

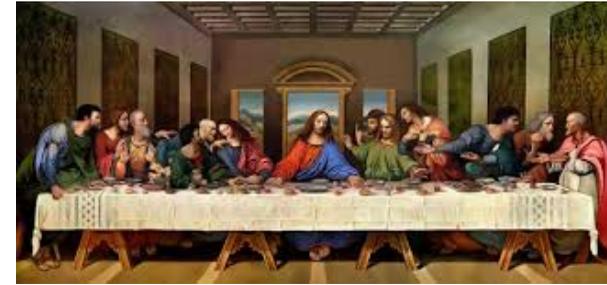
**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
& EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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March 29, 2018

Pastor Richard D. Rudnik
Maundy Thursday Service

Join us for
EASTER BRUNCH
Sunday, APRIL 1st
10:30a.m.–12p.m.

Come and share
some great food
&
Fellowship
with your
Church Family
at Grace



AS WE GATHER

Holy Thursday, the night Jesus was betrayed, began with the disciples celebrating the Passover. Here, Jesus washed His disciples' feet, telling them to love one another, just as He loved them. He took a cup, gave it to His disciples to drink, and commanded them to remember Him by doing likewise. Then we go to the Garden of Gethsemane, where He was betrayed and arrested. On this day we remember the commands of Jesus and celebrate His coming to us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTRODUCTION

Pastor: This night we know as “the night Jesus was betrayed” began with a meal. Faithful to all that had been written, Jesus and His disciples would observe the customary Passover meal that was instituted centuries before, prior to the Lord leading and delivering His people out of slavery in Egypt and observed by the faithful each year following.

Sit

READING *Exodus 12:1–14*

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN Revelation Song – *Jennie Lee Riddle*

**Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on
Heaven's Mercy Seat
(Repeat)**

Chorus
**Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything,
And I will adore You! Yeah!**

**Clothed in rainbows, of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To You the only Wise King, Yeah**

Chorus

**Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your Name
Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water
Such a marvelous mystery Yeah!**

Chorus sung twice to end

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Stand

READING *John 13:1–35*

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live;
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!**

**Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live;
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.
(Repeat Chorus to end)**

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All depart in silence.

Thus you have, on the part of God, both the command and the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ. Besides this, on your part, your own distress which is about your neck, and because of which this command, invitation, and promise are given, ought to impel you. For He Himself says: They that be whole, need not a physician, but they that be sick; that is, those who are weary and heavy-laden with their sins, with the fear of death, temptations of the flesh and of the devil. If, therefore, you are heavy-laden and feel your weakness, then go joyfully to this Sacrament and obtain refreshment, consolation, and strength. For if you would wait until you are rid of such burdens, that you might come to the Sacrament pure and worthy, you must forever stay away. For in that case He pronounces sentence and says: If you are pure and godly, you have no need of Me, and I, in turn, none of thee. Therefore those alone are called unworthy who neither feel their infirmities nor wish to be considered sinners.

—The Large Catechism

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You that we have received Your body and blood in this Sacrament. Through Your life laid down for us, You have given us new life. Strengthen us in faith and in loving service to You and others through Your presence. In Your name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

READING *Luke 22:39–53*

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR *John 13:31*

Pastor: Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him” just after Judas had left to betray Him. Jesus, in His good time, washed the disciples’ feet, inaugurated a new commandment to love one another, and observing the Passover, instituted a new Meal in the Lord’s Supper for the life of the Church. After Jesus’ arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, the time for His death was drawing near.

During the closing hymn, the altar is stripped as a symbol of the abandonment our Lord endured in the hours that would follow and a reminder of how Jesus was stripped of His clothes and ultimately His life, in payment for our sins. No benediction concludes this service as an indication that the worshipful reflection continues for three more days.

HYMN The Wonderful Cross - *Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, J.D. Walt and Isaac Watts*

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it Lord that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most; I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live;
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.**

HYMN Create In Me A Clean Heart – *Mary Rice Hopkins*

**Create in me a clean heart oh God
That I might serve You
Create in me a clean heart oh God
That I might be renewed
So fill me and heal me And bring me back to You
Create in me a clean heart oh God
That I might serve You**

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READING *Matthew 26:26–30*

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

HYMN Jesus, Thank You — *Pat Sczebel*

**The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Drank the bitter cup reserved for me**

Chorus

**Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father’s wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You**

**By Your perfect sacrifice I’ve been brought near
Your enemy You’ve made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end**

Chorus

**Lover of my soul I want to live for You
Lover of my soul I want to live for You
Lover of my soul I want to live for You
Lover of my soul I want to live for You**

Sing chorus twice to end

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Stand

PRAYERS

Pastor: Father, on the night when He was betrayed, Christ Jesus humbled Himself to stoop down and bathe His disciples' feet, even the feet of the one who would betray Him. Grant us the fervent desire to embody this attitude of service and kindness to all that the love of Christ may abound through all our speech and actions. Hear our prayer and

People: **humble us, O Lord.**

Pastor: On this night, Christ prayed that His disciples would be one in faith. He prayed for those who would hear His disciples' proclamation, that all would come to know that You sent Him into the world to be the light of the world. Just as Christ encouraged others to boldly proclaim the message of salvation, so also hear our prayer and

People: **renew our witness, O Lord.**

Pastor: On this night, Christ acknowledged the world's hatred and persecution of those who confess Him as Lord and Savior. Heavenly Father, fix our eyes constantly on Jesus, that we may remain steadfast in the midst of strife and harassment. Hear our prayer and

People: **grant us Your peace.**

Pastor: On this night, Your Son and our Savior gave us His last will and testament, giving us His true body and blood that we receive Him for the forgiveness of sins and nourishment of faith. Give us truly penitent hearts that we receive this Sacrament worthily. Cleanse us and feed us with the precious body and blood of Your Son, that we live godly lives and boldly resound with the one true confession of faith with the whole company of saints, in heaven and on earth.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

READING *1 Corinthians 11:23–32*

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" LSB #610

**Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From earth-born passions set me free
And make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me
With many a care opprest;
Let me Thy loving servant be
And taste Thy promised rest.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

People: **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: **Amen.**

HYMN Glorify Thy Name — *Donna Adkins*

**Father, we love You, we worship and adore You;
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You;
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.**

**Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You;
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name,
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.**

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PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: **Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith, and above all believe the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness.**

Pastor: By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love He gave to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell.

People: **Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, testament, and pledge of His salvation. Amen.**

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything,
And I will adore You! Yeah!

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

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.**

1 Corinthians 11:26

Revelation 22:20

Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be Thou my Health and Life.

Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point Thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me
When floods the tempest high;
When on doth rush the enemy,
O Savior, be Thou nigh!

Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share Thy joy at last.

Lord Jesus, think on me
That I may sing above
To Father, Spirit, and to Thee
The strains of praise and love.

SERMON

OFFERING

Stand

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People: **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 + of the world to come. Amen.

CATECHISM RESPONSE

The Sacrament of the Altar

Pastor: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
People: **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

Pastor: Where is this written?
People: **The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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."**

Pastor: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
People: **These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

Pastor: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
People: **Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."**

Pastor: Who receives this Sacrament worthily?
People: **Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.**

Kneel

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins in thought, word, and deed with which I have offended You. Although I justly deserve Your punishment in time and eternity, I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. In Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, forgive me all my sins, and direct me to walk in Your loving ways.**

Pastor: 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.

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.
People: **Amen.**

Stand

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.** *[Colossians 3:1]*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *[Psalm 136]*