



Maundy Thursday Passion Service — 7pm

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Maundy Thursday begins the celebration of the three holy days of Christ's Passover, (The Triduum). This service culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Jesus' Passion and Resurrection and leads into His sacrifice on our behalf. As such, this service exhibits a mood of restrained joy as we reflect on Jesus' ministry to His people; specifically in His institution of the Last Supper, confident in the knowledge that we are all one body, as we partake of this one bread and drink from this one cup.

Processional Hymn: 436 Go To Dark Gethsemane



To Our Visitors



What is Communion/the Lord's Supper?

As members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, members of St. John's Lutheran Church hold to the biblical and historic understanding of holy communion; that in this sacrament the bread and wine, having been consecrated, are Christ's real, risen, and glorified body and blood, just as Jesus really said, 'Take, eat, this is my body', and 'take, drink... this is my blood' (Matthew 26:26 ff). Holy Communion is received for the forgiveness of sins, for unity with Christ, and for the unity within the 'body of Christ' – that is His Church. This is why it is reserved for those who hold a common confession of faith. Those who share with us in this Holy Supper must be members of a congregation of the LCMS, or of a congregation in full fellowship with the LCMS, thus bearing public witness that they agree with our teaching in general and with the following two teachings in particular:

1. When consecrated, again, the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, given to us for the remission of sins.
2. Those baptized and confirmed Christians who come to Holy Communion in repentance and faith, grateful for God's forgiveness, are also committed to offering their personal forgiveness to all others.

Guests communing with us for the first time should see the pastor or an elder before the service when possible, to confirm that we are in fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a communicant member or if you have any questions regarding our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor.



Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father,

C O almighty God, merciful Father, many times I have, in my sin, turned away from You, Your Truth and Your Son; You know my sin. Nothing is hidden from your sight. I am amazed at how easy my sinful nature leads me astray—away from You, my Creator and Savior. Therefore have mercy on me and take my sin away through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

P Our Father promises that anyone who calls upon His Name, in faith, will never be put to shame. And so, because you have called upon His Name, through Christ He has heard you and forgives you your sins; it is declared so by His promise, and I say it in His stead; in the name of The Father and of The Son ✠ and of The Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Please rise

Introit - Psalm 67 & Galatians 6

P May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;

P By him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

C May God be gracious to us and bless us

P And make his face to shine upon us,

C That your way may be known on earth,

P Your saving power among all nations.

C Let the peoples praise you, O God;

P Let all the peoples praise you!

C God, shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

P But far be it from me to boast

C Except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;

C By him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

***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 The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You invite all who are burdened to come to You for rest. We now come at Your invitation to the heavenly feast, which You have provided for Your children. Strengthen our faith, increase our love and hope, and assure us a place at Your heavenly table, where we will live with you forever more.

C **Amen.**

You may be seated

Old Testament Reading - Exodus 12:1–14

P 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.

C ³**Tell 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.**

P 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.

C ⁵**Your 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.**

P 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.

C 9**Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.** 10**And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.**

P 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.

C 12**For 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.**

P 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.

C 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.”**

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual – Psalm 111 & John 6

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 'My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

C **Whoever consumes my flesh and blood abides in me, and I in him.'**

Please rise

Holy Gospel – Mark 14:12-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the gospel is read from the nave:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day: 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Sermon: "Drink for Satisfaction, Not for Merriment"

Please rise

Apostles' Creed – *LSB p.159*

Prayer of the Church

P God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living so that Your precious name is not blasphemed and profaned. May Your kingdom come and be extended. May all transgressors who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom come to know Jesus Christ by faith; that the number of Christians may be increased. Strengthen us, especially here in this congregation,

with Your Spirit and, according to Your will, give us Your wisdom to do good works in Your name. Into Your merciful hands we continue to commend Frank Gilham, Robert Gould, Pauline Onder, Lucille Adamoyurka, Tom, Sylvia, Stacy, and Sherry Wargo, Patti Zschunke, Peter Panco, Irene Beishline, Bob & Pat Onder, Bill Ray, Ann Gangwer, Bob Mandak, Denae Starry, Lorraine and Jack Ross, Paul Kowalczyk, and Bob Drummond. We commend to You all who are in need. Grant to each of us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfishness, and help us to trust in You to provide for all our needs. As you have forgiven us our sins, empower us to forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Just so, turn us from the world and its ways, and teach us to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever, as we trust in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory - *LSB p.159*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - *LSB p.160*

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Sit

Distribution (641 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* and 547 *The Lamb*)

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - *LSB p.165*

Post-Communion Collect

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 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.**

Stripping of the Altar Hymn: 439 O Dearest Jesus

✠ **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** ✠

On Maundy Thursday, the day before Jesus was handed over to be crucified, He was betrayed, arrested, given a mock trial, and abandoned by His disciples. The stripping of the altar is symbolic of Christ being forsaken by all. His glory as King was temporarily laid aside. As the altar is stripped hymn 439 is sung. Upon the completion of the stripping, the congregation will leave the sanctuary in relative silence. There is no benediction until Easter morning, at the conclusion of the Triduum, when the altar is restored to its former glory, fit for a King.