

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 6881 S. 51st Street - Franklin, Wisconsin
 Pastor Brian Adams

~Members of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod (WELS)~
 April 2, 2015 ~ 3:30pm & 6:30pm



While Jesus was eating the Passover meal with his disciples on the evening before his crucifixion, he told his disciples: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34) The theme of *Maundy Thursday* comes from these words: "novum mandatum" (Latin) or "new command" that Jesus gives his disciples. The institution of the Lord's Supper sets forth the depth of Jesus' love and gives power to the Church to live out this command.

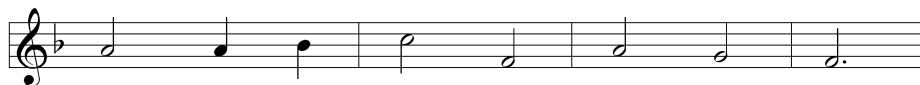
Maundy Thursday also marks the end of Lent proper. We see Jesus making his final journey to the cross on Calvary. The action of ceremonially stripping the altar prepares the chancel and the congregation for Good Friday.

The Order of Service

Pre-service Music..... Jr. Handbells (3:30pm)
 The Opening Hymn "Twas On That Dark, That Doleful Night"
Christian Worship #136



1 'Twas on that dark, that dole - ful night
 2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan,
 3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin;
 4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end,
 5 Je - sus, your feast we cel - e - brate;



When pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose
 He took the bread and blessed and broke.
 Re - ceive and eat the liv - ing food."
 In mem - 'ry of your dy - ing friend;
 We show your death; we sing your name

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A - gainst the Son, our God's de - light,
 What love through all his ac - tions ran!
 Then took the cup and blessed the wine:
 Meet at my ta - ble and re - cord
 Till you re - turn and we shall eat



And friends be - trayed him to his foes.
 What won - drous words of grace he spoke!
 "'Tis the new cov - 'nant in my blood."
 The love of your de - part - ed Lord."
 The mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.
 Tune: ST. CROSS (LM) John B. Dykes, 1823-76.

Please remain seated

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.

Please Stand

The Confession and Absolution

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.**

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: (Spoken) Amen.

The Exhortation

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 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: (Spoken) Amen.

Please be Seated

The First Lesson Exodus 12:1-14

Exodus 12 brings us God's institution of the Passover festival. The Passover Lamb, about which this feast was centered, is a type or picture of Christ, "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." The time of deliverance had finally come! As God in that same night of the Passover feast would strike down the firstborn of Egypt, he would deliver Israel, his firstborn son.

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²"This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire — head, legs and inner parts. ¹⁰Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. ¹²"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn — both men and animals — and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. ¹⁴"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord — a lasting ordinance.

The Psalm of the Day Psalm 116

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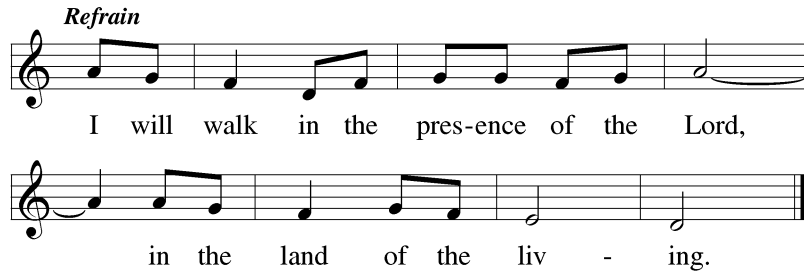
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I love the Lord, for he 'heard my voice;*
 he heard my cry for 'mercy.
 Because he turned his 'ear to me,*
 I will call on him as long 'as I live.
 The Lord is gracious and 'righteous;*
 when I was in great need, he 'saved me.



For you, O Lord, have delivered my 'soul from death,*
 my eyes from tears, my feet from 'stumbling.
 How can I re'pay 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

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

The Apostle Paul speaks about the institution of the Lord's Supper and its meaning.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink

it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

Senior Choir Anthem..... "Is It I, Lord?" (6:30pm)

As He broke the bread, the disciples said, "Is it I, Lord, is it I?" Jesus heard them say, "I will not betray. Is it I, Lord, is it I?" As they drank the wine with the Lord divine, They would ask, "Lord, is it I?" Judas, who betrayed, Jesus heard him say, "Is it I, Lord, is it I?" "Take the bread and wine, take the wine and bread, It is I, It is I, And remember me and the blood I shed. It is I, yes, it is I, yes, it is I. Come and go with me to Gethsemane, watch and watch and wait now, wait. Father, hear my plea, Take this cup from me," Jesus prayed. On the cross He died; He was crucified. Hear His cry, hear His cry. Paid the highest price, made the sacrifice. You must ask, "Lord, is it I?"

Verse of the Day

P: As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26 RSV)

The Gospel Lesson Mark 14:12-26

Jesus and his disciples celebrate their last Passover together. Jesus then replaces the Passover with the Lord's Supper. In this sacrament we receive that which purchased our redemption-the body and blood of the Lord. It is given to us as the seal of the New Covenant. This sacred meal is also a foretaste of the feast that the saints will enjoy with Jesus in heaven.

¹² On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. ¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "I tell

you the truth, one of you will betray me — one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely not I?" ²⁰ "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me." ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." ²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." ²³ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. ²⁵ "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God." ²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Please be Seated

The Hymn of the Day "When You Woke that Thursday Morning"

Christian Worship Supplement #717

3:30 pm – Junior Choir: verses 1-4; Congregation: joins on verse 5

6:30 pm – Senior Choir: verse 1; Congregation: joins on verses 2-5



1 When you woke that Thurs-day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, long - ing
 3 What was there that you could give them that would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, all one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture that bright



Teach - er, faith - ful Friend, Thoughts of
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be
 nev - er be out - spent, What great
 bod - y, you the head, When we
 vis - ion glo - ri - ous, And your



self and safe - ty scorn - ing, know - ing
 with your dear ones on - ly for a
 gift that would out - live them, what last
 meet, by you in - vit - ed, you are
 saints will know the rap - ture that your

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how the day would end; Lamb of
 qui - et hour a - part; Sin - less
 will and tes - ta - ment? "Show me
 with us, as you said. One with
 heart de - sired for us, When the



God, fore - told for ag - es, now at last the
 Lamb and fall - en crea - tures, one last pas - chal
 and the world you love me, know me as the
 you and one an - oth - er in a u - ni -
 longed - for peace and un - ion of the great - est



hour had come When but One could pay sin's
 meal to eat, One last les - son as their
 Lamb of God; Do this in re - mem - brance
 ty sub - lime, See in us your sis - ter,
 and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wag - es; you as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
 teach - er, wash - ing your dis - ci - ples' feet.
 of me, eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
 broth - er, one in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mun - ion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.

The Sermon Mark 14:22-25

I Tell You the Truth . . . Until I Drink It Anew in the Kingdom of God

The Offering

(During the Offering, we invite you to sign the Friendship Registers which are in each of the pews.)

The Offering Prayer

Please Stand

Prayers & 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.

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 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 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 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact the pastor.

The Distribution Hymn "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"
Christian Worship #135



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with his own blood The judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this
 5 A pre - cious food is this in - deed— It nev - er



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; He full a - tone - ment
 sol - emn guar - an - tee; In this his ho - ly
 sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,
 fails us in our need— A heav'n - ly man - na



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 for us made, And all our debt he ful - ly paid.
 sup - per here We taste his love, so sweet, so near.
 as he said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.
 for our soul Un - til we safe - ly reach our goal.

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6 Oh, blest is each believing guest
 Who in this promise finds his rest,
 For Jesus will in love abide
 With those who do in him confide.

8 They who his Word do not believe
 This food unworthily receive,
 Salvation here will never find—
 May we this warning keep in mind!

7 The guest that comes with true intent
 To turn to God and to repent,
 To live for Christ, to die to sin,
 Will thus a holy life begin.

9 Help us sincerely to believe
 That we may worthily receive
 Your supper and in you find rest.
 Amen! They who believe are blest.

Please Stand

Closing Prayer

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. 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.



The Benediction

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 give you peace.



Closing Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Christian Worship #125



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

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On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
 Save in the death of Christ, my God.
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.
 That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The Stripping of the Altar

Following the Closing Hymn in the 6:30 pm, the items on and around the Altar will be removed. The Altar, which symbolizes Christ, is stripped in an unhurried and dignified manner in token of Jesus' abandonment by his disciples in Gethsemane. In preparation for Good Friday, the congregation is asked to exit the church quietly following the Stripping of the Altar.

Our Good Friday worship services are tomorrow at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm (Tenebrae Service)
 Easter worship services are at 6:00 am (Sunrise) and 8:30 am (Festival)
 An Easter breakfast is served between the two services to which all are invited.

Service Participants

Preacher & Liturgist..... Pastor Brian Adams
Organist/Student HandbellsMiss Heather Schmidt
Senior Choir/Junior Choir Director Mrs. Marie Becker