

✠ St. Paul's Lutheran Church ✠
Kenesaw, NE

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 24, 2016

AS WE GATHER

The name for this day comes from the Latin word "mandatum," meaning "commandment." It refers to the two "new" commandments our Lord gave to His disciples on this day. The first is "Love one another," and the second is in the celebrating of the Holy Supper, "Do this in remembrance of Me." May we experience the great love God has for us as we celebrate the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood.

THE BELLS

+ PREPARATION +

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord;

People: O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, having been restored to God's family by the blood of Jesus Christ, we are called to live as children of God. Yet we confess before God and one another that we have not loved Him with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, nor have we loved one another as we have been loved. We have sinned in our thoughts, in our words, in our actions, and in our lack of actions. Some of our sins we know; some remain unknown even to us. Let us silently reflect on those sins known to us, and confess them to God, our merciful Father.

(Silence for personal reflection on God's Word and confession of sin.)

Pastor: With repentant King David and with the tax collector in the temple we plead,

People: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Pastor: God is merciful. Even before we were aware of our sin, He sent His Son to die for us, and for His sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and at the command and promise 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN p. 621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

A NEW COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Pastor: Jesus said "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

People: "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

Pastor: "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." *Romans 5:8*

People: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers." 1 John 3:16

Pastor: "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you." *1 Thessalonians 3:12*

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus, since you have left us a memorial of your Passion in a wonderful sacrament, grant, we pray, that we may so use this sacrament of your body and blood that the fruits of your redeeming work may continually be manifest in us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 12:1-14

EPISTLE Hebrews 10:15-25

ST. PAUL'S CHOIR SELECTION "Glory Be to Jesus"

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 26:20-29

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

[The Gospel is read.]

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY p. 547 "The Lamb"

SERMON "An Enemy within the Gates"

NICENE CREED *(in back of hymnal)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs: For courage to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, that we may be obedient to the command of our Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For strength to love others after the pattern of Jesus Christ, that our love may not be self-serving, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world, that it may be faithful to the proclamation of the Gospel for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our remembrance of Jesus Christ as we celebrate the foretaste of the feast to come, that as we receive His very body and blood our faith may be strengthened by the forgiveness of sins and we may be empowered to love as we have been loved, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our observance of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection, that we may more fully appreciate the great sacrifice of love on our behalf, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who are in need of special gifts from God; the lonely, the ill, the troubled, that they may know the love of God, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are You, O God,

People: blessed are You! You have blessed us with the gifts of life and forgiveness, and provide all we need to support life. Receive

these gifts as a token of the sacrifice of our lives, and bless their use for the strengthening of faith and building up of Your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

A NEW COMMANDMENT: DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and proper for us to give Him thanks.

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord God, King of the universe, blessed are You. You so loved Your people that You gave Your only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. You sent Him into our world to show Your love, to fulfill for us Your holy will, and to accomplish our salvation. Gathered in His name, and obedient to His command, we are bold to pray as we celebrate this foretaste of the feast to come.

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Remembering the commandments He gave us this day, to love one another as we have been loved, and to celebrate this feast in remembrance of Him, we give thanks to You, O Lord God almighty, and we ask You mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving. Bless us, Your children, so that all who receive the very body and blood of Jesus may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy.

People: To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

Pastor: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN p. 627 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

People: His steadfast love lasts forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, gracious God, for this gift of forgiveness and life, a foretaste of the feast to come. Strengthen us through this gift, that we may love as we have been loved, and serve You with cheerful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

(Stripping of the altar, removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments, is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It reminds us of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.)

(After the stripping of the altar is finished, all may leave in silence.)



Holy Week at St. Paul's

Mar. 25th Good Friday Worship Service 7:30 PM

Mar. 26th Holy Saturday Healing Service 7:30 PM

Mar. 27th **Easter Morning**

7:00 AM Sunrise Service with Communion (individual cup)


10:00 AM Festive Service with Communion (individual cup)

Easter Morning Activities

Come and celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, Easter morning!

Easter Breakfast Our LWML has prepared a special breakfast for you following the Sunrise Service. The LWML ladies will be serving breakfast casseroles, fresh fruit, and pastries. Free-will offering. Plan to attend this special event.

Easter Egg Hunt following the Easter breakfast instead of Sunday School for the children. Parents please stay with your children and enjoy the fun! No adult Bible Study. *Visitors welcome. Invite someone to attend with you!*



*His body
and
His blood
under the
bread and the wine
for the
forgiveness
of sins.*

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

I Corinthians 11:26



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