

# Christ Lutheran

April 1, 2021



Maundy  
Thursday



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## Welcome

## Opening Hymn

"Love Lifted Me" LSB 508

## Invocation, Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Lord God, through Your Son You have brought us to newness of life, eternal life. Hear us and heal us from our sins, our guilt, and our shame, O merciful and loving God:

**C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

**P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

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## The First Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 14:12-26

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## The Affirmation of Faith

## The Nicene Creed

**C** 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.

## The Message Hymn

"Jesus in Your Dying Woes" LSB 447 vv.1-3; 7-9

## The Message

"Divine and Human"

## We Go to God in Prayer

**P** Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** Hear our prayer.

## The 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.

## Lord's Supper

### The Words of Institution

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

**C** And also with you.

**P** The gifts of God for you, God's people.

**C** Amen.

### We Ask God's Blessings on This Holy Meal

Psalms 145:14-16

**P** At Your gracious invitation we come. Lord Jesus, bless us and these Your gifts!

**C** The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season. For You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.

## The Distribution Hymns

"Let Us Break Bread Together" Celebration 460

"O Perfect Life of Love" LSB 452 vv.1-7

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 618

## The Post-Communion Prayer

**P** Almighty and everlasting God,

**C** **We thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

**P** Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal.

**C** **Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## The Stripping of the Altar

### The Reading of Psalm 22

*(Psalm 22 is the Psalm of our Lord's Passion)*

As we close our service this evening, we move from the upper room of the Lord's Supper and His mandate to love one another; to His betrayal, the mockery of His trial, and the brutal events leading us towards the cross of Golgotha. As we follow our Savior on this journey, the altar is stripped bare, calling us to be mindful of His holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death for us and for our salvation. Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus...

*After the altar has been stripped, Pastor will cover the processional cross and Christ candle in a black veil. After this, a crown of thorns will be placed on the large cross; this will be your sign to leave in silence for the evening as we meditate on our Lord's passion, suffering, and death!*

*Depart in the Lord's peace....*

FOR THIS IS MY  
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COVENANT



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— MATTHEW 26:28