Lord of Life Lutheran Church Plano, Texas

THIS IS MY BLOOD

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

O God of love, who gave us a commandment that we should love one another, even as you loved us and gave your beloved Son for our life and salvation; we pray you to give us, your servants, in all times of our life on the earth, a mind forgetful of past ill-will, and a heart to love our brothers and sisters. Amen. (St. Cyril of Alexandria, 378-444)

Large Print Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Please ask an usher for further assistance.

Nursery/Cry Room

An unstaffed nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

As a Family in Christ, we care about all who commune with us. We are deeply concerned that all who come to the Lord's Table do so for their benefit and renewal of faith in Christ. Scripture says that we are to "examine ourselves" so that we receive Christ's body and blood rightly and not drink judgment on ourselves at the Lord's Table.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. (1st Corinthians 11:27-29)

We take our responsibility in this regard very seriously. Communing with us indicates unity with what we believe, teach and confess. For these reasons, if you have not been instructed in the beliefs of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we request that you talk to our pastor about attending a class of instruction about what our church believes before communing.

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM Divine Service III – LSB 184

Prelude

Stand

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

The sign of the cross + *may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen. Matthew 28:19b, [18:20] **P** I will go to the altar of God, **C** to God my exceeding joy. Psalm 43:4 **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C** who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

LSB 184

Sit

Maundy Thursday Address

Concludes with:

P May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C Amen.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

[**P**] Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Stand

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

- **C** Amen.
- **[P**] Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

■ 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.

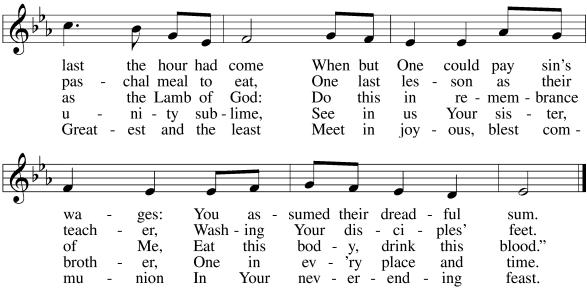
C Amen.

- 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.
- **C** Amen.

Opening Hymn

"When You Woke That Thursday Morning" LSB 445





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+++Service of the Word+++

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 189

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 31:31–34



Choral Anthem (at 7pm only)

"Ave Verum Corpus" Setting by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate Jesu, Word of God incarnate, of the virgin Mary born; On the cross, Thy sacred body, For us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water Streaming from Thy pierced side, Feed us with Thy body broken, Now and in death's agony.



Epistle

Hebrews 10:15-25

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

¹⁷then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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 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.

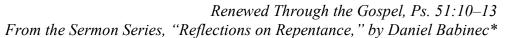
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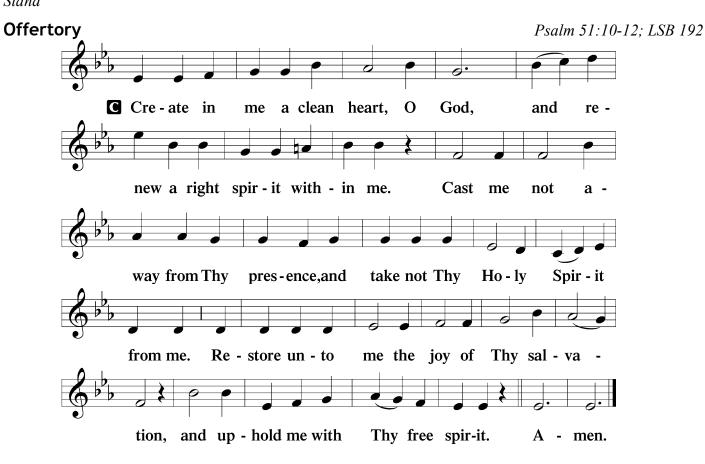


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Sermon

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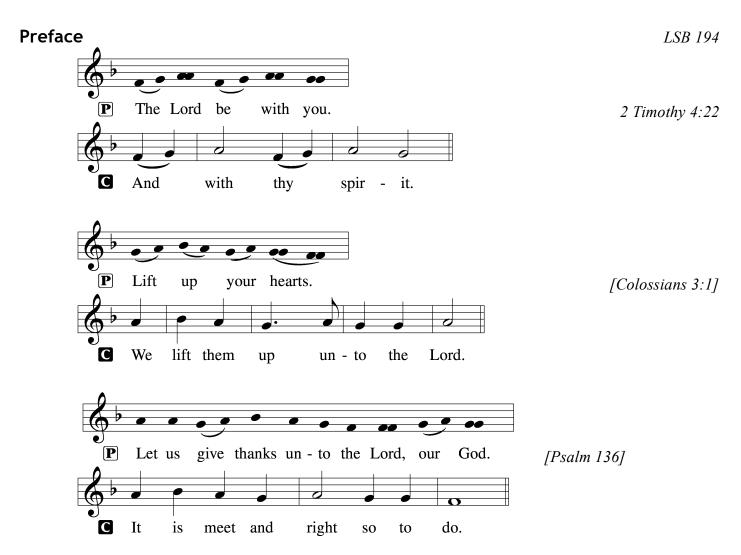
(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, but we have chosen to place an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary for when you exit instead. You may also choose to mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link, to which this QR code also directs you.)



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Prayer of the Church

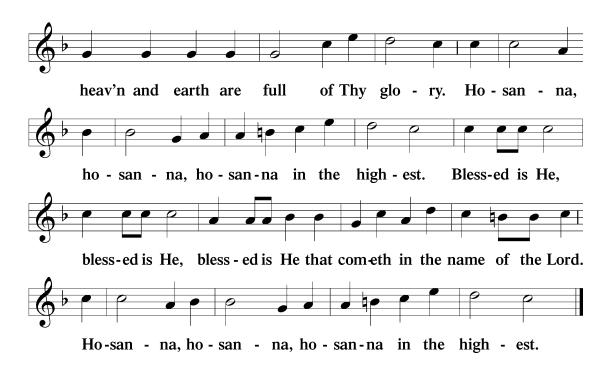




Proper Preface

■ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13; LSB 196

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 197

P 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."

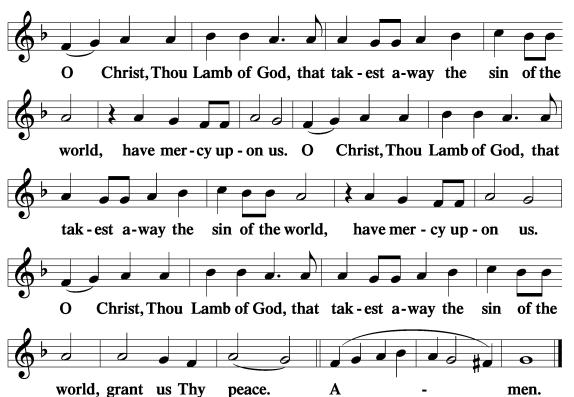
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen.

Sit

John 20:19



Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

Hymns during Distribution

The Lutheran Service Book is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

Choral Anthem (at 7pm only)

"Every Time We Eat This Bread" arr. By Ken Canedo

Refrain: Ev'ry time we eat this bread, ev'ry time we drink this cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

I myself am the bread come down from heaven. Eat this bread and live eternally. Refrain. Take and eat this bread, this is my body. Take and drink this cup, this is my blood. Refrain. As the Father has loved me, so I love you. Follow now my command and live in love. Refrain. The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord LSB 634

Stand



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose very body and blood have been given into our mouths tonight, help us to fix our eyes upon Your Passion in the coming days so that we may arrive at Easter morning with a deeper appreciation of all that you have done for us men and for our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

+++ Stripping of the Altar +++

The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death on Good Friday. On Maundy Thursday, the Church begins the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover from death to life and from captivity to freedom. Because these three days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday -The Triduum) are seen as one service in three parts, no Benediction is spoken at the conclusion of the service.

The congregation remains seated until the conclusion of the psalm.

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me;

> they wag their heads; "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

t At the conclusion of the Psalm, the congregation leaves in silence. *t*

Worship continues tomorrow with an evening service of Tenebrae at 7:30 pm.



About Maundy Thursday

This service remembers Thursday in Holy Week when many significant events took place. Our Lord washed the disciples' feet, ate the Last Supper with them and instituted the Lord's Supper, prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, was betrayed, arrested, brought before the chief priests and denied by Peter three times.

The name Maundy comes from the Latin word for commandment (*mandatum*). This refers either to Jesus' command concerning the Lord's Supper to "Do this in remembrance of me," or from Our Lord's statement at the Last Supper recorded in John 13:34, where He said to the disciples, "A new commandment I give you: Love one another."

The stripping of the altar is an ancient feature of Maundy Thursday, symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus. Stripped of all power and glory, on this night He was handed over to His captors. Psalm 22, which is chanted during the ritual, reflects upon this theme and others concerning our Lord's Passion.

*This sermon series (Northwestern Publishing House. © 2024) seeks to teach what repentance is on the basis of Psalm 51, considering not only the verses of the psalm but also the background of the psalm: perhaps the greatest fall from grace and call to repentance in Scripture. In King David we all see ourselves: needing God's grace so deeply and receiving it with such appreciation. This series seeks to identify and proclaim the manifold aspects, or characteristics, of repentance. Above all, it aims to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, the culmination of all of history and the reason that repentance is such a wondrous gift for the eternal life of even the worst of sinners. May the Spirit enlighten and empower God's people to a deeper understanding and stronger faith in Jesus!

Serving Our Worship Tonight:	
Pastor:	Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Organist:	Linda Haupt
Altar Guild:	Clarice Lundquist, Beverly Moudy, Joanna Smith
Acolyte:	Elder, Emily Scarth
Elders:	Tom Read, Doug Hite
Usher:	Mike Paradise, Marty Buckmeier
Sound:	Scott Peters, Brian Wolf

The Sanctuary will be open from 6:00 am - 4:00 pm tomorrow for private prayer.