

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 7:00 p.m.

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7:00 pm.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023

Ruth Wiechmann

Organist

THE LORD'S SUPPER

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"
--- I Corinthians 10:16

Hymn 163 vv. 1-5 The Death of Jesus Christ Our Lord

P: O Lord, open now my lips.

C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Hasten, O God, to deliver me.

C: Hasten to help me, O Lord.

P/C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be eternally. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 12:1-14a. BACKGROUND OF PASSOVER FESTIVAL. The family line of Abraham was carried on through his son Isaac, Isaac's son Jacob or Israel, and Jacob's twelve sons. All these "children of Israel" moved to Egypt during the famine, while Joseph was second in command to Pharaoh. The Israelites stayed in Egypt 430 years; their numbers grew exceedingly. Some time after Joseph's death, the people of Israel were made slaves to the Egyptians. At just the right time, the Lord took steps to free Israel and lead them into their own land, the land of Canaan, which God had promised to Abraham many years earlier. God appointed Moses to be Israel's leader. When Pharaoh refused to listen to Moses and let the people go, God sent plagues upon Egypt. Pharaoh remained adamant. The tenth plague, however—the death of all the firstborn sons of Egypt—broke his stubbornness. God spared Israel from the plague, instituting the Passover Festival. God commanded that the blood of an unblemished one-year old male lamb should be painted on their doors frames. Israel's homes would be "passed over." The flesh of that same lamb was to be roasted and quickly eaten indoors that night with unleavened bread (no yeast). In grief Pharaoh would set them free.

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 11:17-33

Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you. Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

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. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

Hymn 163 vv. 6-9 The Death of Jesus Christ Our Lord

Sermon: I Corinthians 11:14-21

PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? Rather, that the things which

the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 755 What Is This Bread?

Preparation for Holy Communion:

Dear people of God: For those intending to come to the Lord's Table, it is fitting that you diligently examine your hearts as St. Paul exhorts (I Corinthians 11:27-29), lest you receive the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner—making a mockery of it and of the Savior's redemption of your soul—bringing judgment rather than blessing upon yourselves.

Therefore, I ask you before God:

1. Do you confess that you are a sinner before God and deserve His wrath and punishment? --- Then declare so by saying: I do confess.

2. Do you humbly seek the Lord's forgiveness, believing that Jesus is your Savior from sin, and that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, forgives you all your sins? --- Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

Your Father in heaven, looks upon you with mercy for Jesus' sake. His Son was wounded for your transgressions and bruised for your iniquities. God made Him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us; so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Comfort your heart. In Jesus, you are forgiven.

3. Do you in humble faith recognize that the body and blood of the Lord Jesus are truly present together with the bread and the wine in this blessed sacrament? --- Then declare so by saying: I do so recognize.

4. As a forgiven child of God, do you intend, with the assistance of God the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life and to put away the sin that so easily entangles? --- Then declare so by saying: I do so intend.

Receive this Sacrament with joy, comfort, and peace.

Words of Institution:

Pre-Communion Hymn 307 Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

Distribution LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY

Hymn 314 (modified wording below)

1. Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray,
That we receive from Thee today,
Beneath this simple bread and wine,
Thy body and Thy blood divine.

2. Impart to us the greatest good,
Bought by Thy body and Thy blood.
Impart the peace of sins forgiven--
That we now stand as heirs of heaven.

3. One bread, one cup, one body, we,
United in our life with Thee,
Proclaim Thy love till Thou shalt come
And take Thy scattered loved ones home.

4. Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray--
O keep us steadfast to that day
That each shall be Thy welcomed guest
When Thou shalt spread Thy heavenly
feast. Amen

Post-Communion Hymn 309 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

PSALM 111

P: Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,

C: In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

P: The works of the LORD are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.

C: His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever

P: He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;

C: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

P: He has given food to those who fear Him;

C: He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

P: He has declared to His people the power of His works,

C: In giving them the heritage of the nations

P: The works of His hands are verity and justice, all His precepts are sure.

C: They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

P: He has sent redemption to His people, He has commanded His covenant forever:

C: Holy and awesome is His name, the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

P: A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.

C: His praise endures forever.

Benediction

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