

Holy Thursday

March 28, 2024

4:45pm & 6:45pm

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness & life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.**

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion.** Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.



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HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR on Maundy Thursday is a highly vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment our Lord experienced on that long night in Gethsemane. This practice dates from the seventh century and began for the utilitarian purpose of cleaning and washing the church in preparation for Easter. But the stark, bare church reflected so clearly the fitting tone of the occasion that the stripping became an evocative ceremony in its own right. As candlesticks, missal stands, altar cloths, banners and all other sanctuary furnishings are quietly removed from the sanctuary; the visual aspect of the sanctuary is changed and remains stark and tomb-like until Easter morning. During worship this evening, the stripping of the altar will take place progressively throughout the service, symbolizing the growing loneliness experienced by Jesus as the hour grew closer to His crucifixion.

PRELUDE

Go to Dark Gethsemane

arr. Herl

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Jesus I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440: sts. 1,2,4,5

Stand

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

C Amen.

PART 1: Jesus Washes the Feet of the Disciples

Luke 22 and John 13

Luke 22:7-13

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.

⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

⁹They said to Him, "Where will You have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

³¹Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ!

Sit

HYMN

Jesus, Greatest at the Table

LSB 446

The flowers and plants are removed.

Jesus knew His betrayer and what lay ahead. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

Stand

PART 2: The Upper Room – The Lord’s Supper

Matthew 26 and John 13

Matthew 26:21-25

²¹And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The 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.” ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

John 13:26b-30

²⁶“So when [Jesus] had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Matthew 26:26-30

²⁶Now 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.” ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I 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.” ³⁰And 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!

Sit

HYMN

When You Woke That Thursday Morning

LSB 445

The candles are extinguished and removed.

Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.” The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Based on Psalm 51

- P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
C **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**
- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
C **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**
- P** Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,
C **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
- P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
C **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- P** Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
C **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

(Silence to confess those sins we know and feel in our hearts)

- P** Let us then confess our sins together to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Sit

ANTHEM (6:45 pm service)

What Is This Bread

arr. Behnke

Adult Bells

(If you would like to meditate on the words as the piece is played, please turn to LSB 629 in your hymnal)

✠ THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

Stand

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS~~(Latin: *Holy, Holy, Holy*)

Tune: LSB 592

1. Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Heav'n and earth proclaim the story
Of Your majesty adored
Of Your kingdom, pow'r and glory
With hosannas now we meet You
With our palms and praises greet You

2. Hail! Hosanna! Blest is He
Who in God's own name draws near us!
Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we
Since we have God's love to cheer us:
Blood outpoured and body broken,
Of eternal love the token.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

PAX DOMINI~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a **declaration** of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means “Yes, yes, this is so!”)

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- G** Amen!

AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

Tune: LSB 449

**O Lamb of God, once lifted upon the cursed tree,
O Lamb of God, once offered in sacrifice for me,
O Lamb of God, my Savior in my place crucified,
Your peace and mercy grant me. My Savior will provide.**

INVITATION

- P** Welcome to the Table of the Lord.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

Personal Examination Before Communing

1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
 2. Do I believe Christ’s true body and blood to be present in the Lord’s Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
 3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?
- (For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal. Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

Instructions for Communing

We use continuous kneeling tables for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of each tray and should be used only by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate your need to the pastor at the table.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 454 *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*

LSB 637 *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

LSB 618 *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

Stand

THE DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen!**

Sit

The communion vessels are removed.

Jesus' offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the form of bread and wine in this Holy Mystery. As He was removed from us, so we remove the elements and vessels of this sacrament.

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 12:1–14

P The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the twelfth chapter.

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. ³Tell 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. 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. ⁵Your 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.

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. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. ¹²For 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. 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.

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!**

PSALM

Psalm 41

P Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

C **In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**

P the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;

C **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

P The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.

C **As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!”**

P My enemies say of me in malice, “When will he die and his name perish?”

C **And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**

P All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

C **They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”**

P Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

C **But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!**

P By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
C **But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.**

P Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

A **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.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

P The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the eleventh chapter.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435

THE SERMON

My Close Friend

Psalm 41:9

Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**☒ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Part 3: Jesus In The Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:31-46

³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵Then he came to the

disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Sit

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436 vv. 1-3

1. **Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**
2. **Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.**
3. **Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

Stand

Part 4: Jesus Betrayed and Arrested

Matthew 26:47-56

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ!**

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

LSB 780



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me.

- P** Father, on the night when He was betrayed, Christ Jesus humbled Himself to stoop down and bathe His disciples' feet. May each of us fervently desire to embody this attitude of service and kindness to all that the love of Christ may abound through all our speech and actions. Lord in Your mercy:
- C** *Sing as above.*
- P** On this night, Christ prayed that His disciples would be one in faith. Sustain our unity in confession and doctrine that the Church may stand as a beacon of Your eternal truth. Lord in Your mercy:
- C** *Sing as above.*
- P** On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would hear His disciples' proclamation, that all would come to know Him who is the Light of the world. In the same way make us bold to proclaim the message of salvation in Jesus so that many more would come to the knowledge of Salvation. Lord in Your mercy:
- C** *Sing as above.*
- P** 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 ultimately suffered complete and utter rejection, pain and death. By Your Holy Word, confirm in our hearts the knowledge of Your unchanging love for us. Lord in Your mercy:
- C** *Sing as above.*

P On this night, Christ acknowledged the world's hatred and persecution of those who confess Him as Lord and Savior. Heavenly Father, fix our eyes constantly on Jesus, that we may remain steadfast in the saving faith in the midst of strife and harassment, danger and persecution. Lord in Your mercy:

C *Sing as above.*

P On this night, we give thanks that our Lord Jesus has come to us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion giving forgiveness, life, and salvation and strengthening our faith to trust in Him and serve in His kingdom. Help us to live godly lives and boldly resound with the one true confession of faith with the whole company of saints, in heaven and on earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C *Sing as above.*

PART 5: Jesus before Caiaphas and the Council

Matthew 26:57-68

⁵⁷Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶²And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶³But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

The offerings, missal stand, and service books are removed.

Our offerings represent one way of worshiping God and serving others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form. As the Offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

The missal stand holds the worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand.

Stand

Part 6: Peter Denies Jesus

Matthew 26:69-75

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." ⁷¹And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷²And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." ⁷⁴Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Sit

The altar cloths and Paraments are removed.

Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and Paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

PSALM 22

(This Psalm is a prophecy of Jesus' crucifixion and death.

The Psalm is chanted as the stripping of the altar is finished.

You are invited to meditate on the words.)

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the
words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

- ³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- ⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- ⁷All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- ⁸"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- ⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- ¹⁰On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my
God.
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- ¹²Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- ¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
- ¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my
tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
- ¹⁷I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
- ¹⁸they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- ²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
- ²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild
oxen!
- ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him,
all you offspring of Israel!
- ²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of
the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great
congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- ²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who
seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship
before you.
- ²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the
dust, even the one who could not keep himself
alive.
- ³⁰Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming
generation;
- ³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a
people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

The Benediction is omitted as the Triduum [3-part service] continues on Good Friday

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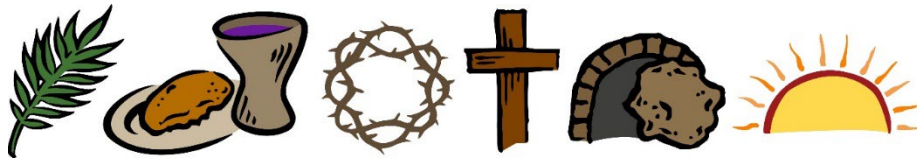
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SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS EVENING:

Preacher Pastor Joel Schultz
Celebrant Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist Vicar Nathan Harkins
Organist Lauran Delancy
Acolytes (4:45) TBD (6:45) TBD
Altar Guild Carol Brandt, Carolyn Clarke, Deb & Dana Froelich, & Angela Hodge



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

GOOD FRIDAY – March 29th

Services at 4:45pm and 6:45pm

EASTER EGG HUNT – March 30th

9:30am-11:00am

EASTER VIGIL – March 30th

Service at 6:00pm



EASTER SUNDAY – March 31st

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion

7:30am – 10:30am – Easter Breakfast

8:00am Easter Holy Service w/Holy Communion

9:30am Easter Holy Service w/Holy Communion

11:00am Easter Holy Service w/Holy Communion