

## + Holy Thursday +

April 2, Year of our Lord 2026 | DS3

### + Confession and Absolution +

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#### Preservice Anthem: Nearer My God to Thee

Praise Lutheran Choir



### + Corporate Confession and Absolution +

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#### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

#### Exhortation

*Psalm 43:4; Psalm 124:8*

- 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.

#### Confessional Address

- L** Beloved in the Lord, on this Holy Thursday, the day Christ instituted His Holy Supper for us, it is our intention to receive it in faith that He gives us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for 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. 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. May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us. **C** Amen.
- P** Let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

#### Confession of Sins

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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.

## Absolution

**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  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

## Blessing

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in  $\dagger$  peace.

**C Amen.**

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit

*Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

**P** (spoken) Gracious is the LORD, and **I** righteous;\*  
our God is **I** merciful.

**C I love the LORD, because I he has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for I mercy.**

Because he inclined his **I** ear to me,\*  
therefore I will call on him as long **I** as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid I hold on me;\*  
I suffered distress and I anguish.**

Then I called on the name **I** of the LORD.\*

“O LORD, I pray, deliv- **I** er my soul!”

**Gracious is the LORD, and I righteous;\*  
our God is I merciful.**

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one sharp. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, and then a series of quarter notes: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, A. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G. The second system continues the vocal line with a quarter note G, followed by a half note A, and then a series of quarter notes: B, C, D, E, F, G, A. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line, ending with a final G note.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted until Easter*

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 24:3–11*

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

- C** [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.  
Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,  
so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.  
He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 9:11–22*

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse of the Day

*John 13:1b*

**P** Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 26:17–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. 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." Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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 be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I

acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,  
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing  
 3 What was there that You could give them That would  
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one  
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



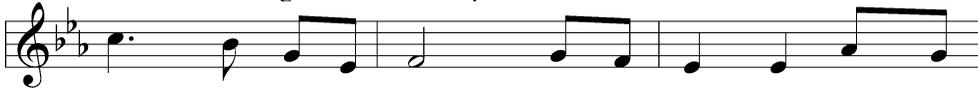
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty  
 with tor - ment - ed heart, To be with Your dear ones  
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -  
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -  
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;  
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:  
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?  
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.  
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at  
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last  
 "Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me  
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a  
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's  
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their  
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance  
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,  
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.  
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.  
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."  
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.  
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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**+ Sermon +**

**The Son of Man is Betrayed**

**Offertory**

*Psalms 51:10–12*

**C** (sung) **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Rite of First Communion for Christian Nagle, Xavier Roberts, Addler Sutherland and Everett Upward.**

**Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace**

**Prayer of the Church** *including petitions for the Church's Catechumens*

**+ Service of the Sacrament +**

**A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise**

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 and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

**Preface**

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy, p. 195 for music**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**C** **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.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

*Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He 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. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

**P** (sung) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Musical notation for Pax Domini, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics "A - - - men." are written below the notes.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*

**C** (sung) **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

**Distribution Hymn: Eat This Bread** (12:00 p.m. Sung by Cantor Caleb Hesse; 7:00 p.m. Sung by Choir and Cantors from Choir)

## Thanksgiving

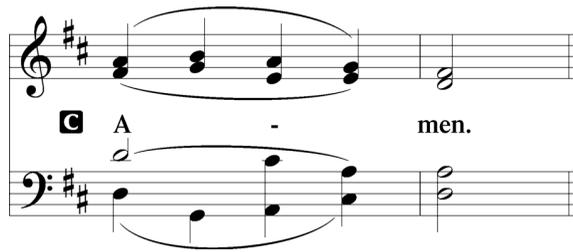
*Psalms 107:1*

**A** (sung) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

Musical notation for Thanksgiving, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics "and His mercy endureth for - ev - er." are written below the notes.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22



My God, my God, why have you for- | saken 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 de- | livered 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 de- | liver him;\***  
**let him rescue him, for he de- | lights 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 en- | compass me;\***  
**strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round 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 with- | in 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 en- | compass 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 a- | mong 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, glo- | rify 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 congre- | gation;\*

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 for- | ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\*

and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore 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 him- | self alive.

**Posterity shall | serve him;\***

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;



they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*  
that he has | done it.

There is no benediction. Please depart in silence.

Return for Good Friday Service at 12:00 noon or 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Easter Vigil at 7:00 p.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Divine Services  
(Easter Congregational Bible Study with pastries, fruit, and coffee at 9:45 a.m.)



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**Additional Information:** Please submit prayer requests by 9:00 a.m. each Thursday to ensure they are included in the upcoming service. If your contact information has changed, kindly notify the church office. Large-print hymnals are available upon request. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

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