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We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

Serving Tonight...

Message:

Pastor Brad Stoltenow

Musicians:

Gail Black
Susan Shoaf, cello

2023-24 at Shepherd of the Hills
Celebrating Our 60th Anniversary Year!



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL *We take this time to quiet our voices and hearts to prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 445 "When You Woke That Thursday Morning"

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.

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.

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."

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.

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.

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT *Let's get to know each other better!*

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OFFERING AND PRAYER *for giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 24:3-11

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." 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. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. 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." 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."

Then Mose and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 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. And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY Psalm 116:12-19

P: What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

ALL: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

Maundy Thursday:

The name is from Latin: mandatum, meaning commandment. It refers to the two new commandments Jesus gave to His disciples on this day: "Love one another," and "Do this in remembrance of Me." In the early church, Maundy Thursday was also the day on which those who had fallen away from the Church were restored to full fellowship with other believers after having observed the 40-day penitential season of Lent.

Tonight, we are reminded of the reconciliation we have with God because of the love of Jesus demonstrated in His gift of Himself in Holy Communion.



Jesus is
God-for-us,
God-with-us,
God-within-us.
Jesus is God giving
Himself completely,
pouring Himself out for
us without reserve.
Jesus does not hold
back or cling to His own
possessions. He gives
all there is to give.
"Eat, drink, this is My
body, this is My blood.
This is Me for you."
~H. Nouwen

P: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

ALL: O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

P: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

ALL: Praise the LORD!

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ACCLAMATION

L: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 14:12-26

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to Him, "Where will You have us go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?" 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, 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?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as Jesus had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. 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." They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, "Is it I?" Jesus said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. 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."

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 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."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

RESPONSE

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN # 629 "What Is This Bread"

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:

This bread we break, this life we take, was crushed to pay for our release.

O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;

The cup of grace brings His embrace of life and love until I sing!

O taste and see—the Lord is King.

So who am I, that I should live and He should die under the rod?

My God, my God, why have You not forsaken me?

O taste and see—the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,

In mouth and soul He makes us whole—Christ, truly present in this meal.

O taste and see—the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!

I do believe that I receive His very body and His blood.

O taste and see—the Lord is good!

MESSAGE "The Body and Blood of Christ for You" text: Mark 14:12-26

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

One should examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup; anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:2-29

Since those who take Christ's body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and desire to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with the pastor.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND OF FAITH

p. 329 *LSB*; John 20:19-23

P: As we remember the events of this solemn evening and the Holy Supper instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we examine ourselves. The Ten Commandments reveal to us the gravity of our sin: You shall have no other gods. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet. I now ask you: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

C: **Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner. I know this from the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.**

P: Are you sorry for your sins?

C: **Yes, I am sorry I have sinned against God. I deserve His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.**

P: Do you hope to be saved?

C: **Yes, that is my hope.**

P: In whom then do you trust?

C: **In my dear Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God and man.**

P: How many Gods are there?

C: **Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

P: What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

C: **He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.**

P: Did the Father also die for you?

C: **He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me. I know this from the Holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.**

P: Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

C: **Yes, I believe it. I am convinced by the word of Christ: "Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood."**

P: What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

C: **We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.**

P: Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

C: **First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.**

P: What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?

C: **His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners.**

ABSOLUTION ~ FORGIVENESS OF SINS

John 20:19-23

P: The Lord's Supper was instituted for the comfort of those who are troubled by their sins. Our King has paid for the sins of His people. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. Praise to You, O Christ our Salvation and our JOY!**

HOLY COMMUNION ~ PREFACE

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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ALL: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

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!



Communion is God addressing us [in Christ] through all five of our senses. We hear; we smell; we touch; we taste; we see.... Communion is God reaching out to us in every way that God possibly can. Christ is here with us!

~A. A. Gondola, Jr.



...see, the
gentle Lamb appears,
promised
from eternal years...
~Edward Caswall,
LSB # 373



No Benediction?
Maundy Thursday,
Good Friday, and
Easter Vigil are
considered one
continuous service—the
Triduum—the annual
observance of our
Lord's Pass-over from
death to life. Because
this service continues
tomorrow and finishes
at Easter Sunrise, the
Benediction is omitted
until then.

**LORD, LAY SOME SOUL
UPON MY HEART
AND LOVE THAT SOUL
THROUGH ME;
AND MAY I GLADLY
DO MY PART
TO WIN THAT SOUL
FOR THEE. AMEN!**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19,20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ THE PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD *Please turn to p. 198; we sing together.*

John 1:29

DISTRIBUTION

We welcome our First Communion Confirmation students: Anne, Bria, Josh

You will be ushered forward for Communion. When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.

If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.

Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray;

you may also request a gluten-free wafer.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

550 "Lamb of God"

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

Psalm 107:1

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

ALL: For His mercy endures forever!

P: 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!

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The church is stripped in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday. All of the symbols having to do with the presence of Christ—greenery, representing life and growth; candles and their light, reminding us of the Light of the world; worship books and their stand, used for worship celebrations; the Communion-ware and cloths, beautiful items which would be used for a kingly feast—all is stripped away, just as Christ was stripped of His power and glory, of His clothing, of His dignity, of His very lifeblood. Everything having to do with ceremony and beauty and ritual is gone. All that is left? A bare altar—a table readied for the Ultimate Sacrifice of the Perfect Lamb, whose blood will be poured out to make restitution for the sins of you and me and all people.

SOLO *Were You There* Susan Shoaf, cello

EXHORTATION

from At the Feet Washing, Maundy Thursday, Western Rite

P: Where charity and love are,

ALL: there is God.

P: The Love of Christ has gathered us as one. Let us rejoice and be glad in Him. Let us fear and love the living God, and in purity of heart let us love one another. Where charity and love are,

ALL: there is God.

P: When therefore we are gathered together, let us not be divided in spirit. Let bitter strife and discord cease between us; let Christ our God be present in our midst. Where charity and love are,

ALL: there is God.

P: With all the blessed may we see for ever Your face in glory, Jesus Christ our God. Joy that is infinite and undefiled for all the ages of eternity.

ALL: Amen!

+ We watch and pray and wait with our Lord +

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠



❖ **Good Friday Tre-Ore March 29** 12-3pm | "The JOY of Our Salvation"

❖ **Good Friday Tenebrae March 29** 7pm | with the Service of Darkness

❖ **Resurrection of Our Lord March 31** Sunrise 6:30am | with Holy Communion

❖ **Resurrection of Our Lord March 31** 8am Traditional | 10:45am Traditional & Contemporary