



Prince of Peace  
Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday  
for March 28, 2024

**Welcome**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the waters of birth.

Thank you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Thank you for frost and snow, clouds and rain. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: we are born in you. You are the fountain of life.

Thank you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. Our ancestors escape through the sea, and drink from your gushing rock. Naaman the foreigner washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Thank you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Pour out your Spirit into all who are gathered here. Wash away the sin within us, and heal the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## ***Asperges***

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All make the sign of the cross.*

Children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Now receive the water of baptism on your body and God's Holy Spirit in your heart, that you may know the Lord and the power of his resurrection.

*Ministers sprinkle water on the assembly.*

Receive this holy water as a sign of God's endless love and mercy for you.

That you may hear the gospel of Christ, the word of life,  
receive this holy water on your ears.

That you may see the light of Christ illumining your way,  
receive this holy water on your eyes.

That you may sing the praise of Christ, the joy of the church,  
receive this holy water on your lips.

That God may dwell within you by faith,  
receive this holy water on your heart.

That you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ,  
receive this holy water on your shoulders.

That God's mercy may be known in your work,  
receive this holy water on your hands.

That you may follow in the way of Christ,  
receive this holy water on your feet.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen**

## Gathering Hymn “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” ELW 494

### For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading**

Nehemiah 9:17-20

17[Our ancestors,] they refused to obey, and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them; but they stiffened their necks and determined to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and you did not forsake them. 18Even when they had cast an image of a calf for themselves and said, ‘This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,’ and had committed great blasphemies, 19you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness; the pillar of cloud that led them in the way did not leave them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night that gave them light on the way by which they should go. 20You gave your good spirit to instruct them, and did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and gave them water for their thirst.

## **Psalm**

Psalm 116:12-19

<sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

<sup>16</sup>O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

**19in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

**Gospel**

Mark 14:22-42

22While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." 23Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. 24He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 25Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

26When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 27And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered.’

28But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." 29Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." 30Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." 31But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

32They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. 34And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." 35And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." 37He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? 38Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 39And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. 40And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. 41He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

**Homily**

Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854  
 Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **Offering**

### ***Offering Prayer***

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.  
Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your  
goodness.  
Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.  
We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

## **Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## ***Words of Institution***

*The presiding minister prays and proclaims the sacrament of the Lord's  
Supper, concluding:*

With this bread of his body and wine of his blood we remember our Lord's  
passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on  
these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your  
presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

**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.**

### ***Invitation to Communion***

This is Christ's table and Christ welcomes each and every single one of you.

### ***Distribution***

#### ***Prayer after Communion***

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament  
you strengthen us with the saving power  
of your suffering, death, and resurrection.

May this sacrament of your body and blood  
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption  
will show forth in the way we live,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## **Stripping of the Altar**

*This is the last day of Lent. The drama of taking down the paraments and removing all the symbols prepares us for Good Friday. We strip away everything to focus solely on the death of Jesus. We immerse ourselves in the injustice of an innocent dying, and the apparent victory of the corrupt. We leave a worship space as silent and empty as a tomb.*

*Jesus spoke this scripture from the cross. We hear them again and remember his crucifixion.*

*After the altar has been made bare and the Christ light has gone out, please keep the silence as you depart.*

## **PSALM 22**

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

<sup>8</sup>"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver —  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

<sup>9</sup>Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup>On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encircle me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>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;  
<sup>15</sup>my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shriveled;  
<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones.  
They stare and gloat over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.  
<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!  
<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!  
<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.  
<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
<sup>24</sup>For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.  
<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live forever!  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.  
<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the LORD,  
<sup>31</sup>and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

Good Friday Journey to the Cross 11 am-2 pm and 4-7 pm  
Good Friday Service – 7:30ish  
Easter Sunday, March 31  
7 AM & 9 AM  
Easter Breakfast 8 AM

*Coming soon...*

Sat., April 06 – Mobil Food Pantry @ St. Gabriel 8295 Van Aiken St in Ida 10am-12noon  
Sun., April 07 – Special congregational mtg. to approve carpet & tile removal/replacement 10am  
Sun., April 07 – Short WELCA meeting to approve purchases before Synod Assembly 10:30am  
Tues., April 09 – Weekly Bible study begins, men, women, community 9:30am  
Thurs., April 12 – Blood Drive 11:30am-5:30pm  
Thurs., April 18 – Weekly Holy Grounds maintenance begins – 9am  
Sun., April 21 – Children’s Handbells play – 9am  
Sun., April 21 & Wed. 24 – Blessing of the seed, soil, & sower - Sunday 9am Wednesday 7pm  
Sun., April 21 – Adopt-a-Road Clean-Up pizza @ noon, then “hit the road” 12noon  
Sat., April 27 – Women’s Retreat info @ [StPaulselca.temperance@gmail.com](mailto:StPaulselca.temperance@gmail.com) RSVP by April 13  
Sat., April 27 – Social Justice Summit info/register [semisynodjustice.com/justicesummit](http://semisynodjustice.com/justicesummit)  
Sat., April 27 – First Communion Class youth 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up w/an adult 9am-12noon  
Sun., April 28 – First Communion Celebration 9am

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