

*MAUNDY
THURSDAY*



*"TAKE THIS, AND SHARE IT...
THIS IS MY BODY, THIS IS MY BLOOD."*

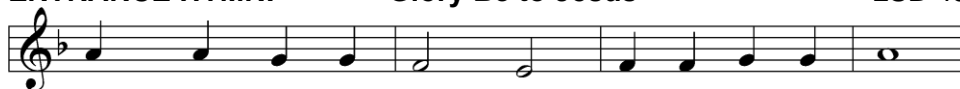
LUKE 22

Bethany Lutheran Church
April 17, 2025

PRELUDE:

ENTRANCE HYMN: "Glory Be to Jesus"

LSB 433



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

CALL TO WORSHIP: ~ St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)

- L:** O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins.
- P:** **Mercifully kindle in me the fire of Your Holy Spirit.**
- L:** Take away from me the heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh.
- P:** **A heart to love and adore You,
a heart to delight in You,
a heart to follow You,
my God, Father ✠ Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM: *Psalm 116* – NIV®

- L:** I love the LORD, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy.
- P:** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
- L:** Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.
- P:** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
- L:** How can I repay the LORD for all His goodness to me?
- P:** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
- L:** I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.
- P:** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
- L:** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
- P:** I love the LORD, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- L:** Holy God, source of all love, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus gave His disciples a new command, to love one another as He had loved them.
- P:** Write this command on our hearts, O Lord,
and strengthen us to live it out in our lives.
By Your Holy Spirit, move us to know You more deeply
in Your suffering and death. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *1 Corinthians 11:23-29*

After all, I passed on to you what I had received from the Lord.

On the night He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread and spoke a prayer of thanksgiving. He broke the bread and said, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this to remember Me." When supper was over, He did the same with the cup. He said, "This cup is the new promise made with My blood. Every time you drink from it, do it to remember Me." Every time you eat this bread and drink from this cup, you tell about the Lord's death until He comes.

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks from the Lord's cup in an improper way will be held responsible for the Lord's body and blood. With this in mind, individuals must determine whether what they are doing is proper when they eat the bread and drink from the cup. Anyone who eats and drinks is eating and drinking a judgment against himself when he doesn't recognize the Lord's body. –GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: **“An Evening Prayer”**
 ~Bethany Zeckzer

Bethany Choir

HOLY GOSPEL: ***John 13:1-9***

Before the Passover festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go back to the Father. Jesus loved His own who were in the world, and He loved them to the end.

While supper was taking place, the devil had already put the idea of betraying Jesus into the mind of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot.

The Father had put everything in Jesus' control. Jesus knew that. He also knew that He had come from God and was going back to God. So He got up from the table, removed His outer clothes, took a towel, and tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel that He had tied around His waist.

When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter asked Him, “Lord, are You going to wash my feet?”

Jesus answered Peter, “You don't know now what I'm doing. You will understand later.”

Peter told Jesus, “You will never wash my feet.”

Jesus replied to Peter, “If I don't wash you, you don't belong to Me.”

Simon Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, don't wash only my feet. Wash my hands and my head too!” –GW ®

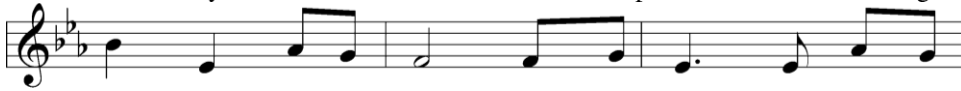
MESSAGE: ***“Hocus Pocus?”***

RESPONSIVE HYMN: "When You Woke that Thursday Morning"

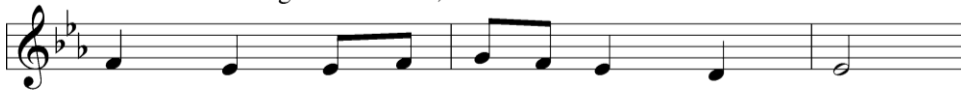
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1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
 3 What was there that You could give them That would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
 "Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

- L:** O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee our heartfelt thanks forever be, Who hast so lovingly bestowed on us Thy body and Thy blood.
- P:** Break forth, our souls, for joy and say: What wealth has come to us this day! Our Savior dwells within each heart: How blessed are we! How good Thou art!

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.*

For those communing, who so desire, center cups in each tray are alcohol free.

***The wafers next to the Christ candle are gluten free;
for those with dietary restrictions, please take a gluten free wafer.***

Tonight, we will kneel around the altar; our choir will commune last. Please follow the guidance of our ushers, come forward, and remain standing until our Pastor welcomes you to kneel and receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

CALL TO THE TABLE:

- L:** Our God has invited us to His table this evening.
- P:** **And we are worthy and well prepared who trust in these words:
“Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”**
- L:** Our God promises to feed us with the Bread of Life.
- P:** **And we are worthy and well prepared who trust in these words:
“Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”**
- L:** Our God will lead us from this meal changed, desiring to live for Him alone, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.
- P:** **And we are worthy and well prepared who trust in these words:
“Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

- L:** Jesus’ love has brought us here tonight. His love for us is what this night is all about. It was on this evening that He said to His disciples, “A new command I give to you: Love one another as I have loved you.” Yet, we have failed to keep this command, and so we confess our lack of love and seek His forgiveness.
- P:** **Dear Lord, You demand all of my love, not just part of it.
In humility I confess that I have not loved my neighbors,
my family, nor You, my God, as You have called me to,
let alone as I love myself.
My love is so often self-serving and shallow.
I do not deserve to be loved by You.
For Your sake, O Christ, forgive me all my sins
and enable me to love You
with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Amen.**
- L:** The love of God knows no bounds. In love, He came in Christ to die for us. In love, He forgives us our lack of love. In love, He invites us to His table where we might experience His love and learn to share it.
- P:** **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“What is This Bread?”
~Kurt E. von Kampen

Bethany Choir

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

- L:** We have received God's love in Christ and now we give witness of His love for us.
- P:** I believe that through the power of Christ's own Word, I shall receive the very body and blood of Jesus, my Lord, with the bread and the wine in this sacred meal. I trust that through this loving gift, God will forgive me my sins, strengthen my faith and increase my love for Him and for you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, with whom I share this faith and this meal. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: *Matthew 26:26-28*

- L:** Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My ✝ blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." – ESV®

SHARING OF THE PEACE

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“Agnus Dei”

Bethany Choir

“Thy Body Given for Me, O Savior”

LSB 619

1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not

Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
rob me of my cheer; For He who is of

strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.

Refrain

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.


PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

CLOSING HYMN: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LSB 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,

For with bless - ing in His hand, Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the

scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.

PSALM 22***The Altar is stripped.***

We depart the sanctuary in silence, as we reflect on our Lord's impending death.

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Liturgist...Pastor Kyle Blake

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Director of Music & Worship Arts...Noah Freeman

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

Sound...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann



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