

*The Passion of Our Lord*

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

April 17, 2025



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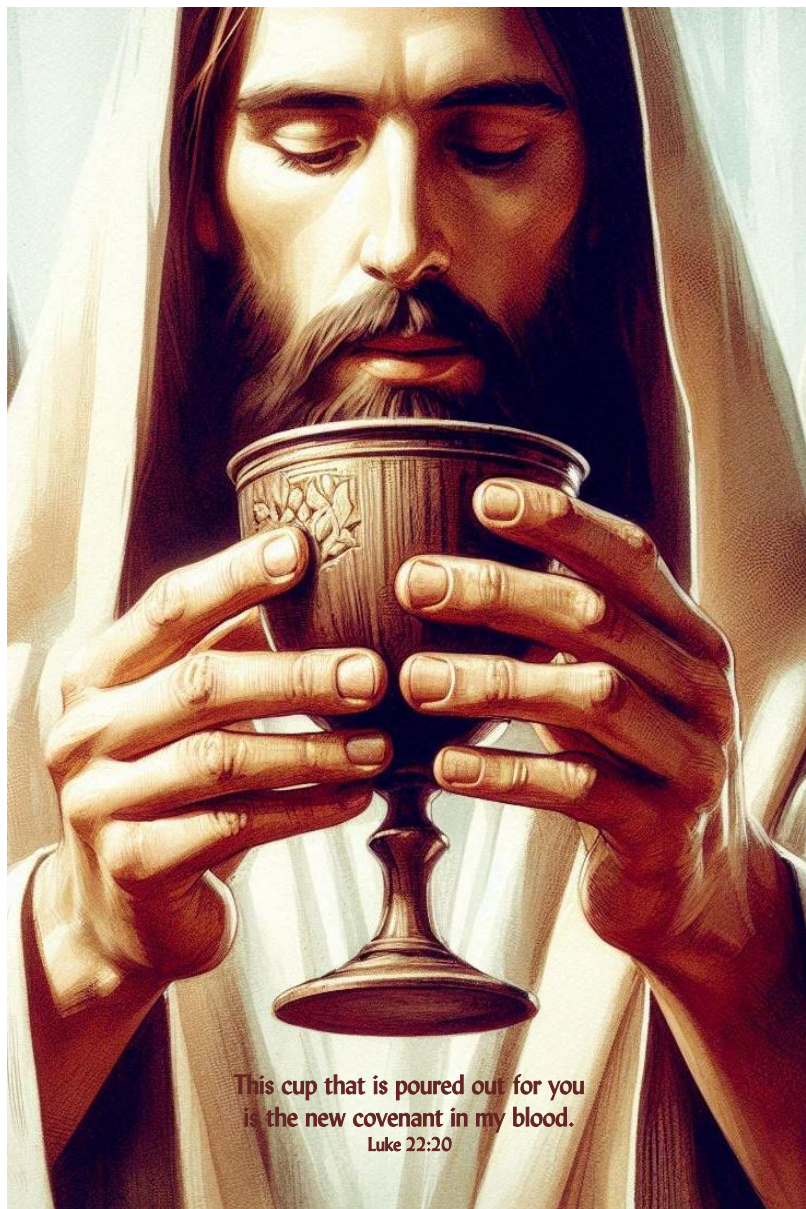
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**This cup that is poured out for you  
is the new covenant in my blood.**

**Luke 22:20**



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### PRELUDE

“Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness”

*J. S. Bach*

### AS WE GATHER

“Do this in remembrance of Me,” Jesus commanded as He instituted the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. When we receive His body and blood, we remember and proclaim His death. His death was the only sacrifice needed as He brings about the new covenant promised through Jeremiah. As the writer of Hebrews explains, now there is no need for sacrifice. God remembers His steadfast love and, for Jesus’ sake, forgets our sins. We are therefore able to come into His presence and also move one another to love and good works.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Remember Me”

*tune: LSB 878*



1 “Re-mem - ber Me,” this day our Sav - ior said,  
2 “Re-mem - ber Me; for you My blood was shed,  
3 Re - mem - ber me, my Sav - ior and my Lord.  
4 Re - mem - ber not a sin - ful word or deed.



“Re - mem - ber Me, in break - ing of the bread.  
My bod - y giv - en; there may you be fed.  
Re - mem - ber all Thou prom - ised in Thy Word.  
Re - mem - ber on - ly what from Thee I need:



My death pro - claim and faith - ful ev - er be.  
When trou - bles mount, when sin is all you see,  
My sins, O Lord, I lift them up to Thee;  
'Tis Thy great grace which in the cross I see.



Till I re - turn, each day, re - mem - ber Me.”  
Then from the depths, My child, re - mem - ber Me.”  
For - give them all, I pray. Re - mem - ber me.  
Through life and death, O Lord, re - mem - ber Me.

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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Luke 22:19–20; Hebrews 10:17–18, 22; Psalm 25:6–7*

Pastor: Lest we forget, Jesus commanded,

People: **“Do this in remembrance of Me.”**

Pastor: For, He explained,

People: **“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.”**

Pastor: The new covenant is the fulfillment of the promise made centuries earlier through Jeremiah. It is recalled in the Epistle:

People: **“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.”**

Pastor: Therefore, the writer exhorts us,

People: **“let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.”**

Pastor: As we approach the Table of the Lord in faithful obedience, we are asking Him to remember us as well! It is the age-old plea David expressed in the Psalms:

People: **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to Your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

Pastor: Let us now draw near to our gracious God to confess our sins, assured that for the sake of Jesus’ sacrificial death, forgiveness is freely available.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,

People: **we have forgotten how much You love us and at times wondered about Your plans for us. We have forgotten to love our neighbors as ourselves and instead in our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have put our own interests first. We have forgotten that we are sinful from birth and bound to sin; we thought we had the power to change. In Your mercy for Jesus’ sake, and as You have promised, forgive our iniquity, and remember our sin no more.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, faith is personal. We cannot believe for one another. The Small Catechism teaches, "That person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words:

**People: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'**"

Pastor: 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.

**People: ♪ Amen.**

### **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD**

Pastor: On this day, before Jesus' journey to the cross, He and His disciples observed Passover. This was a significant time of remembrance and ritual to recall that the Lord passed over the land of Egypt, intending to strike down the firstborn in each household, yet graciously sparing the Israelites whose doorposts were marked with the blood of the Lamb. These were the instructions for the first Passover:

### **OLD TESTAMENT**

Exodus 12:1-14

*(Remember His deliverance)*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup> "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup> And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup> and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup> "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup> And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup> In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. <sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses

where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *John 13:1b*

Pastor: Having loved His own who were in the world,

**People: He loved them to the end.**

**ANTHEM**

“Ave Verum Corpus”  
(Psalm 22)

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*  
*The Cathedral Choir*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 22:7–20

*(Jesus institutes the Lord’s Supper)*

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” <sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” <sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters <sup>11</sup> and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” <sup>12</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.”

<sup>13</sup> And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves.” <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

LSB 624 v. 1, 3, 5-6

1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the  
 6 The bod - y of God's Lamb we eat, A priest - ly  
 ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
 rail on bend - ed knee Our hun - gry mouths from  
 food and priest - ly meat; On sin - parched lips the  
 forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
 Him re - ceive The bread of im - mor - tal - i - ty.  
 chal - ice pours His quench - ing blood that life re - stores.

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## **SERMON**

### **"A Meal Worth Remembering"**

Luke 22:19

*Rev. Peter Nickel, Cathedral Pastor*

*Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

## **OFFERTORY**

LSB 621 v. 2

2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.*



## VOLUNTARY

"The Infant Priest"

*Healey Willan*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, for us this is a time to remember how much You love us and loved the disciples to the end.

People: **Grant that we may so treasure the love You have shown us that we may share it with one another and all whom You send to us;**

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

*tune: LSB 878*



1 Christ en - tered once in - to the ho - ly place,  
2 Of the new cov - 'nant me - di - a - tor He,



That by His blood He would our sins e - rase.  
By prom-ised grace in - her - i - tors are we.



Com - plete sal - va - tion He there - by se - cured;  
He bought us back; and now we are His own.



Re - demp-tion now and al - ways is as - sured.  
Grace comes to us from His e - ter - nal throne.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Thank you for Gethsemane. For a place to go when there's no place to go but God. For a place to pray. And to cry. And to find out who we really are underneath the rhetoric. We know that sometime, somewhere, some type of Gethsemane awaits. Just as it did you. We know that someday a dark night will fall upon our soul. Just as it did yours. But we shudder to think about it, about the darkness and the aloneness and the despair. Prepare us for that dark night, Lord. Prepare us now by helping us realize that although Gethsemane is the most terrifying of places, it is also the most tranquil. The terror comes in realizing we are not in control of our life or the lives of those we love. The tranquility comes in realizing that You are.

Help us when it is dark and we are alone and afraid. Help us to put our trembling hands in Yours and trust You with our life. And with the lives of those we love. Someday we know we will wrestle with circumstances that are beyond our control, that some sort of suffering will pin us to the cold, hard ground. When that happens, Lord Jesus, help us to realize that the victories of heaven are the defeats of the human soul. And that our strength is not found in how courageously we struggle but in how completely we surrender our will to Yours.

**People:**       **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

**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.**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SUPPER**

Pastor:       Lent provides a significant time and season for us to contemplate our sinfulness. It is a time to be thoroughly instructed in the Christian faith, and a time to repent of our sins, confident of the forgiveness Christ won for us in His Passion, death, and resurrection. This Holy Thursday, on the night in which He was betrayed, it is fitting that we examine ourselves, confess our sins, and hear the gracious words of absolution spoken to us individually. In response, we share God's love and peace with one another, forgiving others as He has forgiven us. During this Divine Service, as we are about to receive our Lord's body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, it is especially fitting that we listen wholeheartedly to the words of St. Paul:

**EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

*(On the night when He was betrayed)*

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> 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." <sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



<sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALMODY** *Psalm 116:12-19*

Pastor: What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

**People: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.**

Pastor: O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant...You have loosed my bonds.

**People: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.**

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,

**People: in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

**ALL: Praise the LORD!**

### **THE PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:**



Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:**



Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**People:**



### **THE PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: 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 in the fullness of time became one of us to die for us and, when it was His time, gave Himself into death so that we might have eternal life.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for before the creation of time and space You planned to send Your Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Gathered here in this place and at this time we ask You in His name to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us to eat His body and drink His blood in true faith. When time is at an end, gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the † Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

### **WORDS OF OUR LORD** (*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*)

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*As it was on that first Thursday, communion will take place at the table.  
For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.*

### **DISMISSAL**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have again refreshed us with the body and blood of Your only-begotten Son. As we spend the coming hours and days contemplating His Passion, death, and resurrection, strengthen us in faith and love. Then keep us in Your loving care and protection through all our days until temporal time becomes eternal and faith turns to sight; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## † STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR †

*(As the Psalm is chanted, which Jesus prayed and fulfilled on the cross, the pastor strips the altar, removing linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles from the chancel, symbolizing the abuse and abandonment our Lord endured in the hours that follow.)*

Pastor: Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him," (*John 13:31b*) just after Judas had left to betray Him. Jesus, in His good time, washed the disciples' feet, inaugurated a new commandment to love one another, and instituted the Lord's Supper for the life of the Church; now the time for Jesus' death was drawing near.

### **PSALM**

Psalm 22

*(Why have You forsaken Me?)*

*(After the Psalm has been completed, all may leave the church silently.)*



***Please join us...***

***Good Friday at Midday: 12pm, 12:45pm, 1:30pm***

***Good Friday at Tenebrae: 7:00pm***

***Easter Sunday at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am***