



MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024

7:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Faribault, MN

Theme of the Day: All too often we don't have the right connections with the right person at the right time to accomplish all the right things. If we could just obtain access. The good news is that through the blood of Jesus we have unlimited access

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "When You Woke That Thursday Morning" *LSB* 445, vv. 1-5

Please stand

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language.

C: Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

P: The sea looked and fled,

C: The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

P: Tremble at the presence of the Lord,

C: At the presence of the God of Jacob!

P: Who turns the rock into a pool of water,

All: The flint into a spring of water.

HYMN "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" *LSB* 422, v. 1

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (from Romans 7)

P: Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

C: I know that nothing good lives in me.

P: That is, in my sinful nature.

C: For I have the desire to do good.

P: But I cannot carry it out.

C: For what I do is not the good I want to do.

P: No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

C: I find this law at work—

P: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

C: For in my inner being I delight in God's law.

P: But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

All: Who will rescue me from this body of death?

(You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)

P: Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free! Tremble at the presence of the Lord.

C: At the presence of the God of Jacob!

P: Who turns the rock into a pool of water,

All: The flint into a spring of water!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. 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; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Please sit

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS ARE ABOUT ACCESS THROUGH BLOOD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

¹Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. ²Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him."

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do."

⁴And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of

EXODUS 24:1-11

the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

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

⁷Then 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."

(continued...)

⁸And 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.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

ROMANS 5:1–10

⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—

⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

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

MATTHEW 26:26–30

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.

CATECHISM The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed *Redemption*

P: Our catechism lesson is from the Apostles' Creed, the Second Article.

Let us say it together.

All: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Please sit

SERMON HYMN "Just As I Am" LSB 570, vv. 1-6

SERMON The Eighth Part in the Series *Exodus: Let My People Go!*

"Access!" (Exodus 24:1–11)

The Rev. Peter Gueldner

OFFERING "Remember Me" ~ *Trinity Choir*

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [Based on Romans 5:16 and Hebrews 10:19]

P: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ: Almighty Father, we thank and praise you that through Jesus,

C: "We have gained access."

P: Protect your Church from the temptation to compromise this message of salvation, as well as from the temptation to remain silent, that your pure Word, passionately proclaimed and guided by the Holy Spirit, may be an occasion for all people to know that through Jesus,

C: “We have gained access by faith.”

P: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God, that with our lips and our lives we declare that,

C: “We have gained access by faith into this grace.”

P: Lord, at your Son’s invitation, we come to his table. Help us to discern in the bread his true body and in the cup his true blood. Give us, by your Holy Spirit, a right judgment of ourselves, that lamenting our sins we would receive pardon and absolution, all because,

C: “We have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.”

P: These prayers, and those we silently place before you, we place before you, O God, because

All: “We have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus.”

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

THE LORD’S PRAYER...

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

COMMUNION LITURGY

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: We celebrate the Holy Supper in the confidence that our Lord gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink with the bread and wine. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our union with God and with one another. As we repent of our sins and trust His words, we proclaim Christ’s death until He comes. Holy Communion is a confession of our faith and of our fellowship with God our Father, his Son, our Lord, and the Holy Spirit.

Hear now, the Words of our Lord, spoken at the time of The Last Supper.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Welcome to the Lord's Table.

AGNUS DEI *LSB p. 163*

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please sit

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Come to the Banquet”

~Trinity Choir

“What Is This Bread”

LSB 629, vv. 1-5

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

LSB 622, vv. 1-8

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C: Amen

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

P: After the institution of the Lord's Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution. Jesus' offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Mystery.

C: As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

(Remove Communion vessels)

P: The cross is the place where Jesus took our punishment to give us the gift of heaven.

C: When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

P: This statement was fulfilled on the cross, which is now removed.

(Remove the processional cross)

P: The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God.

C: As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard.

P: As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, so we remove the missal stand and its book.

(Missal stand and altar book are removed)

P: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (*John 8:12*)

C: The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world.

P: As creation was dark when He suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

(All candles are extinguished and removed)

P: Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form.

C: As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

(Offerings are removed)

P: The altar is the place where our Lord Jesus serves us as both Host and Meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and threads, materials appropriate for feasting with our King.

C: As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

(The altar cloths and paraments are removed.)

(The cloth is pulled from the cross.

After the altar has been stripped, the pastor will leave the chancel.)

(Our service does not include a closing and benediction. The remembrance of our Lord's passion, death and His resurrection will not conclude until we meet to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection on Easter.

The congregation is asked to depart in silence.)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Pastor The Rev. Peter Gueldner
Music Barbara Mrosko, Trinity Choir
Elder Steve Denninger
Worship Assistant Dave Malmanger
Lector Donna Rae Schultz

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HOLY WEEK CONTINUES...

✠ **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE—**
March 29, 7:00 p.m.

✠ **EASTER VIGIL—March 30, 5:30 p.m.**
with Holy Communion

✠ **EASTER SUNDAY—March 31**
8:00 a.m. Easter Festival
Service with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Easter Connection Service
with Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast: 9-10:30 a.m. (Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Fruit &
Beverage) Free will offering

Easter Egg Hunt & Scavenger Hunt begins at 10:00 a.m.

