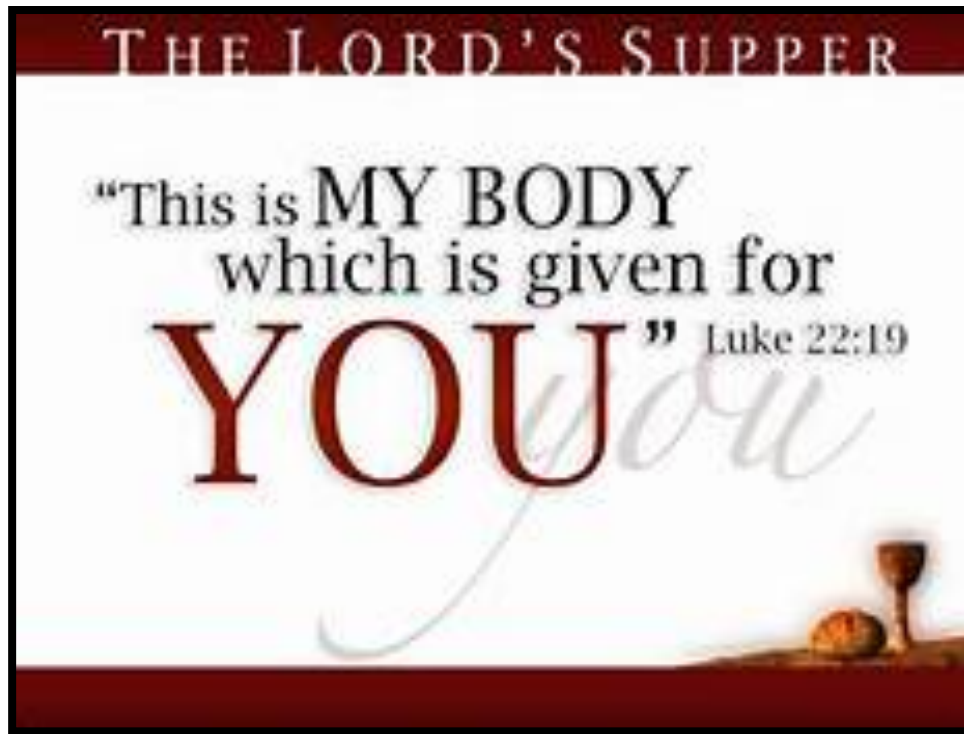


Maundy Thursday Worship
March 28, 2024 – 7:00 pm



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

Serving Us Today

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The word Maundy is derived from the Latin “mandatum” meaning “commandment.” On Thursday of Holy Week, before our Savior was betrayed and led away to be falsely accused and finally crucified, He spoke many words of instruction to His disciples. Many are recorded in the 13-17 chapters of the Gospel of John, chapters 13-17. It was on this night that our Savior instituted the Lord’s Supper and solemnly instructed (commanded): “Do this in remembrance of Me.” And so on this night we gather for this special supper in keeping with His instructions and in thankfulness for His blessing.

Opening Prayer

Hymn 634 (1-4)

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

P O Lord, open my lips:

C And my mouth will declare your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me!:

C O LORD, make haste to help me!

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

C A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 111

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; he has commanded his covenant forever:

C 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!

Hymn

I Come O Savior, to Thy Table
Christian Worship 310:1,5,3

I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Scripture Lesson – 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Examine Yourself Before You Partake of the Lord's Supper

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. 27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Hymn

Christian Worship 310:4,6,9

Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll!
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Meditation on the Word

Based on John 13:5

Then 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.

Theme – *"More Than a Towel and Water"*

Maundy Thursday Offering / Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Confession of Sins

P Do you believe that you are a sinner?

C **Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.**

P How do you know this?

C **From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.**

P Are you sorry for your sins?

C **Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**

P What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

C **His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.**

P Do you also believe that you will be saved?

C **Yes, such is my confidence.**

P In whom, then, do you trust for your salvation?

C **In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.**

P Who is Christ?

C **The Son of God, true God and man.**

P What has Christ done for you that you may expect to be saved?

C **He lived a holy life for me. He died for me and shed His blood on the cross to atone for my sins. He arose triumphant from the grave to give**

me the victory over sin and death.

P Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you, are in the Sacrament?

C **Yes, I believe it.**

P What induces you to believe this?

C **The words of Christ: "Take and eat. This is My body. Drink from it, all of you. This is My blood."**

P Why, therefore, should you receive the Sacrament frequently?

C **To receive the assurance through the Sacrament of the body and blood of my Savior that my sins are forgiven and that salvation is mine.**

Words of Absolution (Forgiveness)

P As God has given to you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and as you have called me to administer the same, even so, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Lamb of God

Tune: O Dearest Jesus

Jesus, the Lamb of God, have mercy on us!
Jesus, who bore our sins, have mercy on us!
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, have mercy!
Grant us Your peace, Lord!

Distribution of the Sacrament

Post-Communion Prayer

The Nunc Dimittis

Tune: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, let Your servant go in peace, Your Word has been fulfilled:
My eyes have seen the Light increase Which for the world You willed,

For Israel's light, the promised One, Now shines for all to see,
To God, the Father, Spirit, Son, Be praise eternally!

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C (says) Amen.

Closing Hymn 887

Now the Light Has Gone Away

Good Friday Worship: 7:00 pm tomorrow
Easter Sunday Worship: 9:30 am



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How to Receive the Sacrament

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. I Corinthians 1:26,28.

The Sacrament is instituted for the very purpose of giving us comfort and strength. Therefore you should let nothing keep you from it. If you feel your weakness, blessed are you; for you must indeed feel your shortcomings.

Only in such terrified and trembling hearts does God desire to dwell, as the prophet Isaiah says (66:2). The man who has not felt the battle within him, who is not distressed by his sins and does not have a daily quarrel with them, who desires no Protector, Defender, and Shield to stand before him, is as yet not the one for whom this food was intended. For this food calls for a hungry and longing man because it delights to enter a hungry soul, one that is constantly battling with its sins and would gladly be rid of them ... This bread is a comfort for the sorrowing, a healing of the sick, life for the dying, food for the hungry, and a rich treasure for all the poor and needy.

The best preparation is that a soul, deeply moved by sins, death, and temptations, hungers and thirst for healing and strength.

Therefore it is most fitting when the soul is least fit, which means, when the soul feels altogether wretched, poor, and devoid of grace, it is most receptive for God's grace and most fitted to receive it.



Your hungry heart must build upon these words and you must trust in the promise of the divine truth, and in this spirit go to the Sacrament, imploring God and saying, "Lord, it is true that I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, yet I am needy, and eager for Your help and grace, that I too may be made godly. Thus I come with no pleas but that I have heard sweet words, namely, that You have invited me to Your table. Dear Lord, Your Word is true. I do not doubt it. In that faith I eat and I drink with You. May it be done to me according to Your Will and Words. Amen."

Christ addressed His sermon to all, as did the apostles later on. All heard it, believers and unbelievers. He who accepted it, accepted it. This we, too, must do. But we must not cast the Sacrament to crowds of people in this way ... When I preach the Gospel I do not know upon whom it makes an impression; but in the case of the Sacrament I should know that it has made an impression upon him who comes to it.

—From *What Luther Says, An Anthology*, Vol.II, Ewald Plass, pp.792-818