**Sts. Peter & Paul**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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“I was glad when they said to me,

Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

***Psalm 122:1***

**Sts. Peter & Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, LC-MS**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**April 6, 2023**

**A special welcome to our guests this day!** If you would like more information about The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, or this congregation, please speak with Pastor Deal or an Elder after the service.

**Members & Guests:** Don’t be embarrassed if your children make noise during the worship service, all children do. We encourage families to worship togetherbut, if you feel the need, there are pews in the rear of the Church which are reserved for young families on both sides of the sanctuary. There is also a quiet room available to you during our service which is located down the hallway past the offices on the right side of the church as well as a children’s area in the Fellowship Hall where you are able to follow along with the service.

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Today’s service includes the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**. If during this past year, you have not worshipped with us and been communed, we respectfully ask that you do not partake of this sacrament this day before first speaking with Pastor Deal.

If visiting from a sister congregation of the LC-MS and are in good standing, please inform Pastor Deal of your desire to commune prior to the service.

If wishing to receive a blessing during communion, please approach with your arms crossed.

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# Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

**Opening Hymn: LSB #419 “Savior, When in Dust to Thee”**

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Sit

P During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God’s wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.” It is as if He said, “I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat.”

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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.” Again, it is as if He said, “I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink.”

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples’ feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with the wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C **Amen.**

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Stand

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

Members of the congregation will approach the altar individually as instructed by the ushers.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God’s?

C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in T peace.

C **Amen.**

Return to your pew and use this time for prayer and thanksgiving by reading the following Psalms found in the front of your hymnal: Psalm 30, 31, 32, 34, 103, or 118.

Service of the Word

Introit Galatians 6:14a; Liturgical Text; Psalm 67:1



P God forbid that I should | glory:\*

Save in the Cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from the dead:\*

By Him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.

God be merciful unto us, and | bless us:\*

And cause His face to shine u- | pon us.

Kyrie Mark 10:47





Salutation and Collect of the Day: Maundy Thursday

P The Lord be 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, one God, now and forever.



Prophecy: Exodus 24:3-11 (NKJV)

In those days: Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the Lord has said we will do.” And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. And 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. Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient.” And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, “This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words.” Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:20–32 (NKJV)

Brethren: When you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord’s Supper. For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you. For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Philippians 2:8b-9



Christ hath humbled Himself and become obedient | unto death\*

Even the death | of the cross.

**Wherefore God also hath highly ex | alted Him\***

**And given Him a name which is above | every name.**

Stand

Holy Gospel: John 13:1–15 (NKJV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.



Before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?” Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.” Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.” For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, “You are not all clean.” So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

The Creed is not said on weekdays.

Hymn of the Day: LSB #627 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

Stanzas 1 & 2: All

Stanzas 3 & 4: Men, only

Stanzas 5 & 6: Women, only

Stanzas 7 - 10: All

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Preparatory Hymn: LSB #421 “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”

# Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 195











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 Words of Our Lord 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 T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

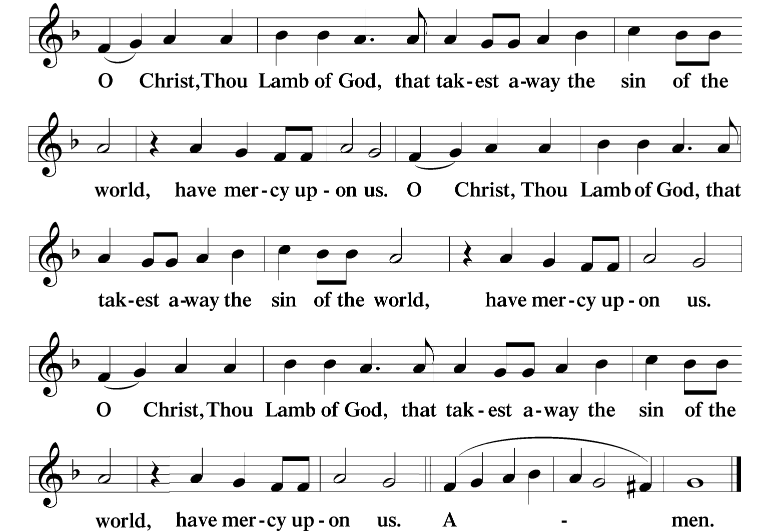
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**Agnus Dei** John 1:29



Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

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

C **Amen.**

During the distribution of the Lord’s Supper, communicants will listen as the following psalms are chanted/spoken.



**Psalm 116:10-19, antiphon v. 13**

I will take the cup of sal-| vation,

And call upon the name| of the Lord.

I believed, therefore have I| spoken\*

I was greatly af-| flicted

I said| in my haste,\*

All men are| liars.

What shall I render un-| to the Lord\*

for all his benefits| toward me?

I will take the cup of sal-| vation,\*

and call upon the name| of the Lord.

I will pay my vows un-| to the Lord\*

now in the presence of all His| people.

Precious in the sight| of the Lord\*

is the death| of His saints.

O Lord, truly I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine| handmaid\*

Thou hast| loosed my bonds.

I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanks-| giving,\*

and will call upon the name| of the Lord.

I will pay my vows un-| to the Lord\*

Now in the presence of all His| people.

In the courts of the| Lord’s house,\*

in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise| ye the Lord.

I will take the cup of sal-| vation,

And call upon the name| of the Lord.

**Psalm 120, antiphon vv. 6-7**

My soul hath long dwelt with him that| hateth peace\*

I am for peace, but when I speak, they| are for war.

In my distress I cried un-| to the Lord,\*

and He| heard me.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from| lying lips,\*

and from a de-| ceitful tongue.

What shall be given| unto thee?\*

or what shall be done unto thee, thou| false tongue?

Sharp arrows of the| mighty,\*

with coals of| juniper.

Woe is me, that I sojourn in| Meshech,\*

That I dwell in the tents of| Kedar!

My soul hath| long dwelt\*

With him that| hateth peace.

I| am for peace\*

But when I speak, they| are for war.

My soul hath long dwelt with him that| hateth peace\*

I am for peace, but when I speak, they| are for war.

**Psalm 140, antiphon v. 4a**

Keep me, | O Lord,\*

from the hands of the | wicked.

Deliver me, O Lord, from the| evil man\*

preserve me from the| violent man;

Which imagine mischiefs| in their heart; \*

continually are they gathered togeth-| er for war.

They have sharpened their tongues like a| serpent\*;

adders’ poison is under| their lips.

Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the| wicked;\*

preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my| goings.

The proud have hid a snare for me,| and cords;\*

they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set| traps for me.

I said unto the Lord, Thou| art my God,\*

hear the voice of my supplications,| O Lord.

O God the Lord, the strength of my sal-| vation,\*

Thou hast covered my head in the day of| battle.

Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the| wicked,\*

further not his wicked device; lest they ex-| alt themselves.

As for the head of those that compass| me about,\*

let the mischief of their own lips| cover them.

Let burning coals fall upon them, let them be cast in-| to the fire;\*

into deep pits, that they rise not| up again.

Let not an evil speaker be established| in the earth,\*

evil shall hunt the violent man to over-| throw him.

I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the| afflicted,\*

and the right| of the poor.

Surely he righteous shall give thank un| to Thy name;\*

the upright shall dwell in Thy| presence.

Keep me, | O Lord,\*

from the hands of the | wicked.

**Psalm 141, antiphon v. 9**

Keep me from the snares which they have | laid for me\*

And the traps of the workers of | iniquity.

Lord, I cry unto Thee; make haste | unto me;\*

give ear unto my voice, when I cry | unto Thee.

Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as |incense;\*

and the lifting up of my hands as the evening | sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, be- | fore my mouth;\*

keep the door | of my lips.

Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men that work in- | iquity;\*

and let me not eat of their de- | licacies.

Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a | kindness;\*

and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head; for yet my prayer also shall be in their ca- | lamities.

When their judges are overthrown in stony | places,\*

they shall hear my words; for | they are sweet.

Our bones are scattered at the | grave’s mouth,\*

as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood up- | on the earth.

But mine eyes are unto Thee, O | God the Lord,\*

in Thee is my trust; leave not my soul | destitute.

Keep me from the snares which they have | laid for me,\*

and the traps of the workers of in- | iquity.

Let the wicked fall into their | own nets,\*

whilst that I with- | al escape.

Keep me from the snares which they have | laid for me\*

And the traps of the workers of | iniquity.

**Psalm 142: antiphon v. 4a**

I looked on my right hand, | and beheld,\*

but there was no man that would | know me.

I cried unto the Lord | with my voice;\*

with my voice unto the Lord did I make my suppli- | cation.

I poured out my complaint be- | fore Him;\*

I showed before Him my | trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed with- | in me,\*

then Thou knew- | est my path.

In the way where | in I walked\*

have they privily laid a | snare for me.

I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would | know me;\*

refuge failed me; no man cared | for my soul.

I cried unto Thee, | O Lord;\*

I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the | living.

Attend unto my cry; for I am brought | very low;\*

deliver me from my persecutors; for they are strong- | er than I.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may | praise Thy name;\*

the righteous shall compass me about; for Thou shalt deal

bountifully | with me.

I looked on my right hand, | and beheld,\*

but there was no man that would | know me.

Stand

**Magnificat Antiphon**



P As they were eating, Je- | sus took bread,\*

And blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the | disciples.

**Magnificat**

























**Magnificat Antiphon**



P As they were eating, Je- | sus took bread,\*

And blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the | disciples.

Complend 2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

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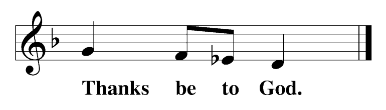
P Let us pray.

O Lord our God, being refreshed with life-giving nourishment, we beseech Thee, that what we pursue in the time of mortality, we may attain by Thy gift of immortality; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

P Bless we the Lord.

**C**

# Stripping of the Altar

The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

**Antiphon**

This is the Body which shall be delivered for you;

This is the cup of the new testament in My Blood, saith the Lord.

This do ye, as oft as ye drink it,

In remembrance of Me.

**Psalm 22**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
 Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?  
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
 and by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are holy,  
 enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
In you our fathers trusted;  
 they trusted, and you delivered them.  
To you they cried and were rescued;  
 in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man,  
 scorned by mankind and despised by the people.  
All who see me mock me;  
 they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;  
“He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
 let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
 you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.  
On you was I cast from my birth,  
 and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.  
Be not far from me,  
 for trouble is near,  
 and there is none to help.

Many bulls encompass me;  
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
they open wide their mouths at me,  
 like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water,  
 and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
 it is melted within my breast;  
my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
 and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
 you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass me;  
 a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—  
I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my garments among them,  
 and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, do not be far off!  
 O you my help, come quickly to my aid!  
Deliver my soul from the sword,  
 my precious life from the power of the dog!  
 Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
 All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
 and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
For he has not despised or abhorred  
 the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
 but has heard, when he cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
 my vows I will perform before those who fear him.  
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
 those who seek him shall praise the Lord!  
 May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember  
 and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
 shall worship before you.  
For kingship belongs to the Lord,  
 and he rules over the nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
 even the one who could not keep himself alive.  
Posterity shall serve him;  
 it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;  
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
 that he has done it.

All leave the church in silence.

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