

✠ St. Paul's Lutheran Church ✠

Kenesaw, NE

Pastor Paul S. Duffy 402-752-3421, 3536, 308-216-1254
Organist: Marilyn Fischer Sunday School 9:00am/Bible Class 9:30am
Acolyte: Divine Worship 10:00am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9, 2020

+ PREPARATION +

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We gather this evening to commemorate a most holy night, a night when God sealed His covenant with His people through bread and wine. Tonight we receive God's most precious gift of forgiveness for His people. Our Father in heaven desires to restore a right relationship with His children. To this end, He has established a new covenant with each of us in His Son, Jesus Christ. It is our Father who declares: "I will be their God, and they will be My people." Therefore, gathered in His holy name, we His people confess our sins before Him and before one another.

All: We have failed to live each day as You have called us to live.

Pastor: We lay before You our grievous faults and sin.

People: Sin and every evil have persuaded our words, actions, and thoughts. We have failed to genuinely love others, choosing instead to love ourselves. When others

need mercy and kindness, we often fail to acknowledge or fulfill their needs.

Pastor: Our sin is ever before us.

People: We flee to Christ for mercy and forgiveness.

Pastor: Only Christ thoroughly blots out our sin and grants us eternal salvation.

People: By the aid of the Holy Spirit, we turn to Jesus, clinging to His mercy and grace.

Pastor: It is He who died, shedding His blood for you. It is He alone who grants forgiveness and eternal life. Trusting in His blood, which stained Calvary's cross, we are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray....one God now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 12:1-14

PSALM 116

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

O Lord, I am Your servant;

I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT WAS IN THE
BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER.
AMEN.**

EPISTLE I Corinthians 11:23-32

GRADUAL

Pastor: Christ entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

People: He is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

All: He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever. *Heb. 9:12b, 15a, Ps. 111:9a*

GOSPEL John 13:1-15

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the thirteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

REMEMBERING OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYERS

Pastor: Father, on the night when Christ was betrayed, He humbled Himself to stoop down and bathe the disciples' feet. May we sincerely desire to reflect this service and kindness to all that the love of Christ may abound through our speech and action.

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: On this night, Christ prayed that His disciples would be one in faith. Sustain our unity in confession and doctrine that our Church may stand as a sign of eternal truth.

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: On this night, Christ prayed for those who were to believe through their message, that all would come to know that the Father sent Jesus into the world. Just as Christ encouraged others to boldly proclaim the message of salvation, so also hear our prayer...

People: and renew our zeal, O Lord.

Pastor: On this night, Christ keeps us mindful that God's love is sufficient for His only-begotten Son and all disciples. Even in the midst of that love, Christ ultimately suffered complete and utter rejection and affliction. By Your holy Word, confirm in our hearts the secure knowledge of Jesus' great and unchanging love for us. Hear our prayer...

People: and fill us with Your love.

Pastor: On this night, Christ acknowledges the world's hatred and persecution of those who confess Him as Lord and Savior. Heavenly Father, fix our eyes constantly on Jesus, that we may remain steadfast in the midst of strife and harassment. Hear our prayer...

People: and grant us Your peace.

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING -4-

Pastor: Almighty God, ruler of the universe, we thank You for Your mighty acts of deliverance. You enable us to cross over from despair to hope, from brokenness to wholeness, from death to life. We thank You for the deep love of Jesus, which is expressed in His life-giving sacrifice, securing redemption for all creation.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

People: Amen.

DOXOLOGY

