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*Maundy Thursday*

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**KINDLY NOTE:** *Holy Communion is celebrated today in accordance with our belief and confession taken from God's Holy Word, that Christ's body and blood are truly present and given us in and with the bread and wine. Members of churches that belong to the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, believing and confessing as we do, are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper with us. We practice close communion and ask that ALL guests who desire to commune, kindly speak to the Pastor before the service.*

**AS WE GATHER:** The name for this day comes from the Latin word "mandatum," meaning "commandment." It refers to the two "new" commandments our Lord gave to His disciples on this day. The first is "love one another," and the second is "do this in remembrance of Me." In the early church, Maundy Thursday was also the day on which those who had fallen away from the Church were restored to full fellowship with other believers after having observed the 40-day penitential season of Lent. Today we are reminded of the reconciliation we have because of Christ's body and blood given for the forgiveness of our sin, and the example of self-giving love shown by our Lord as He washed the feet of His disciples.

Our service today is the "first act" or portion of what the early Church observed as "the triduum," a three-day observance of the events of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Even though Christians come and go during these three days, the worship services from now through the great Vigil of Easter are considered to be one continuous service.

## Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

**Greeting of Peace** The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

### Opening Hymn

**“When You Woke that Thursday Morning ” #445**

*Stand*

*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 I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

*Sit*

P During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with the wine of many grapes and

one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C **Amen.**

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

*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 God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P 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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

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### *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

P The Lord be with you.

C  **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

### *Old Testament Reading*

*Exodus 24:3-11*

<sup>3</sup> Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules.<sup>[a]</sup> 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.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

### *Gradual*

*Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a*

**Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.**

### *Epistle*

*Heb. 9:11-22*

<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.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**


*Stand*  
*Verse*

*John 13:1b*

- C **Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.**

*Holy Gospel*

*Matthew 26:17-30*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-six chapter.
- C  **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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(congregation will sing refrain- please use insert)*

*Hymn “Eat This Bread”*

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*Nicene Creed*

C **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 <sup>†</sup> of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

*Sermon Hymn "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy" #774*

*Sermon*

*Offering*

*Stand*

*Offertory* 

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© What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## *Prayer of the Church*

### ***After each petition of the prayers:***

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

### ***After the final petition:***

P Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

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### *Preface*

P The Lord be with you.

C  **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C  **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C  **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, 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*

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C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C **Amen.**

## *The Words of Our Lord*

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- 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.**”

## *Proclamation of Christ*

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim

the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P 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*

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C **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.**

### *Pax Domini*

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C  **Amen.**

### *Agnus Dei*

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Sit*

*Distribution*

*Distribution Hymns*

<b>“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”</b>	<b>#637</b>
<b>“What Is This Bread”</b>	<b>#629</b>
<b>“Your Table I Approach”</b>	<b>#628</b>

*Stand*

*Post-Communion Canticle* 🎵 **“Nunc Dimittis”** *p. 165*

- C **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
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.**

*Post-Communion Collect*

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- P **Let us pray.**
- P **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.**

***Stripping of the Altar (7:00 p.m.)***

*The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation*

for the solemn services of Good Friday.

## **Reading of Psalm 22**

**\*\*All leave the church in silence\*\***



### **Friday, April 18, Good Friday - Noon to 3:00 p.m. Treore Service**

- This service focuses on the seven last words of Christ while on the cross. Pastor, Field workers, Circuit Pastor and Professors from Concordia Seminary will be

taking part in this service. It is a wonderful service, so if you have the opportunity to attend, please do so. This service is designed to come and go as your schedule permits.

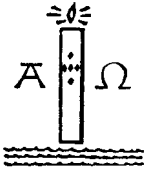
### **Good Friday - 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness).**

This service is a time of somber reflection as we approach the mystery of Jesus' death on the cross. We remember that Jesus' death is celebrated because of the forgiveness of sins and life that flow from Him and His cross to us for our salvation. The message of Jesus' cross is the message of Scripture, it was planned by God, proclaimed by the prophets, and fulfilled in Christ.

Part of the service is patterned after the ancient office of "Tenebrae", which means darkness. This service reminds us of the terrible reality of our sin, which caused our Savior, Jesus to die for us. As the Passion account is read, the candles will be extinguished one by one and the lights will dim, causing the chancel to become increasingly dark. This is to symbolize our Lord's death for our sin and remind us of the darkness, the spiritual darkness that Jesus, the Light of the word, had come to overcome.

The removal of the Christ Candle, near the close of the service, signifies Jesus', true man and True God, death and burial. The "strepitus", the loud noise of the shutting of a book, that is heard near the end of the service symbolizes the closing and sealing of

the tomb. The Christ Candle is not extinguished at any time during the service, as it is symbolic of the eternal light of God's love given us in His Son Jesus. Though evil had its hour, the Light of God's love continues to burn to all eternity.



**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Easter Vigil - 6:00 p.m.**

**Worship Service** - The Vigil of Easter is one of the oldest known Christian Worship Services.

Traditionally this service is held on the night before Easter. It was a watch through the night for the signs of the rising sun and the coming of dawn.

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## **Easter Sunday - April 20**

**6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion**

7:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast hosted by Men's Club

9:00 a.m. Balloon Lift-off

9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion**

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