



Are You Hungry?

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**MARCH 28, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

Welcome to worship at Resurrection Lutheran Church! Today, we celebrate God's work in our lives, receiving His Word and Sacraments that strengthens our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are the household of God that He builds up by grace, through faith, and for service!

**LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY**

Maundy Thursday (most likely from the Latin, *mandatum*, meaning a new commandment) or Holy Thursday begins a single service that spans three days, called the Triduum. What is begun tonight is not concluded until the Easter Vigil or the first Eucharist of Easter Sunday. This is one story told in three parts over three days. This is the story that Jesus began on Palm Sunday when He entered Jerusalem to complete all He had come to accomplish.

The Triduum starts with Passover, the last of the Passovers Jesus would celebrate and the last of the Passovers appointed by God. Things are changing. This final Passover becomes the introduction to the new covenant meal of Jesus' Body and Blood. The joy of this most sacred meal is tinged with sadness. Someone will betray Jesus -- someone close to Him. But this sadness is transformed into joy because this meal points to the eternal banquet which Jesus will eat with us and all His saints in Heaven. The betrayal is for a purpose. Jesus will use the events of the next three days to end the reign of sin and death and prepare a whole new future for us, His people. This Holy Supper connects us to what Jesus did and sustains us until we are with Him in Heaven for all eternity.

As the Lutheran Church defines it, God has given two sacraments to his church. They are the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

A sacrament is a personal, tangible way God gives forgiveness and life to his people. There are three things necessary for something to be a sacrament.

- \* It must be commanded by Christ.**
- \* It must use an earthly element, some common item from this world.**
- \* It brings God's grace and forgiveness to people.**

In baptism God makes us his children, part of his own family. In Holy Communion, he nourishes us in this family. Both of these sacraments convey to us the life, forgiveness, and salvation which Jesus won for us on the cross.

These gifts come to us for the first time in our baptism and they come to us again each time we celebrate Holy Communion.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

## PRELUDE

*Jesus Christus Unser Heiland* – H. Walcha, F. Peeters, D. Buxtehude

## GREETING

### ❖ INVOCATION

LSB 151

*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.**

### ❖ INTRODUCTION TO MAUNDY THURSDAY

P In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's Call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil — all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at baptism.

C **God's Forgiveness and the Power of His Spirit to amend our lives continues with us because of His Love for us in Jesus, our Savior.**

P Within the community of the church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution we receive forgiveness as if from God Himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in Heaven, for it comes to us in the Name and by the Command of our Lord.

C **We who receive God's Love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.**

P It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's Body participate most intimately in His Love.

C **Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with His disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal.**

P Together we receive the Lord's Gift of Himself and participate in that New Covenant which makes us one in Him.

C **The Lord's Supper is the promise of the Great Banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.**

### ❖ CONFESSIOIN OF SINS

P In our sin and sinfulness we make excuses, squandering and taking for granted the Grace of God and the Banquet He so freely gives.

C **Most Merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful.  
We do not love You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.  
We do not love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**It is natural for us to make excuses when You present Your Gifts to us.  
Because of our selfishness, we deserve to be shut out of the Banquet.  
Though You are Generous in Your Love, we deserve only Your Wrath.  
Forgive us, Most Holy God.**

### ❖ ABSOLUTION

P On this day, the Lord Jesus institutes a new banquet for you. With His Broken Body and Shed Blood He creates a meal that fills you with forgiveness, love and life. Jesus honors you at His Banquet. Because of His Perfect Sacrifice, upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a Called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the Command of my Lord Jesus Christ and by His Authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### ❖ PSALM INTROIT

*Psalm 116:12-19 (p. 605)*

*(We offer expressions of devotion to God in response His Benefits given to us.)*

L <sup>12</sup>What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?  
 C <sup>13</sup>**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

L <sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.  
 C <sup>15</sup>**Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.**

L <sup>16</sup>O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
 You have loosed my bonds.  
 C <sup>17</sup>**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
 and call on the name of the LORD.**

L <sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,  
 C <sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
 Praise the LORD!**

C **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.**



## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*O Lord, We Praise Thee*

**LSB 617**

**1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
 In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
 Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
 Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
 O Lord, have mercy!  
 May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
 And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:  
 O Lord, have mercy!**

**2. Thy holy body into death was given,  
 Life to win for us in heaven.  
 No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
 May this feast thereof remind us!  
 O Lord, have mercy!  
 Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
 All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:  
 O Lord, have mercy!**

**3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor**  
**That we follow Christ our Savior**  
**And live together here in love and union**  
**Nor despise this blest Communion!**  
**O Lord, have mercy!**  
**Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;**  
**Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity:**  
**O Lord, have mercy!**

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❖ **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY** **LSB 156**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.  
 O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your Passion.

**C** **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. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Exodus 12:1-14* (p. 63)

*(The Lord institutes the Passover)*

**12** The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,

<sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months.

It shall be the first month of the year for you.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old.

You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>“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.

<sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

<sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.

<sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

<sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*I Corinthians 11:23-32 (p. 1139)*

*(Paul recapitulates the Institution of the Lord's Supper.)*

<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.

And you shall eat it in haste.

It is the LORD's Passover.

<sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>“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.

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ❖ HOLY GOSPEL

*John 13:1-17, 31b-35* (p. 1069)

*(Jesus washes the disciples' feet.)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

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

**LSB 156**

**13** Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,

<sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands,

and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper.

He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.

<sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him,

<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.

"What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."

<sup>8</sup> Peter said to him,

"You shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered him,

"If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

<sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him,

"Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him,

"The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean.

And you are clean, but not every one of you."

<sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said,

"Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them,



“Do you understand what I have done to you?”

<sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.

<sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

<sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

<sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

<sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them...

Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

<sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you,

‘Where I am going you cannot come.’

<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

<sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

LSB 618

**1. I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:**

Refrain

**Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

**2. Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee.**

Refrain

**3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art:**

Refrain

**4. Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
Refrain**

**5. What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.  
Refrain**

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## SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

*Are You Hungry?  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

## RITE OF ADMISSION TO FIRST COMMUNION

*(Students and parents/ sponsors please come forward)*

- A When these students were Baptized, their parents and sponsors made several promises regarding their spiritual growth and training.
- A One of those promises was to prepare their children to come to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, and to receive all the gifts the Lord offers at His Table. Today we give thanks to God for the work which these parents and sponsors have done to prepare their children for Holy Communion.
- C Thanks to You, O Lord, for the faithful work of parents and sponsors.**
- A Parents and sponsors, please lay your hands on your children and share with them this blessing.

*Parents/Sponsors: Child of God, we thank the Lord for you and your faith in Jesus.  
May the Bread of Life dwell in your heart and shape you into  
the Image of Jesus. Amen*

- P Students, in Holy Baptism you were born into the family of God and accepted by God as His very own. As a gift, Jesus gave His people this Holy Supper and invites His own brothers and sisters to eat and drink His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins. You have learned what Jesus has done for you and the promises He gives you in the eating of the bread and drinking of the wine, namely

that His Presence is real and His Love is given through the forgiveness of sins. Therefore as members of God's family you are now prepared to receive the Lord's Supper. So I ask you:

P Do you believe that in Holy Baptism God has accepted you as His child?  
**Students:** *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe you are a sinner who needs God's Forgiveness to have peace with Him?  
**Students:** *Yes, I believe.*

P What is the Sacrament of the Altar?  
**Students:** *It is the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.*

P Do you believe that you should receive the Lord's Supper with a joy-filled faith because in the bread and wine Jesus comes to you in His Body and Blood and He assures you the forgiveness of sins, strengthens your faith in Him and empowers you to love and serve each other?  
**Students:** *Yes, I believe.*

P Will you continue to come to God's house on a regular basis for worship and praise to our Lord Jesus?  
Will you continue to look for His Presence through His Word as the power source for your faith and growth as His follower?  
Do you promise to do this, knowing the Holy Spirit will continue to nurture and shape you in Jesus' Image?  
**Students:** *I will and do, with the Help of God.*

P Parents and sponsors, you heard the confession of faith and the promises made by your children. God's whole family here shares the concern and responsibility for helping your children grow in faith and be shaped into the Image of Jesus. Will you help your children to fulfill their promise?  
**Parents/Sponsors:** *We will, with the Help of God.*

P God enable you to do this holy work.  
By the authority of our Lord Jesus, I now invite our young Christian brothers and sisters to the Lord's Table to receive with us His rich Love and real Presence in this sacrament.

P Go with God's Peace and live in joy.

*Parents/Sponsors and Students: Amen*

*(Students and their parents/sponsors return to their seats)*

## ❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*)  
Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

## OFFERING

The offerings of God's people will be received through the offering plate, postal mail, and online giving (<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YZEP/home>)

## ❖ OFFERTORY *What Shall I Render to the Lord* LSB 159-160

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## ❖ LORD'S SUPPER LITANY

P In this Holy Week the Son of God prepares a Great Banquet for all people.

**C This Banquet features His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins.**

P In this Banquet the Sacrifice is remembered.

**C In this Banquet the Sacrifice is received.**

P In this Banquet we have Life.

**C In this Banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.**

P Jesus said, “But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

**C In this Banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.**

P Jesus said, “But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the Resurrection of the Righteous.”

**C In this Banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.**

P Jesus said, “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.’”

**C Grant me Your Grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to You.**

## ❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Jesus, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

## ❖ LORD'S PRAYER

**LSB 162**

**C**     **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.**

**❖     DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(Service will resume shortly.)

**MUSIC DURING THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

**LSB 637**

- 1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**
  
- 2. He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**
  
- 3. Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

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1. Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
2. Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
3. This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.
4. I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.
5. Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
6. Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
7. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

**1. When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, Knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, Now at last the hour had come  
When but One could pay sin's wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.**

**2. Never so alone and lonely, Longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones only For a quiet hour apart:  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature, One last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher, Washing Your disciples' feet.**

**3. What was there that You could give them That would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them, What last will and testament?  
"Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me as the Lamb of God:  
Do this in remembrance of Me, Eat this body, drink this blood."**

**4. One in faith, in love united, All one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited, You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another In a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother, One in ev'ry place and time.**

**5. One day all the Church will capture That bright vision glorious,  
And Your saints will know the rapture That Your Heart desired for us,  
When the longed-for peace and union Of the Greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion In Your never-ending feast.**

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❖ **BENEDICTION**

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**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.





## CLOSING HYMN

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

LSB 922

**1. Go, My children, with My Blessing, Never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.**

**In My Love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.**

**Go, My children, with My Blessing—You are My own.**

**2. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.**

**Here you heard My dear Son's story;**

**Here you touched Him, saw His Glory.**

**Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**

**3. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;**

**Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.**

**Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His Tender Comfort stilled you.**

**Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**

**4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;**

**I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:**

**I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.**

**Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

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## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*After the Last Supper, events in our Lord's life 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 point to His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.*

## REMOVAL OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*Psalm 27:1-4* (p. 543)

*(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 and remove them.)*

27 The LORD is my light and  
my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
2 When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.  
4 One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.

## HYMN

*Jesus I Will Ponder Now*

LSB 440, vs. 1

**1. Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish  
Of Your sufferings, pain, and death That I may not perish.**

## REMOVAL OF OFFERING PLATES

*2 Corinthians 8:8-9 (p. 1149)*

*(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.)*

8 I say this not as a command, but to  
prove by the earnestness of others that  
your love also is genuine.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,  
yet for your sake he became poor, so that  
you by his poverty might become rich.

## HYMN

*Jesus I Will Ponder Now*

LSB 440, vs. 2

**2. Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.**

## REMOVAL OF THE ALTAR BOOKS

*Psalm 20:1-4* (p. 539)

*(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.)*

**20** May the LORD answer you in the day  
of trouble!

May the name of the God of  
Jacob protect you!

<sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary  
and give you support from Zion!

<sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings  
and regard with favor your burnt  
sacrifices! *Selab*

<sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire  
and fulfill all your plans!

## HYMN

*Jesus I Will Ponder Now*

**LSB 440, vs. 3**

**3. Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Your passion,  
But its cause to me make known And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been Of Your crucifixion.**

## REMOVAL OF THE COMMUNION VESSELS

*Psalm 22:1-5* (p. 539)

*(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 mystery.  
As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.)*

**22** My God, my God, why have you  
forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,  
from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not  
answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to  
shame.

## HYMN

*Jesus I Will Ponder Now*

**LSB 440, vs. 4**

**4. Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.  
Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?**

## **REMOVAL OF THE PARAMENTS**

*Psalm 88:4-18 (p. 585)*

*(Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at his banquet feast.  
The coverings are made of fine linen; materials appropriate for feasting with our King.  
As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.)*

<sup>4</sup> I am counted among those who go down  
to the pit;

I am a man who has no strength,  
<sup>5</sup> like one set loose among the dead,  
like the slain that lie in the grave,  
like those whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.

<sup>6</sup> You have put me in the depths of the pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.

<sup>7</sup> Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and you overwhelm me with all your  
waves. *Selah*

<sup>8</sup> You have caused my companions to  
shun me;  
you have made me a horror to them.  
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;

<sup>9</sup> my eye grows dim through sorrow.  
Every day I call upon you, O LORD;  
I spread out my hands to you.

<sup>10</sup> Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Do the departed rise up to praise  
you? *Selah*

<sup>11</sup> Is your steadfast love declared in the  
grave,

or your faithfulness in Abaddon?  
<sup>12</sup> Are your wonders known in the  
darkness,

or your righteousness in the land  
of forgetfulness?

<sup>13</sup> But I, O LORD, cry to you;  
in the morning my prayer comes before  
you.

<sup>14</sup> O LORD, why do you cast my soul away?  
Why do you hide your face from me?

<sup>15</sup> Afflicted and close to death from my  
youth up,  
I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.

<sup>16</sup> Your wrath has swept over me;  
your dreadful assaults destroy me.

<sup>17</sup> They surround me like a flood all day  
long;  
they close in on me together.

<sup>18</sup> You have caused my beloved and my  
friend to shun me;  
my companions have become darkness.

**HYMN**

*Jesus I Will Ponder Now*

**LSB 440, vs. 5**

**5. If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion.  
If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!**

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**❖ HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 26:30, 36-38 (p. 989)*

<sup>30</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”

<sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.”

*(After the reading, all may leave the church silently.  
The Holy Week devotion continues tomorrow, March 29, Good Friday, at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.)*

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# GOOD Friday

## 12:00 pm - Worship

Preceded and Followed by a Soup and Salad Lunch  
Musical Offerings by Cantus Christe Quartet

## 7:00 pm\* ~ Tenebrae Service featuring the St. John Passion by John Ferguson

Led by Sanctuary Choir

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# EASTER Sunday

## 6:30 am ~ Sunrise Service Begins in Prayer Garden

Processes to Sanctuary, Led by Celebration Singers

## 8:00 am\*, 9:30 am, 11:00 am ~ Sanctuary Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion

Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells, and Resurrection Brass Ensemble

## 11:00 am\* ~ Praise & Worship with Holy Communion

Led by Reign! in the Family Life Center

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