

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School, Evangelical Lutheran Synod*

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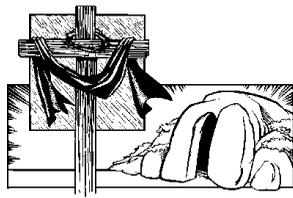
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TENEBRAE SERVICE, MARCH 24, 2016, 6:30 PM  
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**Notes on This Evening's Service:** *Thursday of the Mandatum or Maundy Thursday* – The name for this day comes from our Lord's instruction to His disciples in John 13, "A new commandment I give, that you love one another." We recall that Jesus washed His disciples' feet, in a simple action that taught the disciples, and the church, that Christ's lordliness is shown forth in His humble service for us. The fruit of this service is the forgiveness of sins, given so richly in the Sacrament of the Altar, where in fulfillment of Christ's command and promise we "Do this" and receive the forgiveness of sins in His true Body and Blood given for us to eat and drink in the bread and wine. Following our solemn and joyous commemoration of His institution of the sacrament we travel with the Servant Lord to the Garden where we see His humiliation for us at the hands of His enemies. The stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday is a stunning visual reminder of Christ's emptying of Himself for us. This symbolic action is accompanied by the singing of Kingo's great passion hymn "Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth" and David's hymn of His Lord's suffering, Psalm 22. Following the final collect of thanks all may remain for silent prayer and then depart in quiet peace and joy.

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**Welcome!** In the name of our crucified Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping with us this evening. If you are a guest please fill out a guest card (found in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.  
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**Good Friday Service: *Tre-Ore service at St. Paul's, North Mankato from noon-3PM***

*(Pastor Ulrich preaches at 12:50pm, and the Mt. Olive choir will sing at noon)*

March 25 at 6:30PM: Service with Holy Communion  
~ Sermon Text: Colossians 2:13-15  
~ "The Victory of the Cross"

**Easter Sunday: March 27 at 7:30AM: Divine Service (Sunrise)**

8:30-9:30AM: Easter Breakfast by the Mt. Olive Sr. Youth Group

10AM: Divine Service with Holy Communion

~ Sermon Text: Luke 24:4-8

~ "Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?"

**~Salutation** (p. 66)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

**~Collect** (p. 66)

P: Let us pray: O Lord God, You have left to us in this wonderful Sacrament a memorial of Your Passion: Grant, we beseech You, that we may so use this Sacrament of Your body and blood, that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; We pray this in Your name, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

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*II. The Service of the Word*  
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**~Old Testament Lesson**

**Exodus 12:1-14:** Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you

shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

**~Choir Anthem “As Moses Lifted Up the Serpent & God So Loved the World” – John Stainer**

*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.*

**~Holy Gospel Lesson**

**Luke 22:14-20** When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

**~Lenten Sentence**

**C: ✠ Christ has humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death; ev’n the death of the Cross.**

**~Nicene Creed (p. 69)**

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**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**

**~Psalm 22:6-11**

*But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule Me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, “He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!” But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made me trust while on My mother’s breasts. I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother’s womb You have been My God. Be not far from Me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help.*

**~Hymn 295 v. 6 But, O Flow’rs, So Sadly Watered**

**~Psalm 22:12-15**

*Many bulls have surrounded Me; strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me with their mouths, like a raging and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.*

**~Hymn 295 vv. 7, 8 When As Flow’rs Themselves, I Wither**

**~Psalm 22:16-19**

*For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of wickedness has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots. But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!*

**~Prayers at the End of Divine Service (p. 40)**

P: Let us pray: O Savior of the world, by Your cross and precious blood You have redeemed us; save us and help us, we humbly beseech You, O Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we humbly beseech You to set Your Passion, Cross and Death between Your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of death. Give us mercy and grace, and grant Your Church concord and peace, that at length we shall enjoy everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit You reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**~Silent Prayer**

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Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John J. Petersen  
Organist: Dennis Marzolf / Choir Director: Sarah Leyrer / Accompanist: Elisabeth Urtel  
Soloist: Mark DeGarmeaux

~Collect of Thanksgiving (p. 83, form II)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

**C: ♪ We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

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**Stripping of the Altar and Tenebrae**  
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*Lights are extinguished and the altar is stripped, symbolizing the Lord's agony in the Garden and the apparent victory of the powers of darkness in His betrayal and arrest. At the end of the service, you may remain for prayer or quietly depart.*

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~**Lesson: Matthew 26:30-32; 36-38:** And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble 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 have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

~**Hymn 295 vv. 1-3** *Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth*

~**Psalm 22:1-5** *(Vocal Solo throughout)*

*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning? O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; and in the night season, and am not silent. But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered; they trusted in You and were not ashamed.*

~**Hymn 295 vv. 4, 5** *See How, Anguish Struck, He Falleth*

**ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 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.**

~**Hymn 328 vv. 1, 8, 9** *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness*

~**Sermon Text**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-29** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

~**Sermon Theme**

***"Do This in Remembrance of Me"***

~**Offertory** (pp. 70-71)

**C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

~**Offering and Hymn 292** *"O Dearest Jesus"*

*(vv. 1-3, Congregation)*

*(vv. 4, 5, 15, Choir – to the setting of "Ah, Holy Jesus" by William Roger Price)*

