

FROM PASSEVER TO PASSION



+ MIDWEEK OF REMINISCERE +
Wednesday, 3 March A+D 2021 • 7:00 P.M.



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+ TODAY WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION +



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

+ ABOUT OUR MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES +

In 1 Corinthians 5:7, St. Paul says, "Christ, our Passover Lamb" has been sacrificed. He makes the explicit connection between the Passover meal of Old Testament Israel and the suffering and death of Jesus Christ on the cross. Just prior to His Passion and Death, Jesus himself used the Passover meal to institute a "new testament in His blood."

For our Midweek Lenten Series this year, we will examine connections between the account of the first Passover in Exodus 12. There, the Lord God sent a final plague upon the land of Egypt—the death of the firstborn—and delivered Israel out of their slavery.

We will follow each of those readings with a reading from The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This reading will be a "conflation" or "harmonization" of the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. It will compile all four Gospel accounts together into one account of our Lord's Passion, beginning with the institution of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening and culminating with Christ's burial at the end of the day on Friday.

One of the most well-known Passion harmonizations was compiled in the 16th century by Johannes Bugenhagen: colleague, friend, and pastor to Martin Luther himself. Throughout the history of Lutheranism, there is a long tradition of hearing from such Passion histories. I pray that it will be a blessing to you as it has blessed numerous Lutherans over the past 500 years!

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” LSB 436

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

KYRIE

LSB 204

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:7-13

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The 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 no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

II. Gethsemane

When they had sung a hymn, he went out, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all be offended 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 am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.”

Peter answered and said to him, “Even if all the others deny you, I will never deny you.”

Jesus said to him, “Truly, I say to you this night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

But Peter said more vehemently, “If I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And all the others said likewise.

They went over the brook Kidron and came to a place which was called Gethsemane. There was a garden there, and he went into it with his disciples. Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. And when he was at the place, he said to them, “Sit down here, while I go on ahead and pray. Pray that you do not enter into temptation.”

He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be full of sorrow and turmoil. Then he said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Wait here, and watch with me.” He went on a little from them, about a stone’s throw. He fell on his face and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup from me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will.”

An angel appeared to him from heaven, strengthening him; and he prayed, saying, “O my Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” In agony, he prayed more earnestly, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.” His sweat fell on the ground like great drops of blood.

When he got up from prayer, he came to his disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

He went away again the second time and prayed, saying, “O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, your will be done.” When he returned, he found them asleep again; for their eyes were heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. He left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then he came to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour is come; behold, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going. Look, the one who betrays me is here.”

Even while he was saying this, Judas, one of the Twelve, came with a detachment and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees. They came to the place with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon him, went out to them and said, “Whom do you seek?”

They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus said to them, “I am he.”

Judas, who betrayed him, had taken his stand with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, “Whom do you seek?”

They said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus replied, “I told you that I am he. If I am the one you seek, then let these others go.” This was to fulfill the word he had spoken, “Of those you gave me I have lost none.”

Now he that was betraying Jesus had given them a sign, saying, "The one whom I shall kiss, that is he; seize him and be sure to take him away securely." He went straight up to Jesus and said, "Hail, Master," and kissed him.

Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come? Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

They came then and laid their hands on Jesus and took him. When those who were about him saw what would happen, they said to him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

Jesus answered, "No more of that." And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath. All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Do you imagine that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he will send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must be so? The cup which my Father has given me, shall I not drink of it?"

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, and the captains of the temple, and the elders who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a thief, with swords and clubs to take me? When I was with you day after day teaching in the temple, you did not lay your hands on me; but this is your hour and the hour of the power of darkness. All this has happened that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.

There was a certain young man who followed along. He had only a linen cloth about his naked body. They laid hold on him, but he slipped out of the linen cloth and fled away naked.

Then the detachment and its captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus, and bound him, and led him away to Annas first; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. Now Caiaphas was the one who gave counsel to the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 207

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Love, How Deep" LSB 544

Sit

SERMON

"The Lamb's Blood" Exodus 12:7-13

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Stand

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Sit

DISTRIBUTION	<i>"What Is This Bread" LSB 629</i>
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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT	<i>LSB 212</i>
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BENEDICTION	<i>LSB 212</i>
HYMN TO DEPART	<i>"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" LSB 438</i>

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+ SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE +

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Tonight, 3/3

Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.

David M.

Digital Music

Next Wednesday, 3/10

Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.

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+ LENT, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER SCHEDULE +

Please join us for our full schedule of special services as we mark this holy season of meditation on Christ's Passion & Death, followed by the glory of His Resurrection.

Midweek Lenten Services

Weds., Mar. 10 th	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Weds., Mar. 17 th	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Weds., Mar. 24 th	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service

The Triduum

Thurs., Apr. 1 st	7:00 P.M.	Holy Thursday Divine Service
Fri., Apr. 2 nd	1:00 P.M.	Good Friday Chief Service
	7:00 P.M.	Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers
Sat., Apr. 3 rd	5:00 P.M.	Vigil of Easter

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sun., Apr. 4 th	6:30 A.M.	Easter Sunrise Divine Service
	8:00 & 10:30 A.M.	Easter Day Divine Service