

Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

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.

✠ HOLY THURSDAY ✠

HYMN

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB 435

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTRODUCTION

Pastor: This night we know as "the night Jesus was betrayed" began with a meal. Faithful to all that had been written, Jesus and His disciples would observe the customary Passover meal that was instituted centuries before, prior to the Lord leading and delivering His people out of slavery in Egypt and observed by the faithful each year following.

READING

Exodus 12:1-14

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"

LSB 421 vs. 1-3

READING

John 13:1-13

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"

LSB 421 vs. 4-5

READING

John 13:21-35

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

READING

Matthew 26:26-30

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“O Christ, You Walked the Road”

LSB 424

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Father, on the night when He was betrayed, Christ Jesus humbled Himself to stoop down and bathe His disciples’ feet, even the feet of the one who would betray Him.

People: **Grant us the fervent desire to embody this attitude of service and kindness to all that the love of Christ may abound through all our speech and actions.**

Pastor: On this night, Christ prayed that His disciples would be one in faith. He prayed for those who would hear His disciples’ proclamation, that all would come to know that You sent Him into the world to be the light of the world.

People: **Just as Christ encouraged others to boldly proclaim the message of salvation, so also hear our prayer and renew our witness, O Lord.**

Pastor: On this night, Christ acknowledged the world’s hatred and persecution of those who confess Him as Lord and Savior.

People: **Heavenly Father, fix our eyes constantly on Jesus, that we may remain steadfast in the midst of strife and harassment.**

Pastor: On this night, our Lord keeps us mindful that the Father’s love was sufficient for His only- begotten Son and for all disciples. Even in the midst of that love, Christ Jesus, our Lamb without defect, ultimately suffered complete and utter rejection, pain and death.

People: **By Your Holy Word, confirm in our hearts the secure knowledge of Your enormous, unchanging love for us.**

Pastor: On this night, Christ acknowledged the world’s hatred and persecution of those who confess Him as Lord and Savior.

People: **Heavenly Father, fix our eyes constantly on Jesus, that we may remain steadfast in the midst of strife and harassment.**

Pastor: On this night, Your Son and our Savior gave us His last will and testament, giving us His true body and blood that we receive Him for the forgiveness of sins and nourishment of faith. Give us truly penitent hearts that we receive this Sacrament worthily.

People: **Cleanse us and feed us with the precious body and blood of Your Son, that we live godly lives and boldly resound with the one true confession of faith with the whole company of saints, in heaven and on earth.**

All: Amen.

READING

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN

“What Is This Bread”

LSB 629

SERMON

“Medicine For The Heart”

Luke 22:13-20

OFFERING

CATECHISM RESPONSE

Pastor: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

People: 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.

Pastor: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

People: These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Pastor: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

People: Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins in thought, word, and deed with which I have offended You. Although I justly deserve Your punishment in time and eternity, I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. In Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, forgive me all my sins, and direct me to walk in Your loving ways.

Pastor: 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. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith, and above all believe the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness.

Pastor: By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love He gave to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell.

People: Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, testament, and pledge of His salvation. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN	<i>“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”</i>	LSB 560
HYMN	<i>“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”</i>	LSB 602
HYMN	<i>“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”</i>	LSB 425

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You that we have received Your body and blood in this Sacrament. Through Your life laid down for us, You have given us new life. Strengthen us in faith and in loving service to You and others through Your presence. In Your name we pray.

People: Amen.

READING

Luke 22:39–53

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

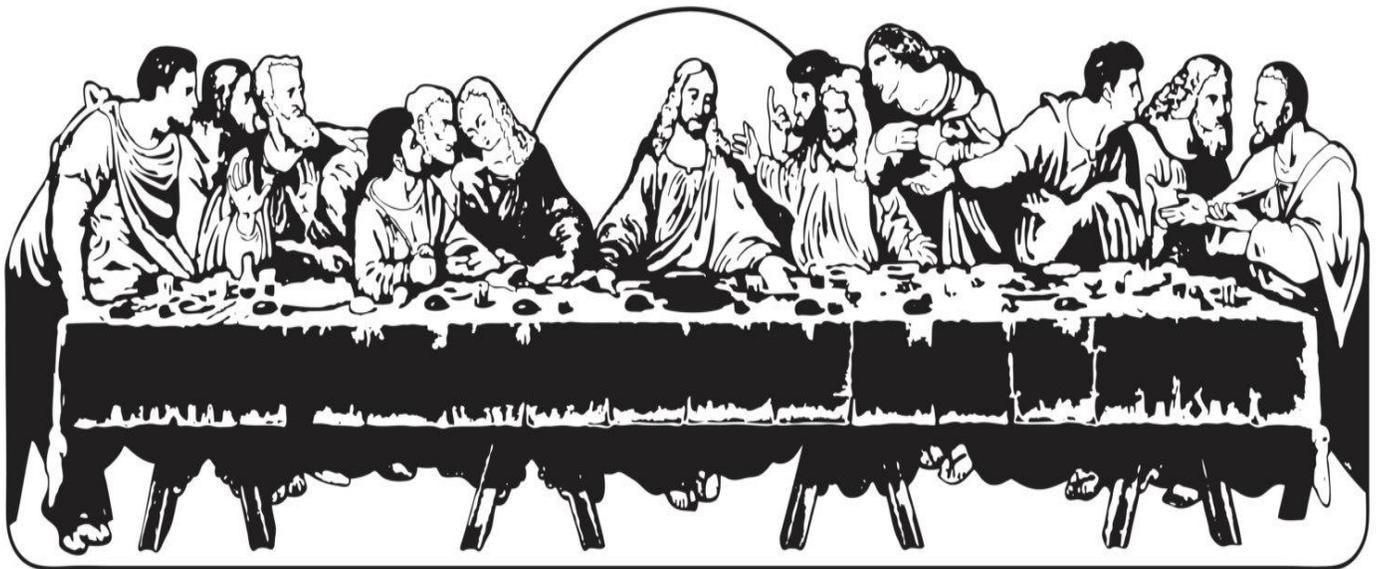
✠ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR ✠

Pastor: Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him” just after Judas had left to betray Him. Jesus, in His good time, washed the disciples’ feet, inaugurated a new commandment to love one another, and observing the Passover, instituted a new Meal in the Lord’s Supper for the life of the Church. After Jesus’ arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, the time for His death was drawing near.

During the closing hymn, the altar is stripped as a symbol of the abandonment our Lord endured in the hours that would follow and a reminder of how Jesus was stripped of His clothes and ultimately His life, in payment for our sins. No benediction concludes this service as an indication that the worshipful reflection continues for three more days.

HYMN	<i>“Go to Dark Gethsemane”</i>	LSB 436
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***Please join us for worship tomorrow night,
Good Friday, April 2nd at 7:00pm***



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