christ, (and those from sister WELS and ELS congregations) come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor before taking part in the sacrament. He welcomes the chance to study what God says with you. And thanks so much for honoring God's Word in this manner.

PREPARATION FOR GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

L: Why? Why did it have to happen this way? Why did we desert Jesus? Why did we betray him? Why did we mock him as our king? Why did we kill him? Why did he die? We have the answer in Romans 5:6-11 “⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through

whom we have now received reconciliation.” Why? Because this was God’s plan to carry out his justice. His love for us - the ungodly, blind, dead, enemies of God - was so great he punished his Son in our place and declared us innocent because of Jesus.

STRIPPING OF ALTAR:

This evening, in preparation for Good Friday the altar will be stripped. The altar, which symbolizes Christ, will have everything on it and around it removed. This unhurried and dignified stripping of the altar symbolizes Jesus’ abandonment by his disciples in Gethsemane prior to his trial, crucifixion, and death. The bare altar then symbolizes the suffering and death of Jesus.

As the furnishings are being removed “What Grace Is This!” will be sung by a soloist while we meditate on what our Savior endured in our place.

No words are spoken afterwards. Pastor will leave in silence after the Altar is stripped. The congregation may stay as long as they wish to meditate but are asked to exit the church quietly after the service, meditating on the road Christ walked to save us. There will be no post-service music.

Thank you to the musicians who helped beautify our worship service.

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