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OUR MISSION

"The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith; help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life; and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus'** name."

GUESTS AND MEMBERS - WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

We're happy that you've joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.

We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better, trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

COVID-19 Reminder

As ministry opportunities sponsored by Our Redeemer continue to resume onsite and elsewhere, the leadership of our congregation recognizes the new challenges that exist when gathering together. Below is a reminder to consider before participating in any worship service or activity:

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. We are doing everything we can to be compliant with all regulations and ensure your safety. We have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but we cannot guarantee that you or family members will not become infected with COVID-19.

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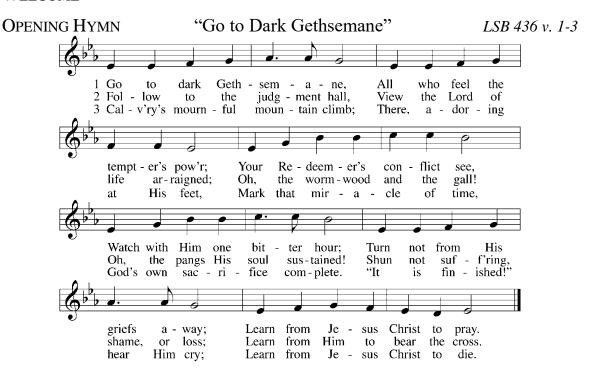
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MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP APRIL 1, 2021 7:00 PM

WELCOME



INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION Based on Psalm 116

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: When we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves.
- C: In faith, we bring our sins of thought, word, and deed before God in confession, asking His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 24:3-11

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." 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. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. 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." 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."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 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. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 14:12-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

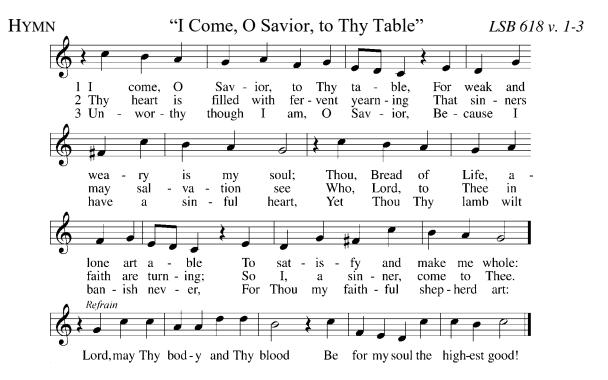
And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For 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."

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

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

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.



"Jesus' Guest Room" Mark 14:12-26

Sermon Notes and Additional References

Loaded Questions

A Room Prepared

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." (Matthew 21:1-3)

Passover Room

The Rody of Christ

And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no *guest room* available for them. (*Luke 2:7*)

The Body of Christ		
The real question does not con	cern cars or consoles but	
We look forward to	·	
Jesus' Guest Rooms		
Lutheran World Relief		
Where is Jesus'	in your life?	

PRAYERS

- P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:
- 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

HOLY COMMUNION ... Because we believe Jesus' word that in communion He gives us His body and blood, forgives our sins, and strengthens our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we welcome to communion those

- * who are part of God's family through baptism;
- * who are growing by the power of the Holy Spirit in true faith in Jesus as their savior;
- * who are truly repentant and sorrowful for their sins; and
- * who intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend their lives.

If you feel your relationship with God is not of this nature, you may still receive a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms), rather than communing to your spiritual harm. For those communing, both wine and grape juice are available.

(Pastor and an Elder will bring communion to the pews beginning on the east outside aisle followed by the center and then west outside aisle. Please remain seated.)

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

P: After the last supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgatha, and finally, crucifixion – all of this He faced alone.

The stripping of the altar symbolically represents Christ being stripped of His power and glory, His humiliation at the hands of the soldiers, and the abandonment of His followers.

A reading from Matthew 26:30-35 ...

"And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same."

CHOIR ANTHEM "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" By Paul Gerhardt and Hans Leo Hassler After the stripping of the altar has been completed, only the Christ candle remains. (This is to remind us that Christ Jesus faced all the ensuing events alone.)

There is no benediction or postlude, as the service has its continuation on Good Friday.

At the completion of the stripping of the altar an usher will dismiss you to exit the sanctuary in reverent silence.

Reflection from Maundy Thursday Worship: Read Mark 14:12-26

- -Are there some "Guest Room" places in your life where God might transform the ordinary?
- -Reconnect with another Christian and encourage them this Holy Week.

<u>Serving Us Today</u>

Pastor - Rev. Peter Weeks

Director of Youth and Family Ministry - Arlyn Meyer

Organist - Rhoda Kolbus

Elder Danny Kiedaisch (212-0504)

Altar Guild Doris Davenport

Adult Choir Judy Vasel, director

Tracy Holloway, accompanist

Holy Week Worship Services

"Good Friday" - April 2nd

11:30 am Worship Service

7:00 pm Tenebrae Worship Service

"Easter" - April 4th

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service with Communion 10:30 am Celebration Worship Service with Communion

*There will not be any Education Hour classes or activities on Easter Sunday.