



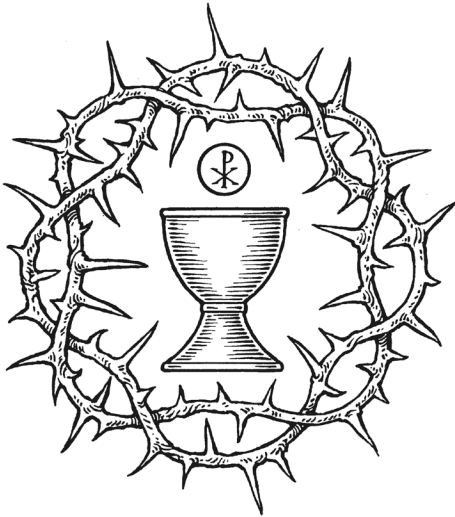
# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE DIVINE SERVICE

Maundy Thursday  
April 2, 2026

## MAUNDY THURSDAY



The service for Holy Thursday is the first service in the celebration of the holy three days of Christ's Passover, known as the Triduum. It culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Christ's Passion and Resurrection and leads into His substitutionary death for us. As such, the service, like that for Palm Sunday and Good Friday, exhibits a mood of restrained joy. It consists of four parts: the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, the Service of the Word, the Service of the Sacrament, and the Stripping of the Altar.

The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution signals the end of the Lenten preparations with Holy Absolution and the peace of Christ that stand at the center of the Three Days. The Service of the Word focuses upon Christ's humble service demonstrated by His washing of His disciples' feet, a servanthood enacted on the Cross and whose benefits are bestowed in the Lord's Supper. The service culminates with the Lord's ministry to His people through the institution of His Holy Supper, the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death. In this service, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover from death to life and from captivity to freedom.

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Welcome to all our guests. Today we continue to glory in the wealth of the love Christ poured out upon the world. Our prayer is that your lives are richly blessed with His love. We invite you to return again and bathe in His Word.

The Lord's Supper, that is, Holy Communion is administered at this altar according to the Lord's institution. Out of love for our Lord's Word and His instruction, we take seriously the spiritual care and welfare of those who commune at our altar. Please take a moment to read about worthy reception of the Lord's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins on page 15.

## HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

### FOR MANY MEANS FOR YOU

We have been reflecting a great deal on the phrase “for us.” Tonight, though, we will hear about the phrase “for many” as Jesus gives His own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26–28). Jesus and the disciples are celebrating the Passover, but Jesus does something new. We hear echoes of how Moses and the elders saw God (Exodus 24:3–11), recognizing that the sacrifices of old will not satisfy (Hebrews 9:11–22). When Jesus says the phrase “for many,” He is clearly pointing the disciples to the fact that His death was not only for them alone but for the sins of the world. Because you are a part of the many, “for us” still holds true.

ORGAN PRELUDE

BELLS’ CALL TO WORSHIP

WORD OF WELCOME

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN

**“When You Woke That Thursday Morning” (LSB 445)**

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

**P** 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,

**C** to God my exceeding joy.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

CONFSSIONAL ADDRESS

**P** 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. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God’s wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one Body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one Body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**C** Amen.

**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.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **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.**

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**C** Yes.

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

**P** 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.

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

**C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

*Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

**P** Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;\*  
our God is | merciful.

**C** I love the LORD, because | He has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

**P** Because He inclined His | ear to me,\*  
therefore I will call on Him as long | as I live.

**C** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*  
I suffered distress and | anguish.

**P** Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\*  
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

**C** Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;\*  
our God is | merciful.

KYRIE

*LSB, p. 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT 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, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 24:3–11*

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the twenty-fourth chapter.

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

*Psalm 116:12–19*

**P** What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

**C I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

**P** I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

**C Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.**

**P** O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**C I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.**

**P** I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,

**C in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

**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

*Hebrews 9:11–22*

**P** The Epistle is from Hebrews, the ninth chapter.

<sup>11</sup>When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>He

entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup>For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup>For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup>Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup>For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup>saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” <sup>21</sup>And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup>Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

VERSE

*John 13:1b*

Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 26:17–30*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>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?” <sup>18</sup>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.’” <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, He reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, He said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup>He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. <sup>24</sup>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.” <sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray Him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup>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."

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

**"What Is This Bread" (LSB 629)**

SERMON

**"For Many Means For You"**

*Matthew 26:28*

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**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** As brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus, let us go to our heavenly Father in confident prayer.

Almighty God, You have called Your church to witness that, in Christ, You have reconciled us to Yourself.

**C** **Grant that, by Your Holy Spirit, we be emboldened to proclaim the Good News of our Savior so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**P** O Lord God, in Holy Baptism You have granted us the remission of sins.

**C** **Make us ready to receive the holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts so that we may give thanks to You now and forever.**

**P** Lord, keep all nations under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land and around the world so that we may be at peace and a blessing to one another.

**C** **Grant that we choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation.**

**P** O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look with favor upon all who are ill, alone, imprisoned, or in personal distress, [*especially . . .*]. Hear their prayers.

**C** **For Jesus' sake, restore, surround, free, and give comfort to them.**

**P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commit all for whom we pray for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*LSB, p. 159*

**C** **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

*LSB*, p. 160

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

PROPER PREFACE

- P** 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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

*LSB*, p. 161

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*LSB*, p. 161

- 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.

- C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

LSB, p. 162

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

**C** **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

LSB, p. 162

**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

LSB, p. 163

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

**C** **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

LSB, p. 163

**C** **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.**

## DISTRIBUTION

**Holy Communion** *The Lord Jesus is concerned about the spiritual care of all who commune at His Altar (1 Corinthians 11:27, 28). Our pastors desire to care for all our guests according to the Lord's instruction and would desire a conversation with you (1 Corinthians 4:1; Hebrews 13:1) prior to communing. The altar is open to those who are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the LCMS and are not under church discipline (1 Corinthians 1:10; 5:4, 5; 10:17). If you are a guest today, please read Our Teaching and Belief Concerning the Lord's Supper on page 15.*

### **Prayer for the Right Reception of the Lord's Supper**

*Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Come, Let Us Eat” (LSB 626)  
“Jesus, Greatest at the Table” (LSB 446)  
“O Lord, We Praise Thee” (LSB 617)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB, p. 165

**C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev’ry  
people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB, p. 166

**P** Let us pray.  
We thank you, our Father, for the holy vine, David Your Son, which you have made known  
to us through Jesus Christ Your Son; to You be glory forever. We thank you, our Father, for  
the life and knowledge which You have made known to us through Jesus Your Son; to You  
be glory forever. As this broken bread was once scattered in grains of wheat over the hills,  
and after it had been brought together became one, so let Your Church be fathered together  
from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom; for Yours is the glory, and the power, through  
Jesus Christ forever.  
**C** Amen.

SERIES HYMN

“O Love, How Deep” (LSB 544:1–5)

12:00 p.m. service

*The service is ended. All leave the church in silence.*

*Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are viewed as one service.  
The Benediction is omitted until it makes its comforting return  
with the Alleluia on Easter morning.*

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +  
(7:00 p.m.)

*The stripping and washing of the altar is an ancient ceremony of Maundy Thursday, symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the soldiers' hands. Psalm 22 rehearses this and other themes of the passion. As the altar is stripped, the cantor chants Psalm 22.*

PSALM

*Psalm 22*

- <sup>1</sup>My God, My God, why have You for- | saken Me?\*
- Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My | groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>O My God, I cry by day, but You do not | answer,\*
- and by night, but I | find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup>Yet You are | holy,\*
- enthroned on the praises of | Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>In You our fathers | trusted;\*
- they trusted, and You de- | livered them.
- <sup>5</sup>To You they cried and were | rescued;\*
- in You they trusted and were not | put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and | not a man,\*
- scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.
- <sup>7</sup>All who see Me | mock Me;\*
- they make mouths at Me; they | wag their heads;
- <sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let Him de- | liver Him;\*
- let Him rescue Him, for He de- | lights in Him!”
- <sup>9</sup>Yet You are He who took Me | from the womb;\*
- You made Me trust You at My | mother’s breasts.
- <sup>10</sup>On You was I cast | from My birth,\*
- and from My mother’s womb You have | been My God.
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from Me,
- for trouble | is near,\*
- and there is | none to help.
- <sup>12</sup>Many bulls en- | compass Me;\*
- strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round Me;
- <sup>13</sup>they open wide their | mouths at Me,\*
- like a ravening and roaring | lion.
- <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,
- and all My bones are | out of joint;\*
- My heart is like wax;
- it is melted with- | in My breast;
- <sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
- and My tongue sticks | to My jaws;\*
- You lay Me in the | dust of death.
- <sup>16</sup>For dogs en- | compass Me;\*
- a company of evildoers encircles Me;
- they have pierced My | hands and feet—
- <sup>17</sup>I can count | all My bones—\*
- they stare and gloat | over Me;
- <sup>18</sup>they divide My garments a- | mong them,\*

and for My clothing they | cast lots.  
<sup>19</sup>But You, O LORD, do not be | far off!\*  
O You My help, come quickly | to My aid!  
<sup>20</sup>Deliver My soul | from the sword,\*  
My precious life from the power | of the dog!  
<sup>21</sup>Save Me from the mouth of the | lion!\*  
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild | oxen!  
<sup>22</sup>I will tell of Your name to My | brothers;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise You:  
<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise Him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify Him,\*  
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of | Israel!  
<sup>24</sup>For He has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and He has not hidden His | face from Him,\*  
but has heard, when He | cried to Him.  
<sup>25</sup>From You comes My praise in the great congre- | gation;\*  
My vows I will perform before those who | fear Him.  
<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek Him shall | praise the LORD!\*  
May your hearts live for- | ever!  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn | to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship be- | fore You.  
<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*  
and He rules over the | nations.  
<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\*  
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.  
<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall | serve Him;\*  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;  
<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*  
that He has | done it.

*All leave the church in silence.*

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Brian Thieme

**Elders:** (12:00) Jim Cherrington & Carey Smith | (7:00) David Attebery & Ron Dicks

**Organist:** (12:00) Bonnie Lawler | (7:00) Carolyn Holste

**Cantors:** (7:00) Ethan Mott & Thomas Varghese

**Acolyte:** (7:00) William Roberts

**Altar Guild:** (12:00) Dianne Mirtz & Karen Niederjohn | (7:00) Hillari Roberts

## OUR TEACHING AND BELIEF CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

### **What is Holy Communion?**

Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, or the Sacrament of the Altar is administered at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that along with the bread and the wine we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 22:22-24; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Our Lord has shed His true blood and instituted His Supper for our benefit, that we might be joined to Him. We therefore take Him at His Word, believing and trusting in His gift and promise, without adding to or taking away from what He has said. This eating and drinking is a true participation, a communion, in the very same body and blood of Christ present on the cross of Calvary, not symbolic or representative (1 Corinthians 10:16). Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

### **Who should receive the Lord's Supper?**

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion unto their benefit and not unto harm (1 Corinthians 11:29). Communicants should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:17). Our pastors and those gathered here desire and pray for your presence at this altar to receive the Lord's gifts. To achieve this unity in confession, our pastors desire a conversation with those who are not yet instructed or believe differently (belong to another church body or denomination) because Holy Communion is a public confession of agreement with all doctrine believed, taught, and confessed here. We also ask guests from other LCMS congregations to speak with the pastors before communing.

All who are communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS and not under church discipline may commune here. All other guests are invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the Pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessing.

### **How do I eat and drink Christ's body and blood?**

Communicants may receive the host by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand. If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please receive one from the tray as the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup when the pastor comes to your place at the communion rail with the chalice and speaks the words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice wait for the individual cup to pass and the pastor will commune you from the chalice.

If an individual has a sensitivity to gluten, a special host is available. Please request this host from the pastor when he comes to your place. Alcohol-removed wine is also available in the pink glasses of the individual cup should an individual desire.

**The Lord's Supper may be received in the pew if needed. Please notify a Pastor, Elder, or Usher.**

## Audio and Print Assistance

Hearing-assist and live-captioning devices are available for the hearing-impaired. If either device may assist in your hearing and meditation on the Word of God, the ushers will be able to offer assistance. The large print edition of the hymnal is also available. Please speak with an usher, elder, or pastor.



## Accessibility

For those who may not be able to or comfortable navigating the stairs to the lower level, a lift is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area. Ushers or church members are able to assist with operation of the lift.



## Recording

Trinity publishes a recording of worship services both on our website and on YouTube (TrinityCoMo). Sermons are also available on our website.



## Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the hallway off the sanctuary overflow area (facing forward toward the altar, the open area to the left). Proceed through the door in the overflow area and you will find the restrooms to your right. From the Narthex, proceed past the stairs and turn right once you pass through the wooden double doors.



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