

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

"To know... To teach... To share Christ"

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"Given for you..."

**Maundy Thursday
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In Nomine Jesu**

Opening Hymn 304: “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”

P: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

C: Amen

P: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy,

C: And in Your faithfulness, come to my relief.

P: Do not bring Your servant into judgment,

C: For no one living is righteous before You.

P: Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.

C: Do not hide Your face from me, for I have put my trust in You.

P: Show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

C: Teach me to do Your will, You are my God.

Pastor and Congregation Confess Together:

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

P: Jesus says to His people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe this!

P: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

Pastor and Congregation Pray Together

O Lord, my God, I called to You for help, and You answered me. I thank You for the love You have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through Him You have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door frames of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover. “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods

of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance. (NIV2011)

Psalm 116, page 107

Read Together

Second Lesson

I Corinthians 11:23-28

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. ²⁷ So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. (NIV2011)

Choir: “Given For You”

Please stand for the Gospel Lesson

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (NIV2011)

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 136: "Twas On That Dark, That Doleful Night"

Sermon

Offering

Thank Offering Prayer

Intercessory Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Words Of Institution

P: Hear the prayer of Your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised You here may glorify You in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of Your Son may long for His coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (spoken)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn 319: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

Silent Prayer

Serving In Worship Tonight

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GOD'S WORD FOR TONIGHT

Christ shows us the full extent of God's love for us. The Church calls this day *Maundy* because of Jesus' new command in the Gospel that his followers love one another (it is the *dies mandati*). The lessons tonight focus on Christ's command for humility and love. Christ shows the full extent of his love in both service and sacrifice. He loves us more than life and feeds us his flesh and blood to prove it. Reconciled to God through the flesh and blood of Christ, we follow his command to love each other.

First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

During twilight on the 14th day of Nisan, 1500 years before Christ, lambs were slaughtered, doorposts were painted, and God's people waited to see the full extent of God's love. God had promised a plague of death on the firstborn sons of unbelievers, but deliverance for all who were covered by the blood of the Passover lamb. The first Passover, however, was just the beginning. God's people saw the full extent of his love 1500 years later, in the twilight hours of the 14th day of Nisan, when God's Son showed himself as the Lamb of God sacrificed for us. The firstborn sons of Israel were saved because God's only begotten Son was sacrificed.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper on the night he was betrayed—not afterward. He gave his disciples a sacrament that proclaimed his death—before it even happened. See the extent of the love of Christ: He gave them his body and blood sacrificed for sin, before it had been done! He had come to be the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world, and nothing would stop his mission. Indeed, he was the Lamb slain from the creation of the world.

The Gospel: John 13:1-15,34

The washing should have been done before the meal, but the disciples had been arguing about greatness, so no one was willing to condescend to fill this servant's role—except for Jesus. Jesus had come to love them to the end (εἰς τέλος). Thirty-one times during the course of the night, Jesus mentioned "love." Nothing spoke more clearly, though, than his acts of service and sacrifice. Peter, for his part, didn't want a Messiah who washed people's feet. However, he hadn't even begun to see the extent of Jesus' love! Jesus had not come to merely wash dirt from feet, but sin from hearts! He had come to cleanse by carrying not only a servant's bowl, but the curse of the cross! There, on Golgotha—there, on the altar of the Sacrament—we see the fullness of his service. There we see the fullness of his sacrifice. There we see the full extent of his love for us. Then we hear his new, his distinctly different command (ἐντολὴν καινὴν): Just as Christ loved us with service and sacrifice, so he commands us to love one another.