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The name Maundy Thursday is derived from the Latin words for "Day of the Commandment" (dies mandati). It was given this name because of the new covenant which Jesus sealed on this night by instituting the Lord's Supper and giving his command: "Love one another as I have loved you."

It was a fateful night. Shortly after celebrating the Passover with his disciples for the last time, Jesus would be betrayed and handed over to be tortured and crucified. But none of this would occur before Jesus left his disciples a sacred sacrament. In the Lord's Supper, we have God's own seal for his covenant of forgiveness through the blood of Christ.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Christ's true body and blood for our forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith. It is our practice that only those who are members of Shepherd of the Hills or members of another WELS or ELS congregation come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are a visitor from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper this evening. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to Pastor Denney after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Sunday: Next Sunday, we begin the celebration of our Lord's resurrection with an Easter Breakfast at 8:00 AM. A special Easter worship service will be at 9:00 AM. Following service, we will have a kid's egg hunt at 10:30 AM. We hope you can be part of this special day and please invite a friend or family member to join us as we hear the good news of Jesus!

Youth Rally Fundraising: This summer - June 25 - 28th - we will have 9 teens from our church attend the WELS Youth Rally in Fort Collins, CO. For four days our teens will join in worship, study, and fellowship with thousands of other teenagers who share their faith. We are still accepting donations for this project and if you would like to help, more information is included in the weekly email or you can speak with Jesse Dunsmoor or Alison Moeri.

Women's Bible Study: All women are welcome to join us as we continue our study of the book of Ephesians. This study was rescheduled due to weather for Tuesday, April 2nd at 6 pm at Lorene Fleming's home: 3004 North 52nd Avenue East, in Duluth. If you have questions, or would like to ride-share, please contact Kiersten Nash.



INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

P: In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of our suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

In Holy Communion, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.
- C: Almighty, God merciful Father, I confess that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of yours. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them.
- P: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.
- C: Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me from your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.
- P: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.
- C: May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.



HYMN

"Not All the Blood of Beasts" CW 128 vs. 1-4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

ቱ READINGS FROM GODS WORD ቱ

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-14

- The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.
- ¹² "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. ¹⁴ "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." Alleluia. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-28

- ²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night 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, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- ²⁷ Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.
- P: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate

He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN

"When You Woke That Thursday Morning" New Hymnal Choir sings vs. 1-3, congregation joins in verses 4-5 Printed on the next page.

New Hymnal

Choir sings vs. 1-3, congregation joins in verses 4-5



PLACES OF THE PASSION "The Last Supper"

Mark 14:12-25

¹² On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, "The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. ¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely not I?" ²⁰ "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." ²³ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.²⁵ "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God."

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, visit our website: www.dulutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayers and petitions are offered on behalf of the Church

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them up to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C: It is good and right so to do.
- P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of life to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: On the same night, which Jesus was betrayed, he 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 give for you for the forgiveness of sins."
- C: And Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me."
- P: In the same manner he also took the cup after supper. When he had given thanks he gave it to his disciples and said: "Drink from it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you for the remission of all your sins.
- C: And Jesus said, "Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
- P: Remember Jesus, the Lamb of God. He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows. He was pierced for our transgressions.

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings...

- Sing: Just as I am, witho-ut one plea (CW 397. vs. 1) But that thy blood was shed for me And that Thou bidds't me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- P: Remember Jesus, the Lamb of God. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter.
- Sing: Just as I am, and wait-ing not (CW 397. vs. 2) To rid my soul of one dark blot, To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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- P: Remember the sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God was accepted and that through the Lamb of God your sins are all forgiven and he remembers your sins no more.
- Sing: Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, (CW 397. vs. 5) Wilt welcome, par-don, cleanse, relieve, Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- P: Come, take and eat for this is his body given for you. Come, take and drink for this is his blood shed for you.
- C: For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

- P: Lord Jesus Christ, we lift up our hearts with thanksgiving and praise. Through the blood of your covenant, you have made us worthy to receive your Holy Supper. In this sacrament, time and eternity meet as we celebrate a foretaste of the feast now enjoyed by all who are in heavenly glory.
- C: As we receive your true body and blood, we rejoice in the forgiveness and salvation you have given us. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution no hymn will be sung. While the music is played, please take time to reflect upon the Sacrament of our Lord and our Savior's sacrifice for us.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"Song of Simeon"

After a brief introduction, please sing...



CLOSING PRAYER

- P: Gracious heavenly Father, in the midst of this Passion week, we remember all that your beloved Son sacrificed for us, you have given us a remembrance of the Passover meal and the freedom from bondage it recalls. You have given us true pardon and peace in this Holy Supper, and a foretaste of the feast to come. Keep us firm in the true faith that our sins are forgiven by faith in your Son until we celebrate the feast of the Lamb in his kingdom that has no end.
- C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"My Song Is Love Unknown" CW 110 vs.1-4



We close tonight's service without the traditional words of the blessing because our Holy Week worship does not end this evening, but continues tomorrow as we commemorate the events of Good Friday and conclude on Easter morning.