



## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

*“Raising Up  
Families and Followers  
of Jesus Christ”*

### WORSHIP

Traditional – 8:30 am

Contemporary – 11:15 am

Education Hour – 10:00 am

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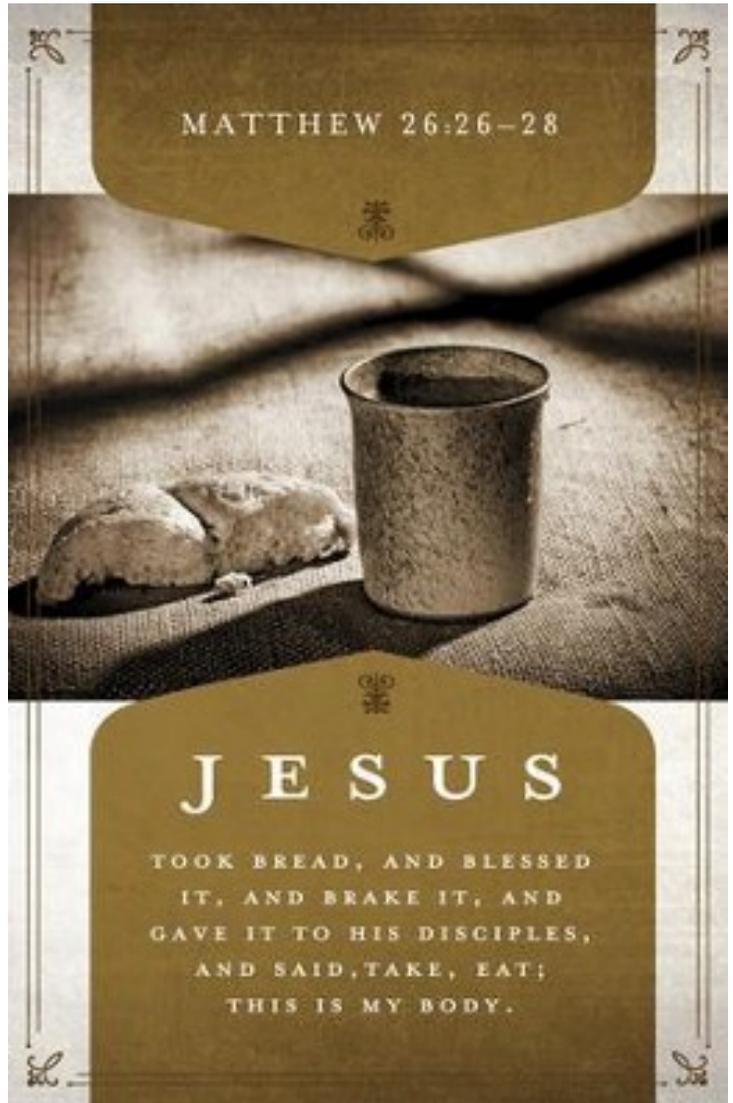
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Maundy Thursday  
April 9, 2020



**HOLY THURSDAY**  
New Covenant Promise  
April 9, 2020

Holy Thursday begins the great three days that commemorate how God accomplished our salvation in Jesus Christ. The first part of the service is confession and forgiveness, the culmination of the Lenten season of repentance. Holy Thursday then recalls two central events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. First is the Lord's Supper. The Gospel tells of the Holy Thursday night when, during the Passover meal, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "This is My body." He then took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My blood of the new covenant." The old covenant involved regular repeated animal sacrifice. This new covenant involves the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus' blood, which fulfilled the old covenant once for all. We now share this Meal regularly in remembrance of Jesus' all-availing sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. The second central event recalled tonight is the abandonment of Jesus by all who loved Him. This is remembered by the action of stripping the altar while Psalm 22 is sung or read. This reminder of how Jesus was forsaken also assures us that Jesus is with us at times when we feel forsaken

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. **Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN****“When You Woke That Thursday Morning”** *LSB 445*

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 has 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 at 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 the body, drink this blood”

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

Test: Jaroslav J. Vajda, B. 1919

Tune: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Leader: Let us pray.

Gracious God, Your covenant of love for us came to full fruition in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Guide us to be so moved by the depth of Christ's new covenant of love, that we love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 24:3–11*

*(Moses seals the covenant with the Lord.)*

<sup>3</sup>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.” <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>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.”

<sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE**     *Hebrews 9:11–22*

*(Jesus is the high priest of the new covenant who gives His own)*

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

<sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup> For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup> For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup> Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup> For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup> saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." <sup>21</sup> And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup> Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**     *Matthew 26:17–30* (Jesus declares the bread to be His body and the cup to be His blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins.)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Twenty-sixth chapter.

All: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup> He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup> And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup> And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup> He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> 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." <sup>25</sup> Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>29</sup> I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." <sup>30</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

### HYMN OF THE DAY "When I Behold Jesus Christ" LSB 542

When I behold Jesus Christ – true God who died for me  
I wonder much at His love as He hung on the tree

**Refrain:** What kind of love is this – what kind of love is this  
You showed your love – Jesus there to me on Calvary  
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For me You gave all Your love – for me You suffered pain  
I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain **Refrain**

You had no sin holy Lord but You were tortured tried  
On Golgotha there for all my sins You bled and died **Refrain**

What love is this – Greater love no one has ever known  
My life with God – this I owe to You and You alone **Refrain**

SERMON "A Personal Touch Motivated by Love" John 13

**CREED** – *Apostles' Creed p. 159*

**All:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was  
made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Leader: Gathered by the love and remembrance of Jesus, we offer our prayers to  
God.

For the Church, that by our love for one another, the world may know that  
we are disciples of Jesus Christ, that pastors and teachers follow the  
example of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, let us pray to the Lord,  
For the poor, the hungry, and the homeless, that God use us to reach out  
to them and lift them up

For the sick, the dying, and the mourning, help them to trust in the  
promise that nothing—not even sickness or death—can separate us from



**HYMN****“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”** LSB 611 vs.4

Chief of sinners though I be - Christ is all in all to me  
All my wants to Him are known - All my sorrows are His own  
He sustains the hidden life - Safe with Him from earthly strife

Leader:

But You, O LORD, do not be far off! O You My help, come quickly to My aid! Deliver My soul from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog! Save Me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen! I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You: You who fear the LORD, praise Him!

**HYMN****“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”** LSB 611 vs.5

O my Savior help afford - By your Spirit and your word  
When my wayward heart would stray - Keep me in the narrow way  
Grace in time of need supply - While I live and when I die

Leader:

From You comes My praise in the great congregation; My vows I will perform before those who fear Him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!

May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. All before Him shall bow, all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. All generations shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord; they shall proclaim His righteousness to those yet unborn, that He has done it.

*The Service is closed in silence.*