



# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

**Holy Thursday**  
**April 6, 2023**

**Welcome** to this Divine Service in which we remember the institution of the Lord's Supper by Jesus Christ. Please give your offering to an usher upon entering or exiting the service. Please sign the attendance card in pew and give it to the usher after the service.

**Communion Policy:** In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord's Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



**Anthem**

**"Remember Me"**

**Adult Choir**

## **Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** I will go to the altar of God.

**C** To God, my exceeding joy.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** Who made heaven and earth.

**P** During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.” It is as if He said, “I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat.”

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Again, it is as if He said, “I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink.”

Therefore whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples’ feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**C Amen.**

**P** Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,**

**innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**C** Yes.

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading**

## **Exodus 17:1–7 ESV**

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they

tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a

**P** Christ entered once for all into the holy places

**C** by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

**P** Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

**C** so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

**P** He sent redemption to his people;

**C** he has commanded his covenant forever.

## Epistle

1 John 5:5–12 ESV

<sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup> This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

<sup>9</sup> If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

<sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself.

Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

St. Mark 14:12–26 ESV

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup> And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” <sup>15</sup> And he will show

you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.”  
<sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.  
<sup>17</sup> And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” <sup>19</sup> They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” <sup>20</sup> He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”  
<sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”  
<sup>26</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**[P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **[C]** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed** 158

**Hymn** “Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying” 597

**Sermon** “Water and Blood”

### Prayer of the Church

*Petitions conclude:*

**[P]** . . . Lord, in Your mercy, **[C]** hear our prayer.

*Final petition:*

**[P]** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls and all things; redeem us, O Lord, faithful God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**[C]** Amen.

**Service of the Sacrament** (through Distribution) 160-164

**Distribution Hymns** 445, 617

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Stripping of the Altar

## Psalm 22

*Psalm 22 is spoken by the congregation as the altar is stripped. The stripping of the altar signifies the stripping of Christ's dignity.*

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

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

**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.**

**Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

**In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

**To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

**But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

**All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;  
"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"**

**Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.**

**On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.**

**Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near, and there is none to help.**

**Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

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;  
my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—  
I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!  
Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!  
Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations

shall worship before you.  
For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;  
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet  
unborn, that he has done it.

*All leave the church in silence.*



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We gather for Good Friday service to meditate upon the death of our  
Lord Jesus Christ Friday, April 7 at 6:30 PM.

We gather for Easter Vigil Service looking toward our Lord's  
resurrection on Saturday, April 8 at 5:30 PM at Trinity Lutheran  
Church, Alpha.

We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Sunday morning,  
April 9 at 6:30 AM and 9:00 AM.  
Easter breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM.