



Maundy Thursday Worship

April 1, 2021 ~ 6:30 pm



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usher.**

Order of Service:

Hymn 163:1-6 *"The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"*

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, amen.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

People: *Make haste to help me, O Lord!*

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

People: *A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. 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, forevermore, Amen.*

Responsive Reading from Psalm 116

Pastor: I love the LORD,

People: **Because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Pastor: Because he inclined his ear to me,

People: **therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Pastor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

People: **I suffered distress and anguish.**

Pastor: Then I called on the name of the LORD:

People: **"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

People: **Our God is merciful.**

Pastor: The LORD preserves the simple;

People: **When I was brought low, he saved me.**

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

People: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**



Song of Praise

(to the tune of TLH 163)

***What shall I render to the LORD,
For all His benefits to me?
How shall my life, by grace restored,
Give worthy thanks, O LORD, to Thee?***

***Salvation's cup of blessing now
I take and call upon God's name.
Before His saints I pay my vow
And here my gratitude proclaim!***

Our First Reading – Psalm 116:1-9

I love the LORD, because He has heard My voice and my supplications. ² Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live. ³ The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow. ⁴ Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!" ⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful. ⁶ The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me. ⁷ Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. ⁸ For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling. ⁹ I will walk before the LORD In the land of the living.

Response of the Congregation, in Song:

*On my heart imprint Thine image,
Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures,
Have no power Thee to efface.*

*This the superscription be: Jesus Crucified for me,
Is my Life, my hope's Foundation,
And my Glory and Salvation.*

Our Second Reading – 1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Confession of Faith

Based on Philippians 2:6-11

Pastor: Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

People: Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God.

Pastor: Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

People: Who made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Pastor: Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

People: Who, being found in appearance as a man, humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Pastor: Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

People: And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God

the Father.

Hymn 311:1-4

The Sermon – John 13:1-15

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. ² And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, 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 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. ⁵ After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. ⁶ Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." ⁸ Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part 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, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹ For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean." ¹² So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³ "You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. ¹⁴ "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

Who Will Do the “Dirty Work”?

- I. That's the humble service that Jesus did for us
- II. That's the humble service that we can do for each other

P preaching Today: Pastor Bruce Naumann

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit

within me. Cast me not away from Your presence; Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, uphold with Your Spirit free.



O Blessed Jesus! When I See You Bending

A Hymn for Maundy Thursday, by George W. Bethune, 1805-1862

Adapted – text and tune (TLH 651) in the public domain



1. O Bles-sed Je - sus! When I see You bend - ing, Dressed as a Ser - vant,
2. How well You know of that dread hour im - pend - ing, When You must hang in
3. Meek Je-sus! to my soul Your Spir - it lend - ing, Teach me to live, like



at Your servants' feet _____ Love, low - li - ness, and might, in zeal all blending,
 an - guish on the Tree; _____ Yet, as from the be - gin - ning to the end - ing _____
 You, in low - ly love; _____ With humb - lest ser - vice all Your saints be - friending, _____



_____ To wash their dust a - way, and make them meet _____ To share Your feast; I
 _____ You give Yourself, all sin - ners to set free. _____ And You will prove, be -
 _____ Un - til I serve be - fore Your throne a - bove _____ The precious wash - ing



know not to a - dore, _____ Wheth - er Your hum - ble - ness or glo - ry more.
 fore from them You part, _____ The un - told love which fills Your faithful heart.
 of Your blood ap - ply, _____ Till faith is turned to bless - ed sight on high!

Prayer – The Lord’s Prayer

Communion Today -- Confessional Lutherans understand that participation in the Lord's Supper is not only a precious means of grace, but also a statement of agreement about all the Bible's teachings. If you are a guest here today, you will not want to commune with us until you have compared the teachings of our church with your own beliefs. Before communing, please speak to the pastor to set up an appointment.



The Service of Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People (sung): *And with your spirit.*

Pastor and People: Confession and Absolution

Pastor: The Words of Institution and Distribution

Hymn 305: 8 & 9

The Benediction

Hymn 235: 1 & 7



Remaining Holy Week Schedule:

- **Good Friday:** 6:30 pm.
- **Saturday, April 3:** Easter worship at 6:30 pm.

- **Easter Sunday:** 9 am and 11 am worship (all three services identical, and private Communion will be available following each service)
- **Note** that our regular Communion worship service will be celebrated on the 2nd and 3rd weekends in April.