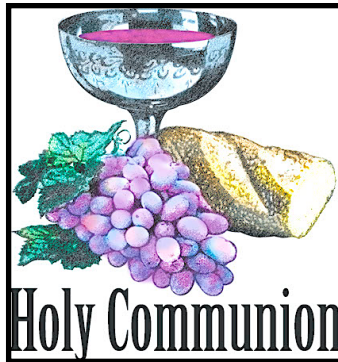


Maundy Thursday Worship

April 17, 2025 – 7:00 pm



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church – Lakewood, Colorado

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.



Pre-Service Prayer

O God, who does not take pleasure in the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn from his evil way and live, I come to you although I have sinned and deserve only Your wrath. But I flee to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave His body and His blood for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may always believe this and never waver. Grant that in such faith I may worthily approach Your altar to receive the very body and true blood which Your Son has given for my salvation, that I may duly praise, laud, and honor Your love and Your mercy all the days of my life. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

Opening Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, our dear Redeemer, as we meet to worship You this evening on the anniversary of the institution of Your Supper, we pray that You would lead us humbly to hear Your Word, to repent of our sins, and to rejoice in the blessed assurance of Your love and forgiveness. Amen.

Hymn 622 (1-6)

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Trinitarian Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

Call to Worship

P: Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:

C: **Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, our Redeemer, our Comforter.**

P: The kings of the earth set themselves:

C: **And the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed.**

P: He was led as a lamb to the slaughter:

C: **And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.**

P: Surely He has borne our griefs:

C: **And carried our sorrows.**

P: He was wounded for our transgressions:

C: **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

P: All we like sheep have gone astray:

C: **And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

Scripture Lesson

Jesus' High Priestly Prayer – John 17:1-26

Jesus Prays for Himself

1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

6 “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received

them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. 9 “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Jesus Prays for All Believers

20 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. 24 “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

Hymn 634

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

The Sermon

Text – 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often

as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes. 27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.

***"What We Believe, Teach, and Confess
about the Lord's Supper"***

Maundy Thursday Offering

Confession of Sins & Words of Absolution

P: Dear friends in Christ: It is your desire to receive the Sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the assurance of the forgiveness of your sins, the strengthening of your faith in Him as your Savior, and the grace to serve Him with a God-pleasing life. In order that these blessings may be yours, it is necessary that you bear in mind the Word of God recorded by St. John in his First Epistle: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Deeply conscious of our guilt and trusting solely in the merits of Jesus Christ for forgiveness, let us make confession of our sins:

All: Almighty God, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved You with my whole heart. I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

P: Jesus says to His people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this? If so, then declare so by saying: *"Yes, I believe."* ... Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

All: O Lord, my God, I called to You for help, and You answered me. I thank You for the love You have shown me in Christ my Savior.

Through Him You have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve You and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer, sung

Melody LSB 753: *O God, Our Help*

**Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne,
Most holy be Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done
On earth in heav'n the same.**

**Give us this day the food we need;
Forgiven may we be;
Into temptation do not lead;
Fom evil set us free.**

**Yours is the kingdom, Yours the pow'r, and Yours the majesty.
So shall it be from this glad hour and to eternity.**

The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Melody LSB 439: *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

The Nunc Dimittis

Melody LSB 753: *O God, Our Help*

**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!**

P: Let us pray: O Lord Jesus, You have left to us in this Holy Sacrament a memorial of Your Passion. Grant, we beseech You, that we may so use this Sacrament of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in our life and conduct: You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

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 (sings): Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn 622 (7-8)

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

Christian Questions for Those About to Receive the Lord's Supper

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner? *Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.*
2. How do you know this? *From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.*
3. Are you sorry for your sins? *Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.*
4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins? *I deserve His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.*
5. Do you hope to be saved? *Yes, that is my hope.*
6. In whom, then, do you trust? *I trust in my dear Lord Jesus Christ.*
7. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him? *He kept the Ten Commandments for me. Then He died and shed His blood for me on the cross to make atonement for my sins.*
8. How do you know this? *I know this from the holy Gospel and from the words of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
9. What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion? *It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.*
10. Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament? *Yes, I believe it.*
11. What moves you to believe this? *I am moved to believe this by the words of Christ, "Take and eat. This is My body . . . Drink from it, all of you. This is My blood."*
12. What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking? *That is shown us by these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.*

Prayer For Our Communicants

Lord Jesus, who calls to You all who labor and are heavy laden, to refresh them and to give rest to their souls, we pray: let these guests experience Your love at the heavenly feast which You have prepared for Your children on earth. Keep them from impenitence and unbelief, so that no one may partake of this holy Sacrament to his spiritual harm. Take off from them the spotted garment of the flesh and of their own righteousness and adorn them with the garment of righteousness which You purchased with Your blood. Strengthen their faith, increase their love and hope, and after this life grant them a place at Your heavenly table, where they shall eat of the eternal manna and drink of the river of Your pleasure forevermore. Hear us for Your own sake. Amen.