

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023

7:15pm

St. John Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Champaign, Illinois

Prelude – *“Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee”* Recorder & Oboe

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

³ 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.” ⁴ 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. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ 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."⁸ 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."

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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.

"O Dearest Jesus"

Alleluia Ringers

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 9:11-22

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ¹⁶ For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you."²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th chapter.

(26:17-30)

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. 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."

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.

HYMN 434 *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*

SERMON "*Passover Fulfilled*" Matthew 26:17-30

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“*God So Loved the World – O Sacred Head*” Alleluia Ringers

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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

“*O Deepest Woe!*”

Alleluia Ringers

COMMUNION HYMNS:

HYMN 547 *The Lamb*

HYMN 624 *The Infant Priest Was Holy Born*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 436 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

(sts. 1–3)

The Post-Communion Collect is said.

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.

All leave the church in silence.

Serving Tonight:

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist & Director: Keith Williams

Elders: Harold, Mike,

Matt, Jim

Oboe: Lou Ann

Recorder: Judy

Schedule for Good Friday & Easter:

Good Friday 7:15pm Tenebrae Vespers

Easter Sunday 6:00am Sunrise Service

7:00am Easter Coffee Cake Breakfast

8:00am Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:30am Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

10:45am Divine Service with Holy Communion