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Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2010

We welcome you to our service this evening. Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word for "command." It was on this night that Jesus told His disciples, "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another." This is the evening Jesus began Holy Communion. Holy Communion will be celebrated this evening.

The Prelude: Glory Be to Jesus

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Stand

The Opening Hymn: Glory Be to Jesus

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Please stand and turn to face the processional cross.

The Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession of Sins *(from Luther's Small Catechism)*

P St. Paul expressly instructs us, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of that cup. For he that eats and drinks carelessly is eating and drinking a judgment on himself, for he is blind to the presence of the Lord's body." (1 Cor. 11:28-29)

C: How should we examine ourselves before partaking of Communion?

P We should examine ourselves to see (1) whether we truly repent of our sins; (2) whether we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior; (3)

whether we have the good and earnest purpose with the aid of the Holy Spirit henceforth to amend our sinful lives.

C: In what does true worthiness consist?

P True worthiness consists of faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."

C: Who is unworthy and unprepared?

P A person who does not believe these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins," or who doubts these words is unworthy and unprepared. For the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

C: May believers whose faith is weak approach the Lord's Table?

P Believers whose faith is weak should indeed come to the Lord's Table that their faith may grow stronger. Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

(We kneel for confession)

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these sins. Have mercy upon us, kind Father, because of the obedience of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully.

(Moment of silent reflection)

P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Prayer for Maundy Thursday

P Dear Father - Be with us in this hour of meditation as we reflect on the events that happened so long ago – when Your dear Son began Holy Communion and was later betrayed and given into the hands of sinful men in the Garden of Gethsemane. Tonight

we are reminded that He did it all for us – so that we can be Your children and live with You forever in heaven. May the wonder of this night never be forgotten and serve to renew our faith and trust in You. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

Sit

The Anthem: What is This Bread

*Kurt E. Von
Kampen*

Chancel

Choir

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-

14

The 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. **3** Tell 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. **4** 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, **6** 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. **8** They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. **9** Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. **10** And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. **11** In 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. **12** For 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

c: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:23-

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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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

c: Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Holy Gospel

Luke 22:7-

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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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He

suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

The Hymn of the Day: O Lord, We Praise Thee
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Sermon: The Upper Room
DeVries

Rev. K. T.

Luke

22:7-13

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The Ritual of Friendship *Please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate in order that we have a record of your worshipping with us.*

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

If you have a prayer request, please put it on a "Prayer Request Card" and the ushers will bring it forward with the offering.

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The Voluntary: Toccata for Communion
Frescobaldi

Stand

The Prayers

The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

The Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C: And with you, His servant.

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P To do so is both right and proper.

C: We thank you, almighty Lord, that you are a God of all mankind, that you are not ashamed to be called our God, that you know us by our name, that you keep the world in Your hands. For You have made us and called us in this life to be united to You, to be Your people on this earth. Blessed are You, Maker of all that exists. Blessed are You, who have given us space and time to live in. Blessed are You for the light of our eyes and the air we breathe. We thank You for the whole of creation, for all the works of Your hands, for all you have done in our midst, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore we praise Your Majesty, almighty God, with all Your faithful people; therefore we bow before You and adore You with the words:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of all living. Earth and heaven are filled with Your glory. We bless Your name. Blessed is He who comes in the midst of His people.

P Blessed are you, almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are You. Before the foundation of the world You chose us to be Your children. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. For Him the universe was made. In Him we have received redemption and forgiveness of sins. On the night when He was betrayed He took bread into His hands, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples with the words, "Take and eat; this is my body; given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, spoke a

prayer of thanks over it, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Each time you drink of this cup, do it in remembrance of me." When we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes. Therefore, Lord, our God, we commemorate that Christ had to suffer and die, but most of all that He is the firstborn from the dead, the firstborn of the whole creation; that glorified at Your right hand, He speaks on our behalf; and that He will come to judge the living and the dead on the day which You have appointed.

C: Amen.

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.

Sit

The Communion Hymns:

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love *Zach Fraley,*

soloist

Christ, the Life of All the Living *TLH*

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There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

TLH #157

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

TLH #154

The Benediction

All: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good

works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may almighty God, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

C **Amen.**

At the conclusion of the service the altar will be stripped in preparation for Good Friday. We will leave the church in silence at the ushers' direction.

Stripping of the Altar

During the stripping of the altar, Psalm 22 will be chanted by the Cantor.

After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution.

As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world. As even creation was dark when He suffered, so we extinguish our candles.

(CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED)

Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

(OFFERINGS ARE REMOVED)

The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand.

(MISSAL STAND AND SERVICE BOOKS ARE REMOVED)

Jesus' offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under, the form of bread and wine in this Holy Sacrament. As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

(COMMUNION VESSELS ARE REMOVED)

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COMMUNION: Holy Communion will be celebrated today. If you are a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and desire to take communion, please indicate on the Rite of Friendship card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. All other guests are kindly asked to speak to a Pastor before communing. Both the common and individual cups are offered at each table simultaneously. If you desire the common cup, the Pastor will provide it to you, while the Elders serve the individual cups. It is proper to take hold of the cup when receiving the common cup. This helps prevent spilling and greatly assists the Pastor.

NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE AVAILABLE: For those who are allergic or for health reasons unable to drink regular wine, non-alcoholic wine is available for Holy Communion. The non-alcoholic wine is white in color and is in the three individual glasses in the center of each tray. It is available in each service at each table. The reception of this wine in no way affects the theological meaning or benefits of this Sacrament.



CHURCH NOTES

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU to the Altar Guild members who helped strip the altar this evening: Debbie Kennedy, Susan Melancon, and Tracy Passeur.

EASTER LILIES – A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. The cost is \$10.00 per lily. There will be 40 lilies available. Please sign for one line per lily. Use the lily envelope for payment only, not for signing up. This eliminates any confusion for the office. Thank you.

Holy Week Services

Good Friday Tenebrae

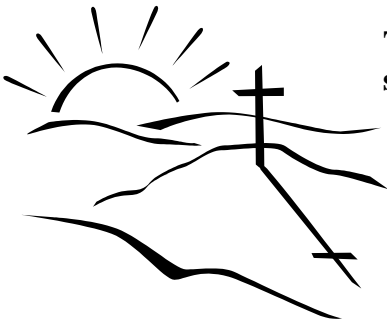
April 2

7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Schedule

Join us again on Easter Sunday as we celebrate our Lord's
Resurrection at
7:00 (with Holy Communion), 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunrise Service with Holy Communion	7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast	7:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Easter Festive Service	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Easter Festive Service	11:00 a.m.



**There will not be a 6:30 p.m.
service on Easter Sunday.**