

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday 2020

**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Jesus Christ calls us, just as we are, to give up the burden of sin through his death and resurrection. Let us confess those sins together now.

C: **Precious Savior, though you love us unconditionally, we confess that it is hard for us to accept your love and pass it on to others. We confess that our self-centered ways do not even come close to your sacrificial love. Lord, you gave us the perfect gift of everlasting life, yet we often want more. You died on the cross to pay the price for our sin; forgive us for not honoring your gift in our lives.**

A: We have confessed our sin and declared that Jesus Christ is our savior and redeemer. God is gracious and merciful, forgives us, and renews us.

C: **Dear Jesus, we have been forgiven much. Help us to reverently value the gift of your grace all the days of our lives, and to reflect your loving kindness to our community and throughout the entire world. Amen.**

SONG #334 "TREE OF LIFE" VERSES 1, 2, 1 *download on our website

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: **Lord Jesus, tonight you have invited us to your table. We are all sick and broken sinners; yet you say to us, "come, for all are invited," and we do. We come because yours is a table of grace that heals us. At your table we see the transforming power of your love. At your table we are given hope, for this feast is a foretaste of the kingdom of God. We also come to remember you in your night of agony, Jesus, simply because you ask. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household. Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons *in them*; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide the lamb. Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that *same* night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, *both* its head and its legs along with its entrails. And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire. Now you shall eat it in this manner: *with* your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is the LORD'S Passover. For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of

Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; 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. ‘Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it *as* a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it *as* a permanent ordinance.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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SONG #334 “TREE OF LIFE” VERSES 1, 3, 1

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in the meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG #334 “TREE OF LIFE” VERSES 1, GENERAL VERSE, 1

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GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14-27 and Matthew 27:11-54

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. ¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. ²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve;^[a] ²¹and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.” ²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; ¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they

make against you?"¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted.¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus^[a] Barabbas.¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus^[b] Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"^[c]¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."²² Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"^[d] All of them said, "Let him be crucified!"²³ Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood;^[e] see to it yourselves."²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters,^[f] and they gathered the whole cohort around him.²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"³⁰ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;^[g]³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him.³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."³⁸ Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.³⁹ Those who passed by derided^[h] him, shaking their heads⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself.^[i] He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"⁴⁴ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land^[j] until three in the afternoon.⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah."⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."^[k]⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.^[l]⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to

many. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”^t

P: The holy gospel according to John the 13th Chapter

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Please stand as you are able

SONG #334 “TREE OF LIFE” VERSES 1, LENT 4, 1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need...

God of life, enliven the church throughout the world in creativity to provide ministry and blessing to all. Lord in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

God of life, you love the world you made and you grieve when this world suffers. Bring all things to new life in you. Lord in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

God of life, guide the leaders of the nations and government institutions as they respond to the pandemic and seek ways to protect and care for human life. Lord in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

God of life, be with doctors, nurses, medical researchers, scientists, and all in the medical profession, give to them your protection, strength and courage to meet the demands they face. Lord in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

God of life, be with those who are working, with those who have been laid off, with those uncertain about work in the future, bring calm and guidance in the midst of uncertainty. Lord in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

God of life, bring peace in the midst of change. Help those who are finding new ways of working, learning and living together at home. Lord in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

God of life, unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, despair, pain, grief, suffering or illness. We pray this day for.... Fill us with compassion and empathy for those who struggle and keep us faithful in prayer. Lord in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

God of life, we commend and bless your servants as they provide for your people in these times of unrest and fear. We would have you Lord, lift up all those who have offered their hands in service to those sickened by the corona virus. Bless all those service workers who make our lives function well: the sanitation workers, the restaurant workers who bring food to your car, to your home door. the workers who keep our electricity flowing, the workers who keep our water treated and safe, the workers who care for the elderly, the workers who put their lives on the line each and every day : the police force, the firefighters, the ambulance workers and those who work in service to all in need, especially the homeless and the forgotten... Hear our prayer. God of life, you are our resurrection. We remember before you all those we are not able to be with us this day. Breathe new life into our dry bones until that day we are reunited with you and all the saints in your glory. Lord in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: O Lord, our perfect provider,

C: You give us all that we need and more. We pray that the gifts we now give back may open your inviting table to all the world. Accept them for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

SONG: SING – “JESUS NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES” **download on our website*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Please be seated

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

⁸Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;

let God rescue him if God so delights in him."

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.

¹²Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise!
All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"