



THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Part 1: The Nature of the Sacrament of the Altar

**First Sunday in Lent
February 17-18, 2024**

As We Gather

SERMON SUMMARY: This week we begin a new weekend sermon series entitled "The Table of the Lord." For the next several weeks we will look more deeply at the gift that God gives to us in the Lord's Supper. This weekend we begin by looking at the nature of the Sacrament of the Altar as we walk through verse by verse of the Gospel reading from Matthew 26. Hear today about the first Lord's Supper, and how those same gifts are freely offered to us.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS is celebrated in accordance with the Lutheran confession that Christ's body and blood are truly given to us with the bread and wine to give forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Missouri-Synod Lutherans united with us in that confession are invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Others who desire to commune should first speak with a Pastor or an Elder.

- ◆ For those who may require it: Holy Cross offers an alcohol-removed red wine (containing less than 0.5% alcohol) located in the center of each Communion tray.
- ◆ Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to a Pastor or Elder before the service.
- ◆ Communion in the pew is available: let an usher or Elder know before the service.
- ◆ Individual Communion cups: Please do *not* stack the plastic cups in the baskets after use at communion. Stacked cups stick together and hinder the rinsing process. Thanks for understanding!

ATTENDANCE PADS: Take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located by the center aisle of each pew. Provide contact information if you are interested in membership or if you would like to be contacted by the church. After signing, please pass it to your neighbor and then return it to its spot by the aisle.

LIVE-STREAMING of 8 AM SERVICE WEEKLY: Holy Cross live streams the 8 AM service each Sunday on a link at our website (hcross.com). We provide this service for our members who cannot attend worship. The video perspective from the choir loft looks toward the altar and shows all aspects of the service from the sixth row of pews forward. This includes baptisms, children's talks, and communion.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Divine Service, Setting Three
February 17-18, 2024

PRELUDE: *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

James Biery

PRELUDE: *Communion Hymn (Behold the Lamb)*

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✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

OPENING HYMN: “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” *LSB 418*

Please Stand



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And

prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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.**

[P] Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[P] Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[C] **who made heaven and earth.**

- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

- P** 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 I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 5

- P** He provides food for those who fear Him;
C **He remembers His covenant forever.**
- P** Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
C **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**
- P** Great are the works of the LORD,
C **studied by all who delight in them.**
- P** Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
C **and His righteousness endures forever!**
- P** He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;
C **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- P** He provides food for those who fear Him;
C **He remembers His covenant forever,**
- P** He has shown His people the power of His works,
C **in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- P** The works of His hands are faithful and just;

- C** all His precepts are trustworthy;
P they are established forever and ever,
C to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- P** He sent redemption to His people;
C He has commanded His covenant forever.
 Holy and awesome is His name!
- P** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
C all those who practice it have a good understanding.
 His praise endures forever!

All: 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.

- P** He provides food for those who fear Him;
C He remembers His covenant forever.

KYRIE

LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

- P** Let us pray.
 Lord Jesus Christ, on the night of Your betrayal, You established the Supper of Your body and blood for us Christians to eat and to drink. Give us faith to trust in the words of Your testament and so rightly receive the fruits of Your suffering and death and through Your merit finally be brought to rejoice in the marriage feast of the Lamb, where You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit forever.
- C** Amen.

- A** The Old Testament Reading for the First Sunday in Lent is from Exodus, chapter 24.

¹Then [the LORD] said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. ²Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.”

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” ⁴And 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. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then 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.” ⁸And 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.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:15-22

- A** The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 9.

¹⁵Therefore [Christ] 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. ¹⁶For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made

it is alive. ¹⁸Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹For 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, ²⁰saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." ²¹And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²²Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY 1 Corinthians 11:26

Please Stand

C For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 26:71-29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁷Now 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?" ¹⁸He 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.'" ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

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

²⁶Now 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." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION - The Sacrament of the Altar

P What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C **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 Where is this written?

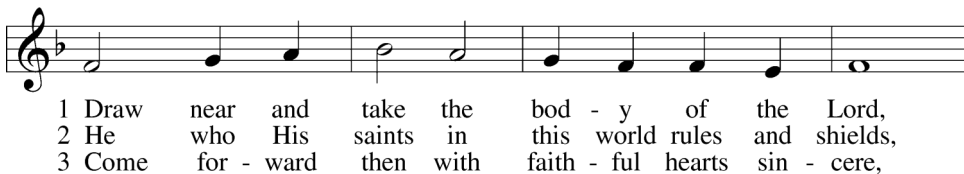
C **The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please be seated/Sunday

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 631





And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

SERMON

Time For Reflection — *Use Sermon Note-Taking Tool, page 17*

OFFERTORY

LSB 192 ~ Please Stand



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING & RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

Please Sit

We ask that all worshipers take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle and return it to its spot when finished. If you are interested in membership, please provide a phone number or email address so that we may contact you. Thank you.

VOLUNTARY - Schmucke dich, o liebe seele

Johannes Brahms

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please Stand

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

Additional petitions conclude:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,

- G** Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- G** Amen.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

PREFACE

LSB 160

- P** The Lord be with you.

- G** And also with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.

- G** We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

- G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in

sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 195

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
G **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

LSB 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

Please Sit

LSB 634 "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

LSB 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

LSB 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

DISMISSAL LSB 199

Please Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

G Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

G Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-

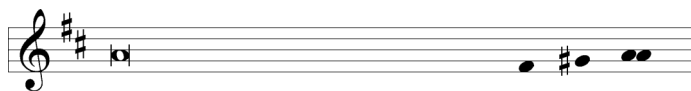
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,

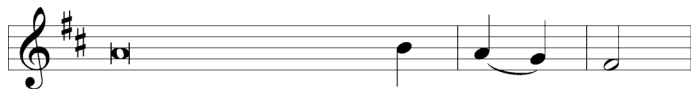
a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: “O Lord, We Praise Thee” *LSB 617*

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SILENT PRAYER & CHIMES

POSTLUDE: *O Lord, We Praise Thee*

Philip Gehring

CLOSING HYMN: "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Sermon Note-Taking Tool

Fill this section out during the sermon to help you follow along and remember what was said:

Outline/Main Points of the Sermon:

Fill this section out after the sermon is over, during the musical interlude:

Main Message: _____

Law: _____

Gospel: _____

How should we respond? _____

Lent Supper, Class, & Service Schedules

Lenten Suppers will be served 5:30PM to 6:45PM prior to the 7PM service each Wednesday in Lent, except for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. Please join the fellowship!

ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14

11AM/7PM Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Bring Your Own Dinner & Eat in the Gym

6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

MIDWEEK LENT 1, Wed., Feb. 21

11AM/7PM Lenten Service

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: 20s&30s Bible Study—Homemade Soups & Salads

6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

8PM Choir

MIDWEEK LENT 2, Wed., Feb. 28

11AM/7PM Lenten Service

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Mission & Stewardship Boards—Sloppy Joes

6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

8PM Choir

MIDWEEK LENT 3, March 6

11AM/7PM Lenten Service

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Grace Guild—Baked Pasta, Salad, Breadsticks, Dessert

6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

8PM Choir

MIDWEEK LENT 4, Wed., March 13

11AM/7PM Lenten Service

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Sunday Morning Bible Class—Casseroles & Salads

6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

8PM Choir

MIDWEEK LENT 5, Wed., March 20

11AM/7PM Lenten Service

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Board of Elders—Hot dogs and hamburgers

6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

8PM Choir

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	Sunday, 8AM	Michael Claxton, Terry Hardy
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Jennifer Reed
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