



Maundy Thursday: An Experiential Last Supper

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Larimore, North Dakota

Thursday, March 28, 2024

GATHERING

As you enter the sanctuary you are invited to sit, pause, and center yourself.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

L: Gracious Lord,

A: be present as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to me in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine.

L: In divine love, you have given to us this sacred meal.

A: Open my heart to reflect on the tremendous price you have paid for the forgiveness of my sins and the sins of the entire creation.

L: You have given your body and shed your blood in order that we might be forgiven and have eternal life. As we sit here quietly, make us truly grateful for the love you have shown, for this opportunity to sit, reflect and dwell in your amazing love.

A: I ask forgiveness for my sins. Those sins which I have committed knowingly in what I have thought, in what I have said, and in what I have done, and also for those sins I have committed which are known only to you. Through your son Jesus Christ I pray. AMEN.

Moment of Silence for Reflection

***A PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,

I confess that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I repent of all my sins, known and unknown. I am truly sorry, and I pray for forgiveness. I firmly intend to amend my life, and to seek help in mending what is broken. I ask for strength to turn from sin and your grace which overflows from the font of life, the spring of new beginning, your Son Jesus Christ. AMEN.

***HYMN** *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”* vs.1,2,4

1) If you but trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in him, You’ll find him always there beside you, to give you hope and strength within. For those who trust God’s changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

2) What gain is there in anxious weeping, in helpless anger and distress? If you are in your Savior’s keeping, in sorrow will he love you less? For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev’ry loss.

4) Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully, and trust his word; though undeserving, You’ll find His promise true to be. God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in Him indeed.

***A PRAYER TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD**

Blessed Lord God,

you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that I may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, I may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, which you have given me in Jesus Christ. AMEN.

WORD

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

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 lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord.

The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Mark 14:12-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, ‘Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?’ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, “The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?” He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.’ So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.’ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, ‘Surely, not I?’ He said to them, ‘It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.’ While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, ‘Take; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, ‘This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of

the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.' When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

***A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION**

Merciful God,

I do not presume to come to your table trusting in my own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant me, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that I may live in him and he in I, now and forever. AMEN.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

MEAL

An usher will direct you to come to the front to take a seat at the table.

While you wait, you are invited to continue in prayer/meditation, if you so choose, by reading the supplemental readings in the back of this bulletin, as well as using any of the materials in the hymnal (Pg. 30), and/or reading through Lenten hymns (ELW 319-343), Communion Hymns (ELW 460-502).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,

you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that I who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in I, that I may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. AMEN.

HYMN “*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*” vs.1,2,4

1) In the cross of Christ I glory, tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

2) When the woes of life o’ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

4) Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

All who wish to assist in the stripping of the altar may come forward. Each person in turn will be handed a piece to be removed and then taken to the Sacristy/Altar Room. Those assisting and those who wish to remain in their pews are invited to remain in the quiet of God's grace. All are invited to leave the sanctuary in silence once the altar is fully stripped.

HOLY WEEK CONTINUES...

Friday, March 29th: Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ 8:00pm

Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday Service @ 10:00am

SUPPLEMENTAL READINGS DURING COMMUNION

PSALM 116

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. **2** Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. **3** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. **4** Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!" **5** Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. **6** The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. **7** Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. **8** For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. **9** I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. **10** I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted"; **11** I said in my consternation, "Everyone is a liar." **12** What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? **13** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, **14** I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. **15** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. **16** O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. **17** I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. **18** I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, **19** in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." **25** In the same way he took the cup also, 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.

JOHN 13:1-35

1 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. **2** The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper **3** Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, **4** got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. **5** Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. **6** He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" **7** Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." **8** Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." **9** Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" **10** Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." **11** For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." **12** After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

13 You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. **14** So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. **16** Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. **17** If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. **18** I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, "The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me." **19** I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. **20** Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me." **21** After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." **22** The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. **23** One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; **24** Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. **25** So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" **26** Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. **27** After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." **28** Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. **29** Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. **30** So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. **31** When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. **32** If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. **33** Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." **34** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."