

HOLY THURSDAY WORSHIP

6:30 P.M.

April 17, 2025

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Plainview, MN
(LCMS)

Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor
Carmen Zuelsdorff, Organist

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our worship today. Children and non-members may come forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to remain in your seat for the distribution of the Lord's Supper, please notify an elder or usher, and Pastor and the Elder will bring you communion. *If you are a guest today and wish to commune, please speak with Pastor or an elder. You may also refer to our communion policy later in this bulletin.*

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Hymn of Invocation 431 – *Not All the Blood of Beasts*
Stand (as you are able) at the final stanza for the processional cross

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.

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.

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:
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.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the solemn night of Your betrayal You established the holy meal of Your body and blood for us Christians to eat and to drink. Grant that we come to Your table in true repentance and faith, that the gift of Your body and blood will sustain us in our afflictions, strengthen us in the communion of Your holy people, and be a pledge of the resurrection of our bodies to life everlasting; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading*Jeremiah 31:31–34*

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle*Hebrews 10:15–25*

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an

evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand (as you are able)

Holy Gospel

Luke 22:7–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” ¹⁰He 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 ¹¹and 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?’ ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks

he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And 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.” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church – the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

#570 – *Just as I Am*

Sermon

“The Lord’s Supper”

Luke 22:7–20

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church (P Lord, in Your mercy, C Hear our prayer.)

Examination of our Faith for Worthy Preparation

P *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

C **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

P *Where is this written?*

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:

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 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P *Do you believe the words of our Lord that assure us of His true body and blood in a blessed union with the bread and wine in the Sacrament?*

C **Yes, I believe.**

P *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

C **These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

- P** *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*
- C** Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."
- P** *Who receives this Sacrament worthily?*
- C** Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

We believe that Holy Communion is a public expression of the unity of faith that is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a different belief from that of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and this congregation, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor. If you did not have that opportunity, we ask you to honor our belief and practice and refrain from communing.

Distribution Hymns:

#634 – The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

#627 – Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Dismissal Blessing and Closing Prayer

The acolyte extinguishes the altar candles.

There is no benediction to close this holy service as Maundy Thursday is part one of a three-part service that concludes on Easter Sunday.

Stripping of the Altar

Pastor and assistants begin the stripping of the altar.

The altar is covered with the symbols of our faith. Each is placed there with purpose and care. They are signs of a faith that is alive. But tomorrow we will remember that Jesus died. It is not right that the altar remain unaffected by His death. We, therefore, remove its ornaments that add meaning, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

As the items are removed, Psalm 22 is spoken to set our eyes on the cross and the words and suffering of Jesus that will take place on Good Friday. Yet we also hear words of victory that Jesus brings as He atones for all our sin.

Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

¹⁰On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

¹²Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of
joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue
sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—

¹⁷I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!

²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

- ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- ²⁴For 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.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- ²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
- ²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹All 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.
- ³⁰Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- ³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.
- My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my
groaning?*

After the Psalm and stripping of the altar are finished, the service ends, and the congregation is dismissed.

All leave the church in silence.

Announcements:

- Good Friday service is at 6:30 p.m.
- Easter worship is at 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- The Youth Group is providing breakfast from 7:00 - 9:30 a.m. Enjoy food and fellowship with your fellow redeemed.

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