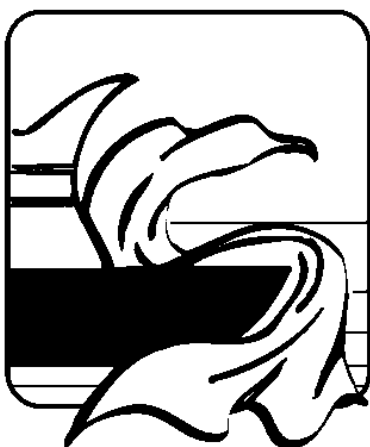
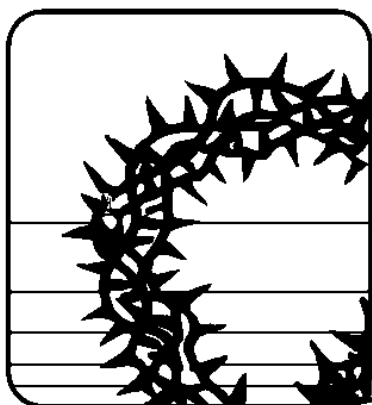
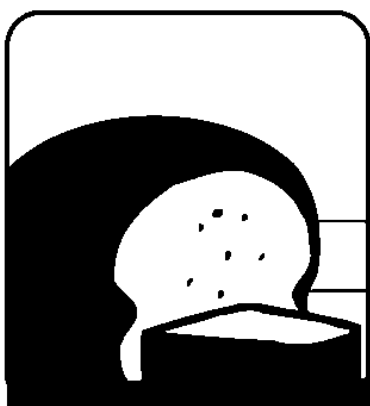
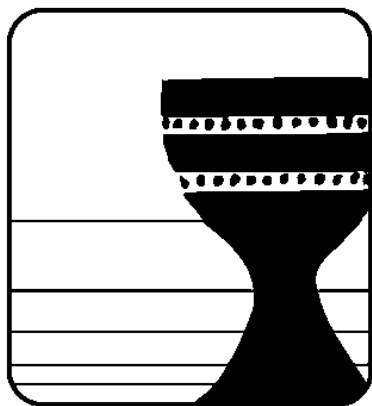


Holy Thursday



April 14th, 2022



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

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Tonight's Worship

As with Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday marks a unique place in the church calendar. Just as Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, so Holy Thursday marks the end of Lenten preparation and the beginning of the three holy days of Christendom, called the *Triduum* (Latin for "three days," referring to Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). Tonight's service is the first in a series of three services celebrating these three special days.

To underscore the end of the Lenten time of preparation, and to recall Jesus' discourse with his disciples at the beginning of the first Holy Thursday, the sermon is placed at the beginning of the service. The placement of the sermon provides a powerful preamble to the "Instruction for the End of Lent" and the confession of sins which follows.

Holy Communion is celebrated in the Holy Thursday service. Receiving Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins is always appropriate in worship, and especially on this night, the night on which Jesus instituted the Sacrament.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in tonight's service. We believe that God comes to us with forgiveness in very tangible means as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the Lord's Supper, and that receiving the Lord's Supper together is a public statement of our complete oneness of faith, we invite to Holy Communion members of this congregation and guests who are members of sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). If you are a guest who is not from a church of our fellowship and you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to our pastor and he would be happy to explain what that entails. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we have had an opportunity to explain them. We look forward to any opportunity to discuss the Christian faith with you.

Take and Eat; Take and Drink

OPENING HYMN When You Woke That Thursday Morning - **CW 416**

GOSPEL & SERMON TEXT

Luke 22:7-20

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." ⁹"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. ¹⁰He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there." ¹³They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵And he 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 finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Holtz

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

P: In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior. Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God

himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

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. In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation.

P: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C: Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

P: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of 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.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

C: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. ³³"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 116A

Refrain

I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion and
call on the name of the LORD.

Tone



*I love the Lord, for he / heard my voice;
he heard my cry for / mercy.
Because he turned his / ear to me,
I will call on him as long / as I live.
For you, Lord, have delivered / me from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from / stumbling,
that I may walk be- / fore the Lord
in the land of the / living. Refrain*

*What shall I return / to the Lord
for all his good- / ness to me?
I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation
and call on the name / of the Lord.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain***

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:15-25

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ¹⁶"This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." ¹⁷Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." ¹⁸And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up

meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior – **CW 659**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

C: We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.

P: For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

C: We give you humble and hearty thanks.

P: As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,

C: We also give you thanks.

P: Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.

C: We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

P: In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,

C: But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.

P: O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

C: Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

C: Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

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.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

CW 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 T 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 T 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.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord - CW 677

P: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go in peace.

C: Amen.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O Lord, We Praise You - **CW 673**

Our Holy Week and Easter Celebration continues:

Good Friday

Good Friday Three Hour Service

Tomorrow, April 15, Noon to 3 pm

Service of Darkness

Tomorrow, April 15

7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Festival Service

Sunday, April 17th, 2022

7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Easter breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Worship Notes

Presiding Minister: Kenneth Frey

Organist: Stacey Kraus

Service Teams:

3:45 p.m. Sheldons/Fischers

6:00 p.m. Team Blob

Greeters: Volunteers needed

Altar Guild: J. Kaepernick

Welcome

In an age of anxiety we still believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In an age of confusion we still believe that the Bible is the word of God, inerrant and infallible.

In an age of doubt we still believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

In an age of guilt we still believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, bringing complete pardon and joy to all believers.

In an age of reason we still believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

In an age of change we still believe in one unchanging God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.



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