

# FROM PASSEVER TO PASSION



## + MIDWEEK OF OCULI +

Wednesday, 10 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.

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+ 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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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**Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting Four, pg. 203**

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**

*“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” LSB 451*

*Stand*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 203*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**KYRIE**

*LSB 204*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 12:14-20*

<sup>14</sup>“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. <sup>15</sup>Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. <sup>16</sup>On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. <sup>17</sup>And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. <sup>18</sup>In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. <sup>19</sup>For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. <sup>20</sup>You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.”

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

*III. The Palace of the High Priest*

Those who had arrested Jesus brought him to the high priest’s house, where the scribes and elders were assembled. Peter followed him afar off, and so did another disciple. That disciple was known to the high priest and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So that other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper and brought Peter in. He went in and sat with the servants to

see the end. He was warming himself at the fire they had kindled in the middle of the courtyard.

Meanwhile, the chief priests and the whole council were seeking evidence that might make the case for a death sentence, but they could not find any. Many bore false witness against him, but their statements did not agree. Two stepped forward and said, “We heard him say, ‘I shall destroy this temple made with hands and after three days I shall build another, not made with hands.’” But even on this point their evidence did not agree.

Then the high priest stood up, moved to the center, and put this question to Jesus, “Do you have no answer? What is this evidence they have given against you?” But he was silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest put a question to him and said, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?”

Jesus said, “I am. You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of God’s power and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

The high priest tore his garments and said, “Do we still need any witnesses? You have heard this blasphemy. What is your opinion?” They all agreed that he was deserving of death.

Then some of them began to spit on him; they blindfolded him, struck him, and said to him, “Prophecy to us, O Christ, who is it that struck you?” The guards beat him as they took him away.

Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maidservants of the high priest came and saw Peter warming himself. She looked at him closely as he sat in the light of the fire, and said, “You also were along with the man from Nazareth, that Jesus.”

Peter denied it and said, “I do not know what you mean.” He went out to the forecourt.

Another maidservant saw him there and said to those who were standing around, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Peter denied it again with an oath, “I do not know the man.”

A little later those standing around said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them. You are a Galilean. Your accent gives you away.”

Peter started calling down curses on himself and swore, “I do not know the man.”

And immediately while he was still speaking, the cock crowed a second time, and the Lord turned and looked on Peter. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” Peter broke down, and went out, and wept bitterly.

As soon as it was morning the chief priests with the elders and the scribes held the court session with all the Sanhedrin. Then they bound him, led him away, and turned him over to Pilate. Then Judas, who had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, was sorry and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, “I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.”

They said, “What is that to us? That is your affair.” Judas threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed. He went and hanged himself.

The chief priests took the silver pieces and said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.” They took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field to bury strangers in. That is why to this day that field has been called “the field of blood.”

In this way was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by the children of Israel, and gave them for the potter’s field.”

*Stand*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

*LSB 207*

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” LSB 609*

*Sit*

**SERMON**

*“The Only Lamb” Exodus 12:14-20*

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Sit*

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

*Stand*

**PREFACE**

*LSB 208*

**SANCTUS**

*LSB 208*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 209*

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*LSB 209*

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*LSB 209*

**PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 209*

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 210*

*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION**

*“Wide Open Stand the Gates” LSB 639*

*Stand*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

*LSB 212*

**BENEDICAMUS**

*LSB 212*

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB 212*

**HYMN TO DEPART**

*“Lord Jesus, Think on Me” LSB 610*

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*Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.*

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*Next Wednesday, 3/17*

*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. 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Weds., Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service

### **The Triduum**

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

### **The Resurrection of Our Lord**

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