



# **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

**Maundy Thursday**

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**"In Nomine Iesu"**

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For a thousand years the Hebrews celebrated the Passover to commemorate the “saving event” in their history. The ritual called for bitter herbs and wine, but mostly it called for a lamb. The paschal lamb reminded them how a lamb’s blood, painted on the lintels of their father’s doorways, saved their fathers from the angel of death one fateful night in Egypt; the herbs recalled their bitter suffering in the wilderness and through the centuries following.

In the peculiar way our Lord has of reaching in both directions at one time, He allowed the covenant people to draw their identity from the Passover/Red Sea experience, but He used the event as a “sign” of the salvation to come. The lamb of the Passover was sign for the true Paschal Lamb, Jesus Christ.

*St. Paul’s welcomes our family and our guests. If you are a guest, please let us know by filling out the registration card found in your pew rack.*

In the celebration of Holy Communion we joyfully receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. Since this is also a sign of our common confession of faith, we welcome to the Lord’s Supper all those who are presently confirmed members of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. If you wish to commune for the first time at St. Paul’s, please speak to a Pastor before the service.

**Prelude** “A Place Called Gethsemane” by George Blake

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell**

**Hymn** “When You Woke that Thursday Morning” LSB #445

**Invocation** (*please stand*)

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

C **Amen.**

P On Ash Wednesday, there were physical signs of our repentance, visible in the mirror and to everyone we met. The ashes were placed on our foreheads, reminding us of our need for forgiveness and of our Savior. Soon, many of us will be receiving our Lord's real, physical body and blood, somehow in, with, and under the bread and wine – certainly a miracle in our midst.

As the true Lamb of God, Jesus gives to us Himself, forgiving us of our sins and, just as the Passover lamb's blood told the Angel of Death to pass over the homes of the Israelites, He fends off the death sentence our sins deserve.

**Confession and Absolution**

P Let us therefore confess our sins to our Heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**Confession**

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, by nature sinful and unclean, confess to You that I have failed to see You present in my daily living. In addition to my faults that are visible to the people around me, You know my secret thoughts, my whispered words, and my furtive actions. For these and other sins I have hidden even from myself I am heartily sorry. I repent of them and pray that You will show me mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C **Yes.**

P 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.

### Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

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, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*(be seated)*

### Duet

*“The Triumphant Son of God”*

Words and Music by Janelle Beal & Nathanael Pfeil

Duet: Rebekah & Nathanael Pfeil

### Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 24:3-11*

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

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

*1 Corinthians 11:23-32*

<sup>23</sup> 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, <sup>24</sup> 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." <sup>25</sup> 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." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel** *(please stand)*

*Mark 14:12-26*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup> And 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, <sup>14</sup> and 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?' <sup>15</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And 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." <sup>19</sup> They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?"

<sup>20</sup> He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me." <sup>21</sup> For 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."

<sup>22</sup> And 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." <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." <sup>25</sup> Truly, 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."

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

**All** 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.**

*(be seated)*

**Hymn**

*“What Is This Bread”*

LSB #629

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You bore our sins in Your body and shed Your blood on the cross that we might live.

**C** **We bow before You in gratitude for Your goodness towards us.**

**P** We thank You for the gift of saving faith,

**C** **and we pray that it may be nourished by Your very body and blood.**

**P** O Lord, by Your mighty power You delivered Your chosen people, Israel, from slavery in Egypt.

**C** **You commanded them to observe the Passover feast to remember Your power and might.**

**P** By Your great love You delivered us, the new Israel, from slavery to sin and death,

**C** **and You give us this wondrous feast to make Your love real in our lives.**

**P** Be present among us, O God, with Your grace and favor,

**C** **and by the power of Your Spirit move us to serve You in love and obedience.**

**P** Where there are divisions in the Church, the body of Christ,

**C** we pray for healing and unity of spirit.

P Help us to lift our eyes beyond our own selfish concerns.

**C** **Grant peace in our hearts, peace in Your Church, and peace in the world according to Your good and gracious will.**

P Into Your hands, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Preface** (*please stand*)

P The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Proper Preface**

P 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 saying:

**Sanctus**

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** 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 (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.**

## Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## **Distribution** *(be seated)*

*(All members of our St. Paul's family are invited to meet the Lord in this Sacrament. When at the table, please indicate your preference of common or individual cup.*

*The CENTER RING of the individual communion cup tray contains white grape juice. The OUTER RINGS contain red wine. Gluten free wafers are available from a communion assistant.)*

## **Distribution Hymns**

*"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*                      LSB #637  
*"Christ the Life of All the Living"*                                      LSB #420

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

**P**     Lord God, as You have fed us with the living bread from heaven, we ask that this holy body and blood of Your Son may sustain us throughout our journey on earth, until we reach that place where there is neither hunger nor thirst in Your glorious presence. This we pray through Christ our Lord.

**C**     **Amen.**

## **The Stripping of the Altar**

After instituting the Lord's Supper, Jesus went to Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives, where He prayed, was betrayed and arrested, and started His way to the cross. Knowing that it was for us and our salvation, Jesus willingly let Himself be stripped of freedom, friends, dignity, and life itself.

Everything on the altar is a reminder of God's love for us in Jesus, and of His work for our forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life. Just as Jesus was stripped of everything that evening, we now strip the altar.

As the items are removed from the altar, Psalm 22, words which Jesus prayed on the cross, is read.

*We then depart in silence, continuing  
our worship tomorrow evening.*

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**Good Friday**

March 29

Worship

**6:30 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday!**

March 31

Worship with Communion, **7:00** a.m.

Easter Breakfast Sponsored by St. Paul's Youth

Worship with Communion, **10:00** a.m.