



# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

**Holy Thursday**  
**April 17, 2025**

**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

Genesis 14:17–20 ESV

<sup>17</sup> After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet [Abram] at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). <sup>18</sup> And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) <sup>19</sup> And he blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,

Possessor of heaven and earth;

<sup>20</sup> and blessed be God Most High,

who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

**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

## Hebrews 7:11-28 ESV

<sup>11</sup> Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? <sup>12</sup> For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. <sup>13</sup> For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. <sup>14</sup> For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

<sup>15</sup> This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, <sup>16</sup> who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. <sup>17</sup> For it is witnessed of him,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>18</sup> For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness <sup>19</sup> (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

<sup>20</sup> And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, <sup>21</sup> but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him:

“The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
‘You are a priest forever.’ ”

<sup>22</sup> This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

<sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the

heavens. <sup>27</sup> He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

**Holy Gospel** **St. Luke 22:14–23** **ESV**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, [Jesus] reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup> But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup> And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

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

**Nicene Creed** **158**

**Hymn**    “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” **445**

**Sermon** **Genesis 14:17–20**

“Good News of a Royal Priest Who Gives You Kingly Gifts”

**Prayer of the Church**

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

**P** . . . one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Service of the Sacrament (through Distribution)**

**160-164**

**Distribution Hymns**

**617, 620, 430**

**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**

**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.**



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We gather for Good Friday service to meditate upon the death of our  
Lord Jesus Christ Friday, April 18 at 6:30 PM.

We gather at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Windom, for Easter  
Vigil Service looking toward our Lord's resurrection on Saturday,  
April 19 at 5:30 PM .

We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Sunday morning,  
April 20 at 9:00 AM.