

Maundy Thursday Service of Divine Worship
April 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
“From the Passover Supper to the Lord’s Supper”

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Tonight we enjoy the blessings of the Lord’s Supper remembering the texts of Scripture that record our Savior’s institution of this New Covenant meal. Monumental events had preceded these moments in the Upper Room and will also occur subsequent to the disciples as they leave to go to the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Passover is observed by Christ in obedience to God’s Word. The Old Covenant meal of renewal which remembers the deliverance of God’s people from the bondage of slavery in Egypt through Moses by the power of God....And which also points to the deliverance of God’s people from the bondage of sin through Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

In the midst of turmoil, internal disputes among the disciples and the full knowledge of the task that awaited Him, our Savior washes the feet of the disciples, equips them with the truth of His Word, anoints them with the Holy Spirit, and sends them forward. Come and sit with this same patient, gracious, and glorious Savior and with each other tonight at His Table.

The Prelude

Jeff and Angie Flanniken

The Call to Worship and Invocation

Pastor Stallings

The Hymn of Praise and Adoration*

“And Can It Be?” Trinity Hymnal

***The Confession of Truth**

Westminster Catechism, Questions 96 and 97

Leader: *How does the moral law apply particularly to the unsaved?*

All: The moral law awakens the consciences of the unsaved to flee from the coming wrath and so drives them to Christ. But, if they continue in their unsaved and sinful condition, the law has left them without excuse and under its curse.

Leader: *How does the moral law apply specifically to the saved?*

All: Although those who are saved and believe in Christ are freed from the moral law as a covenant of works, so that they are neither justified nor condemned by it, nonetheless, in addition to the general applicability of the moral law to

all humans, it specifically shows believers how much they owe to Christ for fulfilling it and for enduring its curse in their place and for their good. This recognition spurs believers on to a greater thankfulness, so that they try all the harder to observe the law as their personal standard for living.

The Pastoral Homily

Pastor Reeder

Holy Week in Biblical Perspective
Maundy Thursday – The Lord’s Supper
“Three Suppers”

Exodus 12; Matthew 26:17–19, 26–29; Revelation 19:6–10a

The Hymn of Preparation

“Hallelujah, What a Savior” Hymn 175 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

The Corporate Confession of Sin

All: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Pastoral Benediction

Congregational Affirmation

“Hallelujah, What a Savior” Trinity Hymnal (vv. 4, 5)

The Postlude

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

As we leave tonight remember that following the institution of the Lord’s Supper, Christ went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and prepare for His ordeal the following day. There He would be arrested by the betrayal of Judas. Tonight as we leave, let us also commit to prayerfully preparing for Good Friday as we gather at 12:00 noon for “A Service of Lessons and Hymns on the Seven Last Words of Christ”.