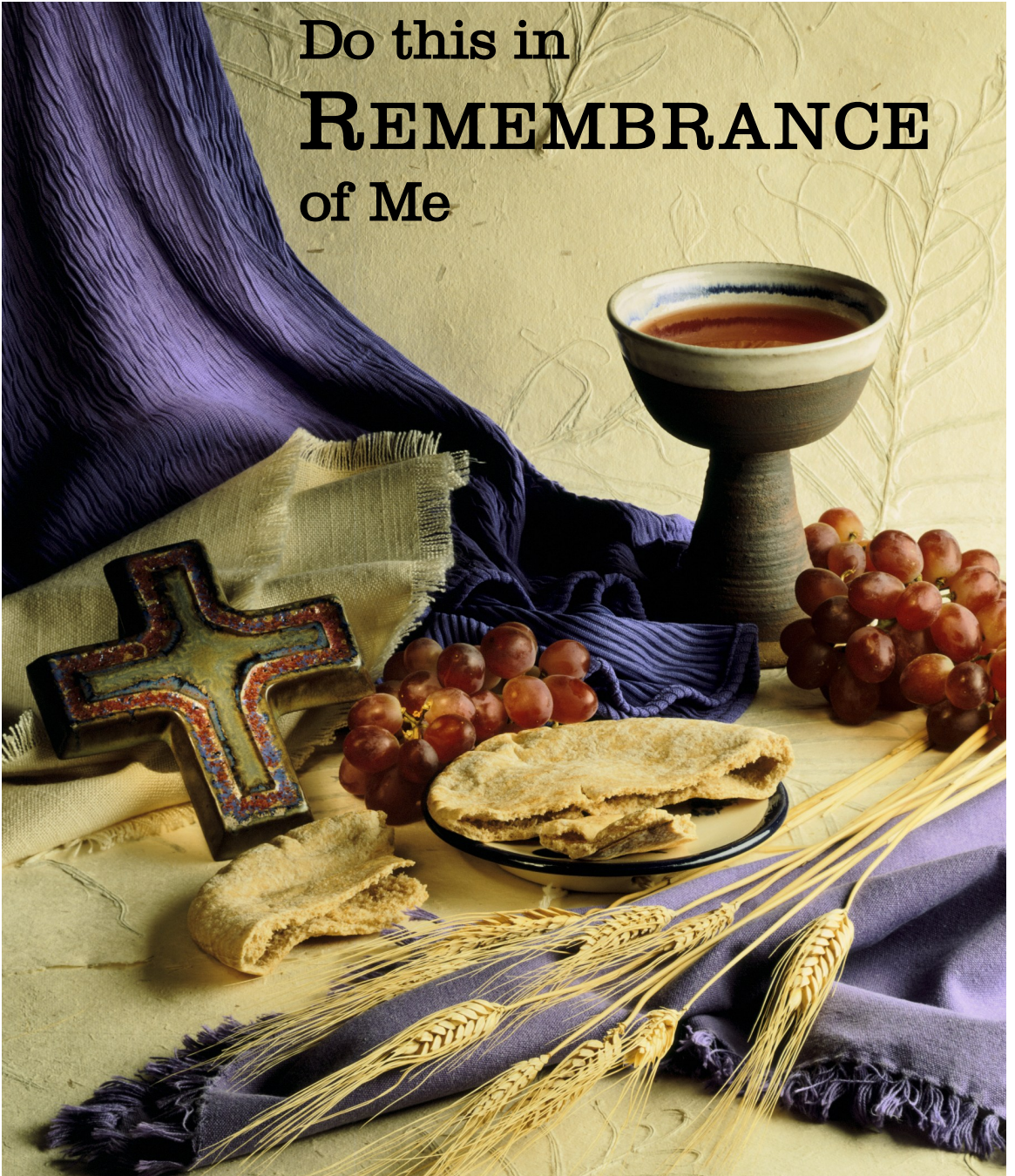


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Holy (Maundy) Thursday
April 17, 2025

As We Gather

Holy Thursday, the night Jesus was betrayed, began with the disciples celebrating the Passover. Here, Jesus washed His disciples' feet, telling them to love one another, just as He loved them. He took a cup, gave it to His disciples to drink, and commanded them to remember Him by doing likewise. Then we go to the Garden of Gethsemane, where He was betrayed and arrested. On this day we remember the commands of Jesus and celebrate His coming to us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

OFFERINGS will not be gathered during the service, but envelopes may be placed in the wooden box in the Welcome Center.

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 whose health or circumstance 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.

- If you want communion in the pew, please let an usher or Elder know before the service.

ATTENDANCE PADS: We invite members and guests alike to take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. Please 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: Holy Cross will live stream all Holy Week services 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.

Holy (Maundy) Thursday

Divine Service, Setting III

April 17, 2025, 11AM & 7PM

Please use pre-service time for quiet prayer and contemplation.

*Note: This service ends in silence and continues tomorrow
in Good Friday services at 11AM and 7PM.*

Prelude: Schmucke dich, o liebe Seele BWV 654

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Paul Manz

Opening Hymn: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" LSB 440, sts. 1, 4-6

Please Stand



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.
5 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science grieve me,
6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.
Let Your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con - science give me.
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure
Help me see for - give - ness won By Your ho - ly pas - sion.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?
If for me He slays His Son, God must have com - pas - sion!
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

Confession and Absolution

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.**

Please be seated

Prologue to the Triduum

P This service marks the beginning of the Triduum, from the Latin for “three days.” It begins here, as we remember the night our Lord was betrayed, and it ends Saturday evening at the Easter Vigil. It moves us through our Lord's Passion, death, and resurrection. It is a period of sacred time for us, as we behold, again, what our God does for us. As we now join together in remembrance of what He has done, may His Spirit work in all of us to keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

The Upper Room

Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

The first Passover meal is instituted

L A reading from Exodus, chapter 12.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: "When You Woke That Thursday Morning"

LSB 445 st. 1



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
 scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
 Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
 last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
 wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.

Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Jesus washes His disciples' feet

L A reading from John, chapter 13.

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord,

do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. . . .

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: "When You Woke That Thursday Morning"

LSB 445, st. 2

2 **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.**

Please Stand

C Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

Holy Gospel: Luke 22:7-20

Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹They said to Him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. ¹⁵And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷And He took a cup, and when he had given thanks He said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: "When You Woke That Thursday Morning"

LSB 445, st. 3

**3 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."**

Nicene Creed

**☩ 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.**

Please Sit

First Communion Prior to Confirmation

7PM only

Prayer of the Church

Additional petitions conclude:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **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.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



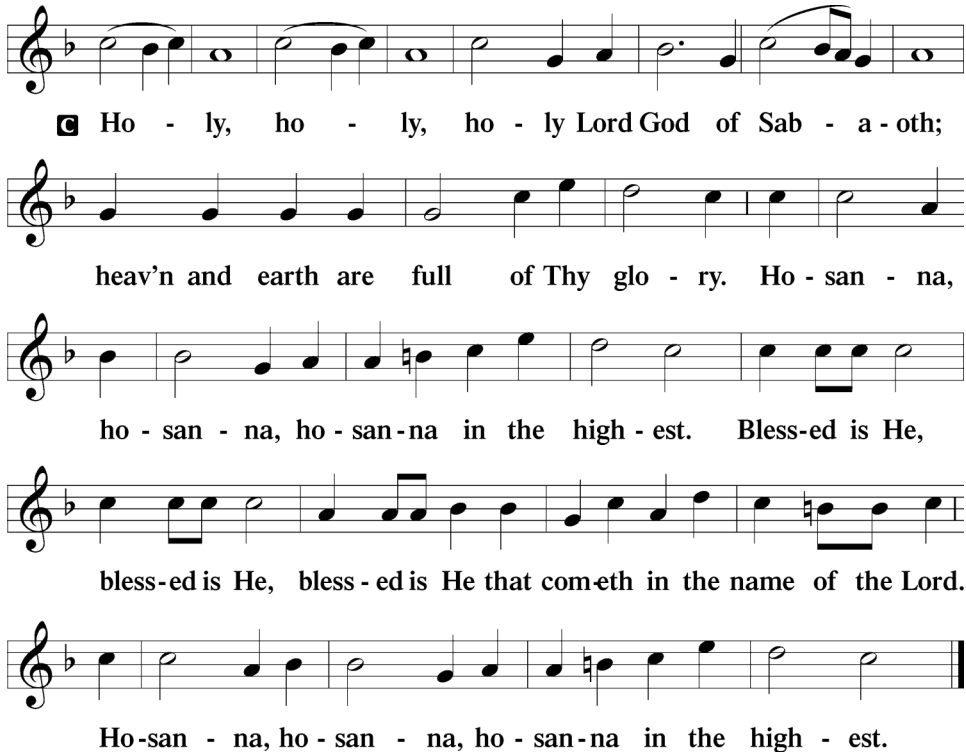
C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of

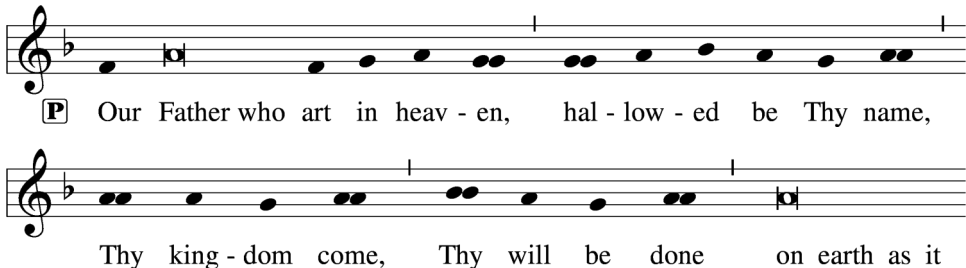
the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 195*



C 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 cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who

tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

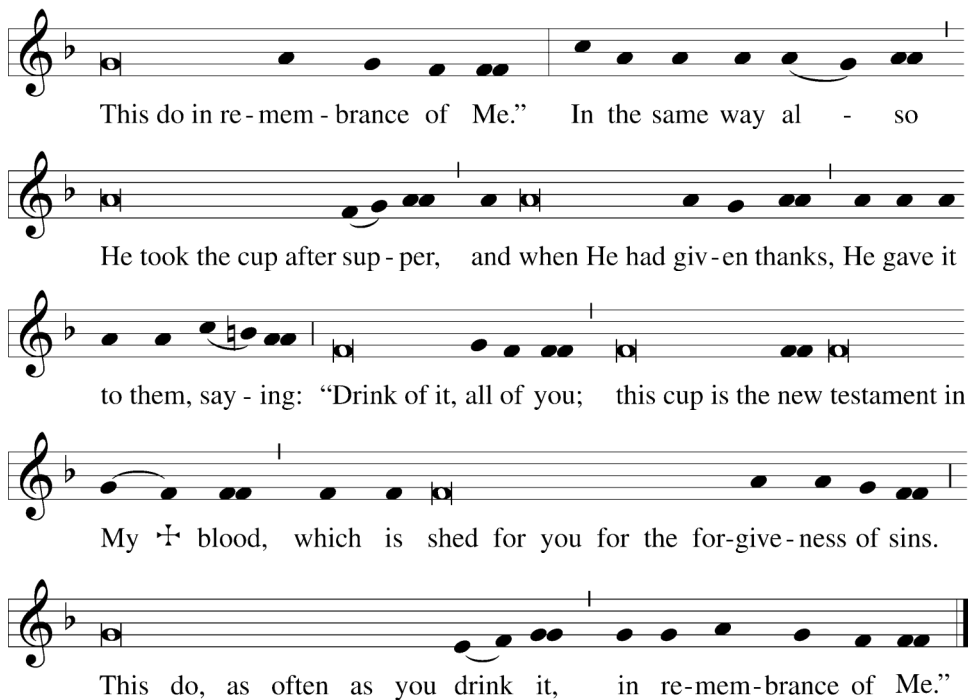
The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,

and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the

dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re-mem-brance of Me.” In the same way al - so

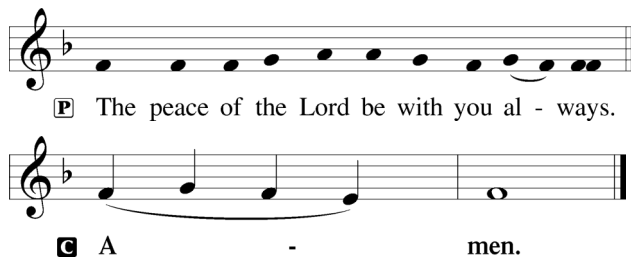
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it

to them, say-ing: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord* LSB 197



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

A - men.

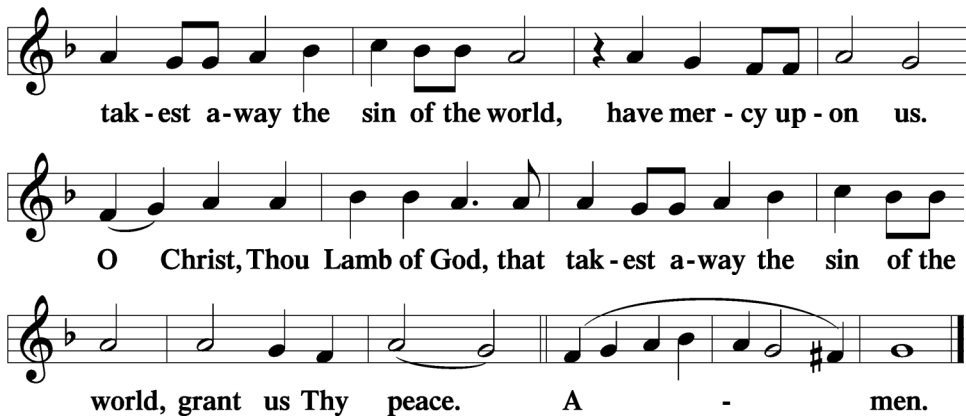
Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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



Distribution *See page 2 for more information about Holy Communion* *Please Sit*

Rite of Fellowship

We invite members and guests alike to take a moment to sign the red fellowship pads located at the end of the pews by the center aisle. Please provide contact information if you are interested in membership.

Distribution Hymns:

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

LSB 845 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

LSB 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

LSB 446 "Jesus, Greatest of the Table"

Dismissal

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.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

Sermon: "Red Letters"

Please be seated

Choral Response: Shalom

Dan Forrest; 7PM

*Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give to you.
Not as this world gives, I give to you.
Do not be afraid.
Peace. Shalom.*

- John 14:27, alt.

Reading: Matthew 26:30

³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Gethsemane

Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" LSB 436, sts. 1-3

Please Stand



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

³⁹Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and His disciples followed Him. ⁴⁰On reaching the place, He said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." ⁴¹He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴²"Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." ⁴³An angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. ⁴⁴And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

⁴⁵When He rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, He found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶"Why are you sleeping?" He asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

The 11AM service ends here.

All leave in silence, reflecting on our Lord's Passion.

The 7PM service continues with the Stripping of the Altar.

Stripping of the Altar

This first rite of the Triduum concludes with the stripping of the altar and a final reading in which the disciples scatter. The colors and adornments of the sanctuary are removed, and all that is left is a bare altar. This symbolizes the humiliation of Christ, who was deserted by His followers, and who will be tortured and crucified. As we keep this custom tonight, we repeatedly sing our Lord's command to His disciples: "Stay here. Keep watch and pray. The hour has come." The contrast of this command against even our own action this night, as we all leave in silence, brings our propensity to wander into sharp focus and sets before us our own sin. All of this comes together to complete our Lenten preparation, and we will return tomorrow, prepared to behold again how our God acts toward us.

Hymn: "Keep Watch with Me"

Margaret Rizza

Following the introduction, the choir sings the song once through.

The congregation then repeats the song several times, meditating on our Lord's Passion.



Following the Stripping of the Altar, all unneeded lights are dimmed.

⁴⁷While He was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And He touched the man's ear and healed him.

⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for Him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? ⁵³Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

⁵⁴Then seizing Him, they led Him away.

Following the reading, all exit in silence, reflecting on our Lord's Passion.

*The service continues tomorrow at 11AM with the Good Friday Chief Service
and at 7PM with Choral Tenebrae Vespers.*

PLEASE — OBSERVE SILENCE WHILE DEPARTING

FIRST COMMUNION PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION

All youth listed below will receive First Communion during the Maundy Thursday service at 7PM.

Those names noted with an asterisk will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil Service, April 19, 7PM.

- * Jameson Scott Alton**
- * Jacob Allen Hardebeck**
- * Oria Brooklyn Ray**
- * Lacey Marie Sumski**
- * Lucas Ryan Van Wave**

Chloe Anne Marie Benigno

Jocelyn Irene Elick

Rachel Evans

Lila Beth Gimbel

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Director of Music		David Gilson
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Choir Accompanist		Sara Shroth
Violinist		Brinn Miller
Elder	11AM	Paul Helvey, Jerry Lancour
	7PM	Chris Price, Bruce Richardson
Ushers	11AM	Refer to Elder
	7PM	Refer to Elder

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EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 19, 7PM

EASTER, APRIL 20: 7AM, 9AM, & 11AM

Holy Communion celebrated at all services.
 Donuts & Fellowship between services in the gym.

All Holy Week & Easter services will be live-streamed.