

## Maundy Thursday

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# LET MY PEOPLE GO!

**Theme of the Day:** All too often we don't have the right connections with the right person at the right time to accomplish all the right things. If we could just obtain access. The good news is that through the blood of Jesus we have unlimited access!

**Pastor David E. Ficken**

#### **Our Mission**

“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

#### **Our Vision**

Educate, Equip and Encourage ourselves and our families through worship and study, and engage our community through discipleship, example and Acts of Kindness, using the unique gifts bestowed on each member of our congregation by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS

Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).

## Lent Series “The Book of Exodus: Let My People Go!”



**OPENING HYMN** “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” LSB 422

### INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(During the sermon series on Exodus we are using psalms that celebrate Israel’s deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from Psalm 78.)

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language.

**C:** **Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.**

**P:** The sea looked and fled,

**C:** **The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.**

**P:** Tremble at the presence of the Lord,

**C:** **At the presence of the God of Jacob!**

**P:** Who turns the rock into a pool of water,

**All:** **The flint into a spring of water.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Selected verses in Romans 7)

**P:** Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

**C:** **I know that nothing good lives in me.**

**P:** That is, in my sinful nature.

**C:** **I have the desire to do good.**

**P:** But I cannot carry it out.

**C:** **What I do is not the good I want to do.**

**P:** No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

**C:** **I find this law at work—**

**P:** When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

**C:** **In my inner being I delight in your law.**

**P:** But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

**All:** **Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

*[You are invited silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,  
Christ's love is greater.]*

P: Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free! Tremble at the presence of the Lord.

**C: At the presence of the God of Jacob!**

P: Who turns the rock into a pool of water,

**All: The flint into a spring of water!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS ARE ABOUT ACCESS THROUGH BLOOD**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**                      *Exodus 24:1-11*

**EPISTLE LESSON**                              *Romans 5:1-10*

**GOSPEL LESSON**                              *Matthew 26:26-30*

**RESPONSORY**                      *1 John 2:1; Psalm 32:1*

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**People:**           **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**CREED**           *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

 **SERMON HYMN**   “Just As I Am”   LSB 570 vs.1–3, 6

**SERMON**       **“Access!”**   *Exodus 24:1-11*

**PRAYER** (Based on Romans 5:16 and Hebrews 10:19)

**P:**   Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ: Almighty Father, we thank and praise you that through Jesus,

**C:**   **“We have gained access.”**

**P:**   Protect your Church from the temptation to compromise this message of salvation, as well as from the temptation to remain silent, that your pure Word, passionately proclaimed and guided by the Holy Spirit, may be an occasion for all people to know that through Jesus,

**C:**   **“We have gained access by faith.”**

**P**   Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God, that with our lips and our lives we declare that,

**C:**   **“We have gained access by faith into this grace.”**

**P:**   Lord, at your Son’s invitation, we come to his table. Help us to discern in the bread his true body and in the cup his true blood.

Give us, by your Holy Spirit, a right judgment of ourselves, that lamenting our sins we would receive pardon and absolution, all because,

**C:** “We have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.”

**P:** These prayers, and those we silently place before you, we place before you, O God, because

**All:** “We have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus.”

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

**PREFACE**     *2 Timothy 4:22*

**Pastor:**     The Lord be with you.

**People:**     **And also with you.**

**Pastor:**     Lift up your hearts.

**People:**     **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People:**     **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**     *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**Pastor:**     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.”

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**Pastor:**     As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:**     **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:**     O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And also with you. **Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI** “Lamb of God”

LSB p.163



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.

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**See LSB 329: Christian Questions with Their Answers prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.**



*Note:* These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.”



## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB 611

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

LSB 641

## **✠ THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR ✠**

**THE GARDEN** – Matthew 26:30-46



**HYMN** LSB 436 “Go to dark Gethsemane” vv.1-3

**BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS** – Matthew 26:47-56

(The Bible stand is carried out)

**JESUS BEFORE CAIAPHAS AND THE COUNCIL** – vv.57-68

(A banner is carried out)

**PETER DENIES JESUS** – vv.69-75

(A banner is carried out)

**JESUS DELIVERED TO PILATE** – Matthew 27:1-2

(A banner is carried out)

**JESUS BEFORE PILATE** – Matthew 27:11-14

(The Communion ware is carried out)


**THE CROWD CHOOSES BARABAS** – Matthew 27:15-23

(The paraments are taken off the Altar)

**PILATE DELIVERS JESUS TO BE CRUCIFIED** – vv. 24-26

(The Lenten cross is carried out)

**JESUS IS MOCKED** – Matthew 27:27-31

 **HYMN** “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” LSB 451  
(The candles are carried out. Lights are dimmed.)

*(Leave in silence.)*

<p><b>Silent Prayer:</b> Jesus, I come to you, for you have broken every barrier down! Amen.</p>
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Based upon Dr. Lessing’s CPH book *Deliver Us: God’s Rescue Story in Exodus* and the corresponding orders of worship.

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Lent Sermon Outlines:

Good Friday, March 29: “**Agnus Dei**” (Exodus 12:1–13), Noon & 6:30pm  
Easter, March 31: “**Against all Odds!**” (Exodus 15:1–18), 9:30am

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## **Old Testament:**

### **Exodus 24:1-11**

Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. <sup>2</sup>Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.”

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of

Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

## **Epistle: Romans 5:1-10**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

## **Gospel: Matthew 26:26-30**

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.” <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>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.”