

## 2020 MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Prelude: Psalm 116 from the Hallel** (a portion of the service for certain Jewish festivals, consisting of Psalms 113–118) **“I Love the Lord”**

Welcome & Announcements

- **A gift for Holy Communion kits** has made possible the pick- up or drop-off by calling the church for Easter service at 9:30. Good **Friday** Services are at 6:30 PM tomorrow.
- Many thanks to Gloria Osmonson who has made & distributed over 150 **masks**, for medical workers and community members. If you need one, please call Gloria & please offer her a donation to cover her costs. She is a retired RN & she is **still saving lives!** I understand even Bennet is helping.
- Grateful for **Music today** from the 2019 recording “Trusting in God’s Faithfulness” by the Free Lutheran Bible School in Plymouth, MN of which one of our own daughter **Julia Albright** is a member.

**Invocation: In the Name of ...**

**Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before His presence with singing (Psalm 100: 2)**

**Hymn: “Lamb of God” Song # 8**

Prayer of Confession Absolution:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Absolution

**Martin Luther’s Monologue by Scott Riveland**

**First Lesson: Exodus 12: 1-14** (This is the text from which Jesus celebrated the original Passover Meal before the Exodus, which became our Holy Communion.) 1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 2 This month shall mark for you the

beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4 If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

[5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 7 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. 8 They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with **unleavened bread** (*The unleavened bread was baked without rising. In their haste to leave Egypt, there was no time to let the bread rise, hence unleavened or flat bread*) and **bitter herbs** (*signifying the bitter oppression of slavery*). 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. 10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

11 This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. 14 This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

**Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 11: 20-26: (Paul explains the equal share of grace we have in Christ regardless of social or economic standing)** <sup>20</sup>So then, when you come together, it is not the LORD's Supper you eat, <sup>21</sup>for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup>Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

*(Paul further explains these are the word of Christ Instituting the Sacrament of the Altar)* 23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that **the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

**25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Liturgy on the Sacrament of the Altar

L: Holy communion is **the true body and blood** of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. (Martin Luther said, I don't understand it, but I believe it!)

**C: Given to us Christians to eat and drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.**

L: What is the Benefit of such eating and drinking?

**C: Martin Luther explains it in these words: Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Through these words, the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation.**

L: How can physically eating and drinking produce such great benefits?

**C: It is not the earthly activity of eating and drinking alone, but the Word of God that accompanies it. Jesus words “Given and shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins”.**

L: The two elements of both our sacraments are the earthly elements and the Word of God, that sanctifies and makes it holy. These words together with the eating and drinking, are the two chief things in the Sacrament of the Altar, our Holy communion, instituted by Jesus in the Last Supper.

**C: Those who believe these words, receive what the Words say and declare, namely, the forgiveness of sins.**

L: When is a person worthy to receive the sacrament?

**C: Fasting and other outward disciplines are indeed good preparation, but people are truly worthy and well prepared who believe these words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”**

L: But for those who do not believe these words, or who doubt them, are unworthy and unprepared.

**C: because the words “for you” require truly believing hearts.**

L: This is most certainly true! Therefore, Lift up your hearts!

**C: We lift them unto the Lord.**

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### **Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

1 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4 got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what **I am**. 14 So **if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet**. 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17 If you know these things, **you are blessed if you do them**.

31 Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as **I have loved you**, you also should **love one another**. 35 By this **everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another**."

### **The Communion Blessing**

**Hymn: 10 "I want to walk as a child of the Light"** (as candles are extinguished)

I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God sent the stars to give light to the world

The star of my life is Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God  
I want to look at Jesus  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father

In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I'm looking for the coming of Christ  
I want to be with Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race  
We shall know the joy of Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus  
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P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

All: Amen

**Postlude #12 “Jesus has never failed Me Yet”**