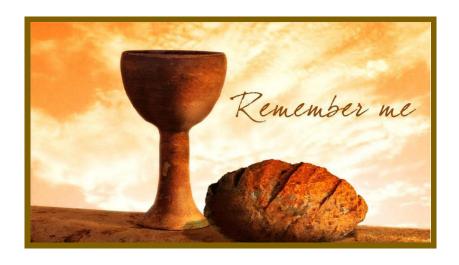
Zion Lutheran Church



April 9th, 2020 Maundy Thursday



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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330.

We invite you to learn more about our church family at Zion and what we believe as Lutherans. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.

Opening Hymn – When You Woke that Thursday Morning 1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn ing, Sav - ior, 2 Nev - er Long - ing lone and lone SO a ly, 3 What was there You could That would that give them 4 One in faith, in love ed, All one u nit 5 One day all the Church will cap ture That bright faith-ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - tv teach - er. with tor ment-ed heart To be with Your dear ones nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -You bod - y, You the head, When we meet, in by vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the Know - ing ing, how the day would end: scorn on ly For a qui - et hour a part: What will and tes live them, last ment? ta You with us, You said. vit ed, are as That Your heart de - sired for ture rap us, Lamb of God, fore - told for Now ges, at Sin less Lamb and fall - en crea ture, One last "Show Me and world you the love Me, Know Me One with You and one an - oth er In a When the longed for peace and u nion Of the the hour had come When but sin's last One could pay pas chal meal to eat, One last les - son their as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance as u - ni - ty sub - lime, Great - est and the least See in Your sis - ter, us Meet in joy - ous, blest ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum. wa er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet. teach drink of Me, Eat this bod - y, this blood." ev - ry place broth er. One in and time. Your nev - er - end - ing feast. nion In

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** I will go to the altar of God,
- **©** to God my exceeding joy.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do.
- **P** Do You believe that you are a sinner?
- Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
- **P** How do you know this?
- From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
- **P** Are you sorry for your sins?
- **9** Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
- **P** What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
- His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.
- **P** Do you hope to be saved?

- Yes, that is my hope.
- **P** In whom then do you trust?
- In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.
- **P** Who is Christ?
- The Son of God, true God and man.
- **P** How many Gods are there?
- Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **P** What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
- He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.
- **P** Did the Father also die for you?
- He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.
- P How do you know this?
- From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.
- **P** What are the words of institution?
- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?
- Yes, I believe it.
- **P** What convinces you to believe this?
- The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.
- What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?
- We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.
- **P** Why should we remember and proclaim His death?
- First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.
- **P** What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?
- His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.
- **P** Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?
- That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.
- What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?

- First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.
- **P** But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have not hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?
- To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15-16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.
- P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- Amen.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.
- 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.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading -- Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both

man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Duet: Agnus Dei

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. 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." Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

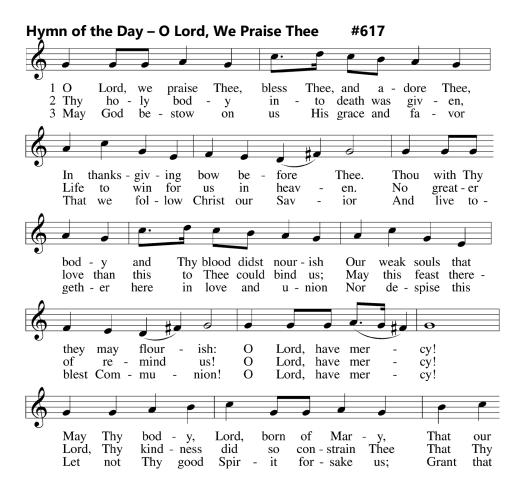
Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the

forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon





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Prayer of the Church

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- P For all who celebrate this feast this night, and especially for those who do so at peril to property and income, life and limb; let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For faithful pastors in every place who will administer Word and Sacrament as our Lord would have it, rightly dividing Law and Gospel; let us pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For all persons in authority and high places, that their acts may let us live peaceful and godly lives, and that all would come to the knowledge of the truth; let us pray to the Lord.
- **©** Lord, have mercy.
- P For husbands and wives, and faithful marriages; for fathers and mothers who love and care patiently for their children; for children who honor their fathers and mothers; and for all babies both outside and inside their mothers' wombs; let us pray to the Lord.

- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those medical workers fighting the coronavirus pandemic, for those suffering from illness, for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, and for all those who are adversely affected by this pandemic, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who are sick and injured; (especially___) that they would find grace to bear their suffering and such healing as is truly good for them; let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who, this night, receive on their tongues, the living and life-giving body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation; let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

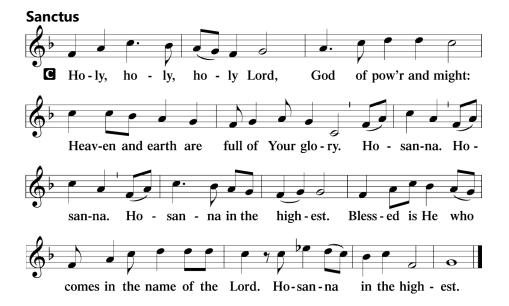
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this night gave His living and lifegiving body and blood to His disciples that all Your people may eat the feast of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

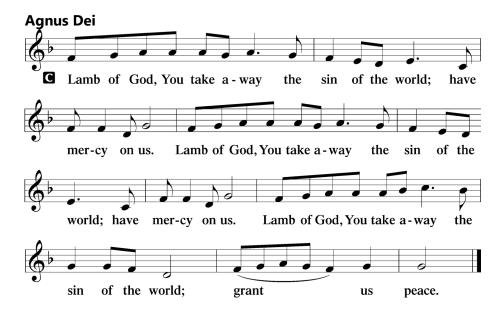
The Words of our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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



Distribution

Distribution Hymns

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord
O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing

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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

• Amen.

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn service of Good Friday.

Psalm 22

Soloist: Doug Krantz

All leave the church in silence.

Please leave your bulletin on the pew where you were seated to assist our custodian with sanitizing the pews following the service.