

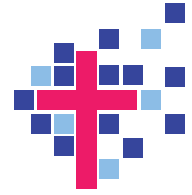
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THURSDAY



Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
April 9, 2020

Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

*By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to:
Worship God, Grow in faith, Share the Gospel, Serve others, Welcome all*



This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.



WELCOME

Pastor Dave Thomas

PRELUDE

Martha Freitag, organist

Adagio from Concerto in D minor, BWV 974 – J. S. Bach

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

P Let us together confess our sins, seeking the mercy of Almighty God.

(a moment of silence is observed)

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

C Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

C Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

P Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

C Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

P Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

C Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

P Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

C Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

(a moment of silence is observed)

P The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. The confession of all who come humbly before the Lord is met with mercy. For Christ's sake, your sins are blotted and remembered no more.

C Thanks be to God. Amen.

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Verses 1, 2

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

Stay With Me ELW #348

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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PRAYER

- P Gracious God, as those who strive to follow Jesus in our living and to trust your promises in our dying, help us this holy evening to reflect upon his life that modeled the godly living to which we are called, and his death by which we are forgiven for the many ways we fail to live according to your will. As we reflect on his gathering with his disciples on the night when he instituted this means of grace, remind us that those he called were imperfect people, just as we are imperfect, and that his love for us is no less than his love for them. Inspire us by his servanthood, willing even to wash the feet of his followers, and by his words, through which he offered himself in bread and wine. All this we pray through Christ our Lord,
- C who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



THE LESSON

Exodus 12:1-13 (NRSV)

L A reading from Exodus.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #515

Break Now the Bread of Life

Verse 1

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 26:17-30 (NRSV)

P The Holy Gospel as recorded in St. Matthew the 26th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" ²³He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

Pastor Dave Thomas

Reunion Meal

MUSICAL OFFERING

Colin Walker, handbells

Ah, Holy Jesus HERZLIEBSTER JESU – arr. Brian Tervo

REMEMBERING

The Holy Meal

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray, as our Lord taught:

**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.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Martha Freitag, organist

What Wondrous Love is This? – arr. David Dahl
