HOLY THURSDAY

Opening Song "When You Woke That Thursday Morning"

The vocalist will sing stanza 1.

You're invited to join in singing the following stanzas.



God Provides

Confession and Forgiveness with "Lord, Have Mercy"

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

Congregation:

Almighty God, merciful Father,

I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.

In what I have done and left undone,

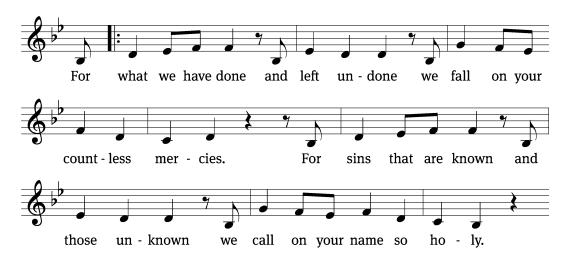
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.

I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.

For this I deserved your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.



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Moment of quiet for personal confession and prayer

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

(1) For what you have done, your life of love
You perfectly lived, we praise you.
Though tempted and tried, you fixed your eyes;
You finished the work God gave you.
And there on the tree, a King among thieves,
You bled for a world's betrayal.
You loved to the end, our merciful friend;
How pure and forever faithful.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.

The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Exodus 12:21-30

²¹Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²²Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴"Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' ²⁷then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

God's Word Psalm 116

Vocalist: Refrain





Vocalist

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. Refrain all

Vocalist

For you, LORD, have delivered me from death,

my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

That I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living. *Refrain all*

Vocalist

What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. Refrain all

God's Word

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

God's Word Mark 14:12-26

¹²On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

¹⁹They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?"

²⁰"It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

²³Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

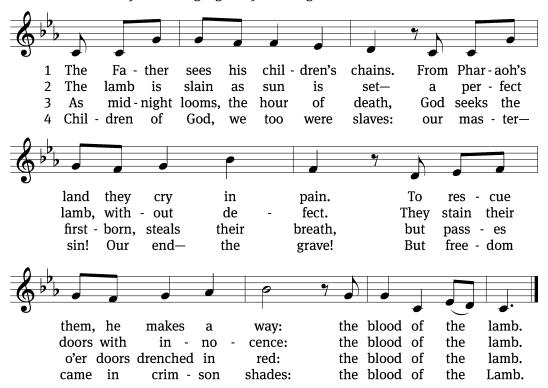
²⁴"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. ²⁵"Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Song

"The Blood of the Lamb"

The vocalist will introduce the song by singing stanzas 1-2. You are invited to join in singing the following stanzas.



- This perfect Lamb is Jesus Christ.He gave himself as sacrifice.His life poured out, the final price:the blood of the Lamb.
- 6 The blood he spilled, the life he spent, he gives us now in sacrament.
 Eternal life on Christ depends:
 the blood of the Lamb.

Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the ages to come, life everlasting.

Amen.



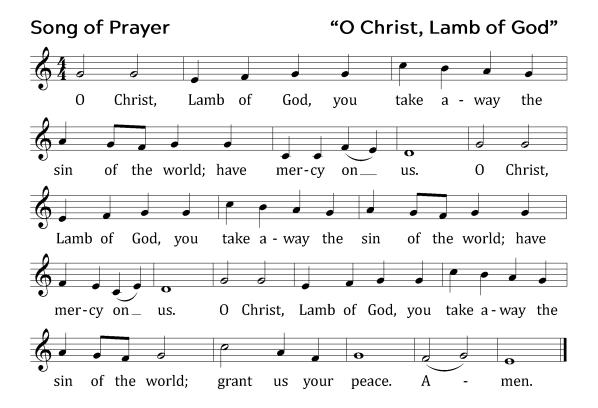
The Lord's Supper

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians, united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask only those who have made that public confession of faith by being a member of our congregation or another WELS or ELS congregation come forward to receive Communion. Guests, please ask one of our pastors if you have questions. We are eager to listen and visit with you about the blessings of this Supper and of that unity at a convenient time.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



Distribution Song

"In This Holy, Blest Communion"

Please join to sing as you are comfortable.





Blessing and Prayer

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go in peace.

Amen.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

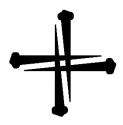
His mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Stripping of the Altar

As the psalm is sung, the altar, which symbolizes Christ, is stripped in an unhurried and dignified manner in demonstration of Jesus' abandonment by his disciples in Gethsemane. As he was left with nothing, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize his purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

Psalm 88

"Day and Night I Cry to You"

Sung by the vocalist

Day and night I cry to you: free me from my gnawing fear; I am anxious, drained of strength, marked as one whose death is near— Would I praise you from the grave? Show me, LORD, your pow'r to save.

How the burden of your wrath leaves my soul in deep dismay! Why, so often through the years, have you turned your face away? As a pris'ner of despair, am I banished from your care?

Even those I called my friends now consider me unknown; Driven from my family, I must bear my grief alone. In the darkness, asking, "Why?" night and day to you I cry.

Silent Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good. Amen.

Good Friday Worship: tomorrow, 6:30 pm Easter Worship: Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00 am

> Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:45 am Kids' Egg Hunt 10:20 am

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