

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**March 28, 2024**  
3:00pm & 7:15pm

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod  
Champaign, Illinois

Prelude – “*Go to Dark Gethsemane*” (7:15 Alleluia Ringers)

## Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

*Congregation stands as the pastor enters the sanctuary.*

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 24:3-11

<sup>3</sup> Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.” <sup>4</sup> And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> And he

sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. <sup>6</sup> And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” <sup>8</sup> And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup> And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

(7:15) *“O Dearest Jesus”*

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EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16–17

<sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

(14:12–

26)

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup> And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” <sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” <sup>19</sup> They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” <sup>20</sup> He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup> For the 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.” <sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> And 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.**

**HYMN 434** *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*

**SERMON** “*God’s Covenant*” Mark 14:12-26

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(3:30) *“Lamb of God, Most Holy”*

(7:15) *“O Sacred Head”*

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Service of the Sacrament

*Our congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same doctrines. We invite those persons who are members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of a church in fellowship with the LCMS to receive the sacrament. We want to express our sincere welcome to guests and to assure them that it is in their spiritual interest that we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to make an appointment to speak with our pastor.*

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMNS:

**HYMN 547** *The Lamb*

**HYMN 624** *The Infant Priest Was Holy Born*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN 436** *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

The Post-Communion Collect is said.

### 3:00pm Service

Singing of Psalm 22 on pg. 22. The Antiphon “*O Sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighted down*” is sung at the beginning, and again after v. 10, 23 & 31. The *Gloria Patri* at the conclusion is omitted.

*All leave the church in silence.*

### 7:15pm Service Stripping of the Altar

As the altar is being stripped, the congregation remains standing as able and sings Psalm 22 on pg. 22. The Antiphon “*O Sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighted down*” is sung at the beginning, and again after v. 10, 23 & 31. The *Gloria Patri* at the conclusion is omitted.

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Serving Tonight:

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist & Director: Keith Williams

Elders: 3:00 – Matt & Dan

7:15 – Mike & Jeremy

Schedule for Good Friday & Easter:

Good Friday	3:00pm	Chief Service
	7:15pm	Tenebrae Vespers
Easter Sunday	6:00am	Sunrise Service
	7:00am	Easter Coffee Cake Brunch
	8:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
	9:30am	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:45am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion