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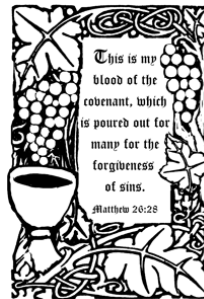
OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING - *For all that our God's mercy has done for us and gives to us.*
GENERAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER (*Worship Supplement - page 17*)

Individual PRE/POST Communion Prayer – Red Hymnal pg. 118

The Lord's Supper is a gracious way in which our Savior comes to us to strengthen our faith in Him. By taking the Lord's Supper together, the members of this church proclaim that we are "of one mind" together in Christ. As the scripture says: "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment," and "For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread" (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:17). For this reason we ask that communicant members of St. Stephen or sister church of the "Church of the Lutheran Confession" come forward at this point at the direction of the ushers.

(Pastor is willing to speak with you after the service if you have any questions.)



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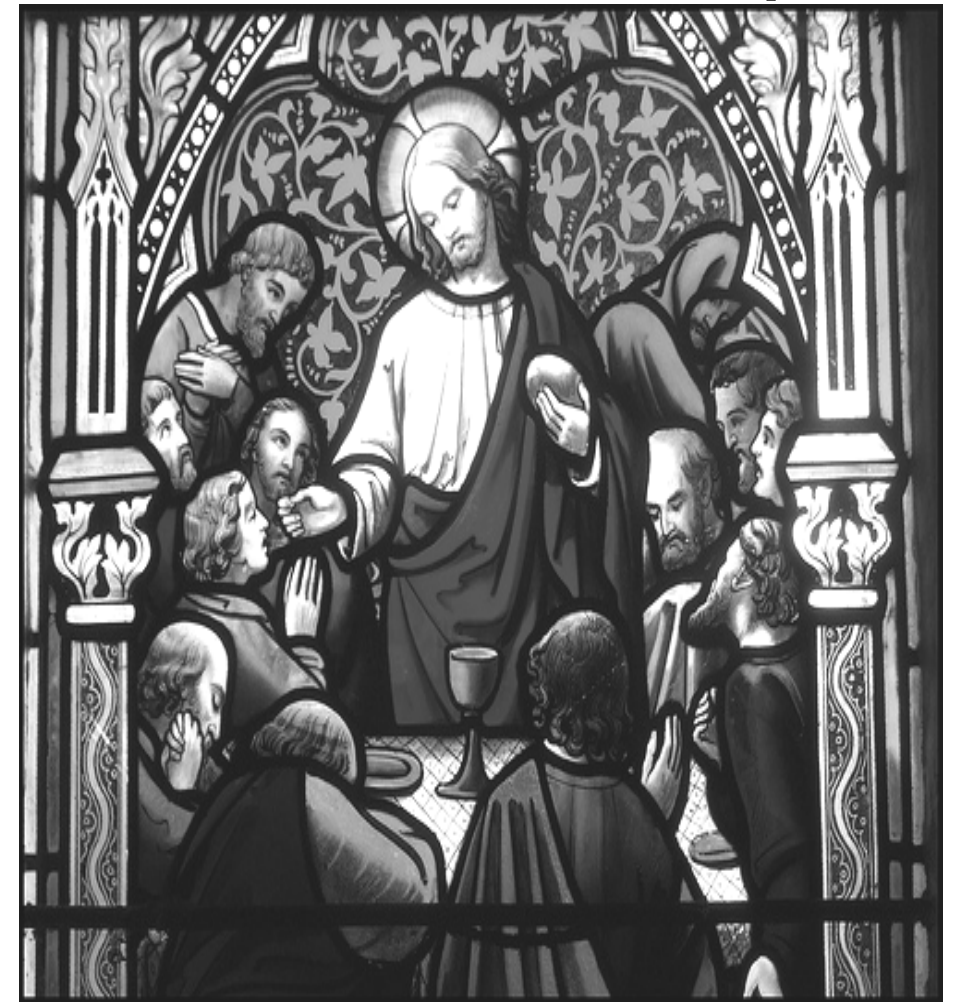
CLOSING HYMN 309 (*Red Hymnal*)

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

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Good evening and thank you to all who joined us tonight for our divine worship of our Savior Jesus Christ. If you are a guest, please sign our guest book in the hall and please come again.

MAUNDY



Why we call it "Maundy Thursday"

Maundy: The word Maundy is from the Latin *mandatum*. It is the first word in the Latin translation of ***"A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you,"*** the statement by Jesus in the Gospel of John (13:34).

Thursday: On this day four events are often commemorated: the washing of the Disciples' feet by Jesus Christ, the institution of the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, the betrayal of Christ by Judas Iscariot.

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Pre-Service Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, as I enter Your presence this evening, bless my meditation upon Your Son's passion. May I be led to appreciate with even greater reverence the sacrifices He made for me, to confess with sincerity my sins against You and my fellow men, to rejoice heartily in Your forgiveness, and to dedicate my life wholly to honoring Your name! I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Opening Prayer

OPENING HYMN 150 (Red Hymnal)

(Congregation: Stanzas 1,3,5; Pastor: Stanzas 2,4)

"Lord Jesus, Thou Art Going Forth"

RESPONSIVE PSALM *Psalms 86:1-10*

Pastor: Bow down Your ear; O LORD, hear me:

Congregation: For I am poor and needy.

P: Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God:

C: Save Your servant who trusts in You.

P: Be merciful to me, O Lord:

C: For I cry to You all day long.

P: Rejoice the soul of Your servant:

C: For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

P: For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive:

C: And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

P: Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer:

C: And attend to the voice of my supplications.

P: In the day of my trouble I will call upon You:

C: For You will answer me.

P: Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord:

C: Nor are there any works like Your works.

P: All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord:

C: And shall glorify Your name.

P: For You are great, and do wondrous things:

C: You alone are God!



REPENTANCE AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Pastor: Dear Lord, God and Father, enter not into judgment against us. Do not look upon how good or how wicked we have been, but only upon the infinite compassion which You have bestowed upon us in Christ, Your dear Son. We come before You to confess our faith and sin:

Pastor and Congregation: I am truly a sinner, O God, but You have been merciful to me. I am by nature Your enemy, but You are by choice my friend. I deserve Your condemnation, yet I know from Your Word that You have for Jesus' sake forgiven me. You have permitted this truth to be preached to me, and out of Your love Your Spirit has led me to believe it. Lord, this is ever my plea, "Be merciful to me."

[Adapted from prayers by Martin Luther]

Congregation (sings): (TLH 323)

**With broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Your pardoning grace is rich and free,
O God, be merciful to me!**

**Far off I stand with tearful eyes
Nor dare uplift them to the skies;
But You Lord all my anguish see,
O God, be merciful to me!**

With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh



Pastor: The Lord has had mercy upon you! He has washed away your sins with the precious blood of Jesus, Your Savior. He has promised in His grace and mercy to go with you as you journey through this life on your way home to Heaven. Rejoice in this good news, and may your soul be at peace. Amen.

CHOIR - "Behold the Shepherd"

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 14:12-26 *As Jesus ate His final Passover meal with His disciples, He instituted the Lord's Supper to remind them of His approaching sacrifice and thereby to encourage them in their faith!*

12 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?" **13** And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. **14** "Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, "The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" ' **15** "Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us." **16** So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover. **17** In the evening He came with the twelve. **18** Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who eats with Me will betray Me." **19** And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And another said, "Is it I?" **20** He answered and said to them, "It is one of the twelve, who dips with Me in the dish. **21** "The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born." **22** And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." **23** Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. **24** And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. **25** "Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." **26** And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

HYMN 755 (Worship Supplement)

What Is This Bread

SERMONETTE - Mark 14:24

"LIVE IN THE BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT"