



Welcome to Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2021 at 7:00pm

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If You Are Looking For A Church Home/Family, interested in learning more about who we are or would like to discuss any of the following: Baptism, setting up a hospital or home visit, arranging a counseling session, planning a wedding, etc., please contact Pastor Seth. He would love to visit with you!

We Would Like To Get To Know You

We at Praise would like to get to know you! Prior to leaving this evening, please take a moment to fill out the *Friendship Note* left on your seat and return it to the Offering Plates near the Sanctuary Doors. Pastor Seth and our leaders would like to follow-up with you, so please take a moment to let us know how we may contact you and serve you.

As We Gather

On this night our Lenten journey concludes. On Ash Wednesday we began with an extended confession of sin symbolized by the receiving of ashes and entered the forty days of repentance. Tonight we receive the long-awaited absolution and word of forgiveness that propels us to the cross of Good Friday, the silent tomb of Holy Saturday, and the glorious resurrection of Easter. The word Maundy is a play on the Latin word mandatum to remind us of the “new mandate” or commandment of our Lord, “to love one another”. This is the night when Jesus was betrayed by Judas Iscariot. It is also the night of the last Passover Seder or meal ever celebrated because it has reached its goal in Jesus’ institution of the sacrament of His body and blood. Until our last day we continue to struggle as sinners in this flesh and blood. In this fallen world we fight the temptation of the devil’s lying, scheming, and murdering ways. This sacrament is for us who are still engaged in the god fight of the faith.

In celebrating Holy Communion, Lutherans believe that when we receive the bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper (also known as Holy Communion, The Sacrament of the Altar, and/or Eucharist) they also receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; and 1 Corinthians 11:23-25). If you: share this belief with us, are an adult or one who has received instruction on the Lord’s Supper, are a baptized Christian seeking to confess your sins to God, believing that Jesus Christ is your Savior, and desiring to live a new life in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to join us as we celebrate this means of God’s grace. We kindly ask that those who have not received education on the Lord’s Supper, both adults and children, take a moment to visit with Pastor Seth prior to learn more about this special gift of the Lord’s Supper. Those who are not receiving the Sacrament are still warmly invited to come forward at that time for a prayer and/or blessing at the altar; we kindly ask that you let Pastor Seth and the Assistant(s) know you do not intend to receive Communion by crossing your arms across your chest as you come forward. The colored glasses in the center of the tray (held by a Communion Assistant) contain a non-alcoholic wine intended for those who, for personal or medical reasons, are unable to use regular wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available for those with dietary/health considerations.

OPENING SONG: “Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders
of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hand.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Repeat All

Words and Music (SHOUT TO THE LORD): Darlene Zschech (b. 1965) (C) 1993 Wondrous Worship Music, admin. Music Services o/b/o Llano Music LLC. Taken from *Lift Up Your Hearts*, Faith Alive Christian Resources: 2013, Grand Rapids, p. 603.

Responsive Reading

P: Once again during this Lenten season we hear Jesus graciously calling to each of us in our Baptism and in His Word with the invitation and the command:

C: Come! Follow Me! (*Matthew 4:19*)

P: Return to the Lord your God

C: For He is gracious and compassionate

P: Slow to anger and abounding in love

C: He relents from sending calamity (*Joel 2:13*)

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Heavenly Father,

C: You have called us to love You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. You have also called us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Your Son, Jesus, has modeled for us true obedience to Your Word, as well as true love for others. And yet, we confess, we have ignored Jesus' example. We have turned away from Your Word. Even during this Holy Week, we have pursued what matters most to us.

P: Almighty God, Heavenly Father,

C: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and His innocent suffering and death, have mercy upon us and forgive us. By Your Holy Spirit, wash us and renew us. Reach out to touch even the deepest places of our hearts with Your holy will and purposes for our lives.

P: Upon this your confession I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, on this night You gave Your disciples a new commandment—to love each other as You loved them.

C: Fill us with Your heart, Lord Jesus, that we might embody Your love for others, that the entire world may see and believe You are our Lord. We ask this in Your most holy Name, Jesus. Amen.

FIRST READING

(Exodus 12:1-14)

¹The 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. ³Tell 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 members 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 eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰ 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 of both people 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:23-32)

¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because

there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

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 So then, 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 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹ But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. ³² Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

(John 13:1-17; 31b-35)

¹It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer

clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

³¹ Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON SONG: “Ancient Words”

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God’s own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope,
In this world where’er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus:

Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice.
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God’s own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.

Chorus

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SERMON TITLE

“Eyes on Jesus: The Ministering Messiah in our Midst”

Rev. Seth Korte

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH: "*Nicene Creed*"

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GATHERING OF GOD'S GIFTS

During this season, you are invited to join us as we continue to give thanks to God with our Tithes and Offerings. Tithes and Offerings may be left within the Offering Plates near the Sanctuary Doors as you enter/leave, or you may utilize one of two additional options: online giving via Praise's website (www.praiselutheran.org) or physical mailings to Praise Lutheran Church (Attn: Church Office).

Prayers of the Church

P: The Lord is present in the midst of us in the mystery of His Word and Sacrament. Therefore, let us pray for one another and for all in need.

(Silence for prayer)

P: Be present, Lord Jesus, with Your people. Teach us to serve and love each other as You first served and loved us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Be present, Lord Jesus, with those You send to preach Your Word and administer Your sacraments. Give pastors insight and courage to proclaim the truths of Your Law and Gospel that many may be nourished in the one true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Be present, Lord Jesus, with those who do not confess Your name. By Your Word and Holy Spirit make their hearts ready to know, believe, and confess Your grace, light, life, peace, and forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Be present, Lord Jesus, with the leaders of nations. Guide and direct their actions that they may lead people in the ways of truth, freedom, liberty, justice, and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Be present, Lord Jesus, with all who gather at Your altar. May each of us know and confess You in the bread broken and wine poured among us. By faith may we receive Your life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Be present, Lord Jesus, as we remember friends and family members who have died in faith. Keep us mindful of their baptismal life in Christ. So also, in our final days, draw us to You with an unwavering confidence that You alone are Lord and Savior in life and in death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER†

(As we prepare our hearts and minds for this special means of grace, please take a moment to prayerfully revisit the statement of belief on the top of Page 2, concerning what God's Word says about The Lord's Supper and participation.)

A Note on Distribution:

Holy Communion will be offered in a continuous flow fashion this morning that allows individuals or family units to Commune while observing social distancing.

We ask that you please observe the blue markings in the center aisle and follow the guidance of our Usher as you wait to be communed.

As you near Station 1, Pastor Seth will direct you to the host/wafer. Please let him know if you need one that is gluten free.

After receiving the body of Christ please proceed to Station 2, where a Communion Assistant will direct you to the wine/non-

alcohol option. Upon receiving the blood of Christ, you are encouraged to place your individual cup in the trash receptacle as you return to your seat along the respective side aisle.

If you are in need of assistance or unable to come forward, please let Pastor Seth or an Assistant know.

*Volunteers have been asked to wear masks and gloves while preparing and setting up Holy Communion.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

(Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

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

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

C: And also with you.

Distribution Hymn "New Wine"

In the crushing in the pressing
You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender
You are breaking new ground

Pre-Chorus

So I yield to You and to Your careful hand
When I trust You I don't need to understand

Chorus

Make me Your vessel
Make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be
I came here with nothing
But all You have given me
Jesus bring new wine out of me

In the crushing in the pressing
You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender
You are breaking new ground

Chorus

Jesus bring new wine out of me
Jesus bring new wine out of me

Bridge

'Cause where there is new wine
There is new power
There is new freedom
And the kingdom is here
I lay down my old flames
To carry Your new fire today

Repeat Bridge

Chorus

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make
His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, may the
Lord look upon you with His favor, and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?
- ²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.
- ³Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.
- ⁴In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.
- ⁵To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- ⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
- ⁷All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
- ⁸“He trusts in the LORD,” they say,
“let the LORD rescue him.
Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him.”
- ⁹Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.
- ¹⁰From birth I was cast on you;
from my mother’s womb you have been my God.
- ¹¹Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.
- ¹²Many bulls surround me;
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
- ¹³Roaring lions that tear their prey
open their mouths wide against me.
- ¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint.
My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted within me.
- ¹⁵My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

- 16 Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.
- 17 All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.
- 18 They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.
- 19 But you, LORD, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.
- 20 Deliver me from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dogs.
- 21 Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.
- 22 I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.
- 23 You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
- 24 For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.
- 25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great
assembly;
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.
- 26 The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,
28 for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.
- 29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- 30 Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.
- 31 They will proclaim his righteousness,

declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

*(After the altar is stripped, all may offer a silent prayer
and observe silence as we conclude our Worship Service)*

DISMISSAL:

(An Usher will dismiss by rows this morning to coincide with Praise’s Reopening Plan and Safety Steps. Once you have been dismissed you are encouraged to proceed directly outside.)

SERMON REFLECTIONS/NOTES:

In our Gospel lesson for this evening, from John 13, Jesus is near the heavy time of His betrayal, arrest, trial, and eventual crucifixion. What do we find Jesus doing here for His disciples while these horrific events draw closer? Does this surprise you?

What does Jesus do to show His love for the disciples? And how will His love be magnified even more, not long after this moment (consider: where does Jesus go next)?

Jesus told the disciples that others would *know* they are His followers. How? What sets Jesus’ disciples apart from others? Does your life communicate “Jesus follower” or “follower of someone/thing else”?

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Good Friday Worship Service
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