

Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2014
St. Paul's Lutheran Church ~ West Allis, WI

As We Gather

Israel was summoned to live not on bread alone, but on every word that proceeded from the mouth of the Lord (Deuteronomy 8:3; cf. Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4). When this food is taken away, there can be only one result: death. The lack of access to God's Word is one of the curses of exile (e.g., Deuteronomy 4:28; 32:20). These curses, however, only envision a temporary famine for God's Word until His wrath reaches its limit (e.g., Leviticus 26:44-45; Deuteronomy 4:29-31; 30:1-3). In the fullness of time God would send His final Word, Jesus (John 1:14; Hebrews 1:1-2), who promises never to leave us or to forsake us (Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20). Those hungering and thirsting for righteousness need look no further. They are invited to the Holy Supper of our Savior's true body and true blood.

6:00 Pre-service Music *"The Old Rugged Cross"* *Bell Choir*

Welcome

Opening Hymn #904 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

(Rise for last stanza)

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.

Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word, Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises yonder.

Confession & Absolution

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: 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.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

Introit Psalm 116:12-19 (antiphon: v. 17)

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

People: What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

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

People: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Pastor: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

People: O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

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

People: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

Pastor: in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

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

has sent.” So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.
(Be seated)

Sermon Hymn #617 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

O Lord we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did
carry, And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast there-of remind us! O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast
paid; Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ
our Savior And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav’nly-minded He
make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O
Lord, have mercy!

Sermon

“The Taste Test”

Amos 8:11

Offertory

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Offerings As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

6:00 Bell Anthem During Offering “Near the Cross”

(Rise)

Prayers of the Church

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Pastor: . . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

People: It is meet and right so to do.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of
Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He,
blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. 6

The Lord's Prayer

The Peace of the Lord

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Be seated)

Distribution

Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, we ask you not to commune unless you have spoken to a pastor or an elder first.

6:00 Bell Anthem *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

Hymn #774 "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"

Feed Thy children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven,
Bless the food Thou here hast given! As these gifts the body nourish,
May our souls in graces flourish Till with saints in heav'nly splendor
At Thy feast due thanks we render.

Hymn #631 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and
handle things unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the
royal wine of heav'n; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here
taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heav'nly table
spread for me; Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong The brief
bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need Another arm but Thine to
lean upon. It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; My strength is in
Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but
Thine the cleansing blood; Here is my robe, my refuge, and my
peace: The blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.

Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the
love, is past and gone; The bread and wine remove, but Thou art
here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to
that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The
Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Hymn #619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

The body, giv'n for me, O Savior, thy blood which Thou for me didst
shed, These are my life and strength forever. By them my hungry
soul is fed.

Refrain: *Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!*

With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me. No
sorrow fills my soul, delighted It finds its only joy in thee. *Refrain*

Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who
justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise.
Refrain

Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my
cheer; For He who is of death the master With aid and comfort e'er is
near. *Refrain*

My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

Hymn #431 "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace Or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name And richer blood than they.

My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand, And there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursed tree; I know my guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice And sing His bleeding love.

Common Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving and Benediction

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Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: Let us pray...

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with Thy spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

People: Amen, amen, amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

(Please sit in silence and leave in silence)

Preacher	Pastor Gregg Stanton
Liturgist	Pastor Harold Bender
Acolyte	Montana Wendt
Soloist	Bev Baumgart
Bell Choir Director	Jan Schneider
Organist	Roger Gottschalk
Music Coordinator	Kim Woller

Good Friday Worship

April 18th at 1:00 & 6:00pm

Easter Vigil

April 19th at 5:00pm

Easter Celebration

April 20th 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00am