FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



March 28, 2024
Divine Service, Setting Three – LSB 184
Noon and 7 pm*
*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

MY CLOSE FRIEND

Have you ever been betrayed by someone close to you? You are not alone. King David prayed in Psalm 41:9, "Even my close friend, the one in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me." To have a heel lifted against you is to receive a tremendous kick. It is a kick that sends you reeling and knocks the breath out of you—much like the feeling of being betrayed by a trusted friend.

When trust has been broken, you can pray David's words as your own and put your trust in the One who fulfilled them. For your Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took the pain and shame for you.

++PREPARATION+++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* (J. S. Bach)



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.
- 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. 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.
- 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.
- 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 + peace.
- C Amen.

+++ WORD +++

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy 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 - Exodus 12:1-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

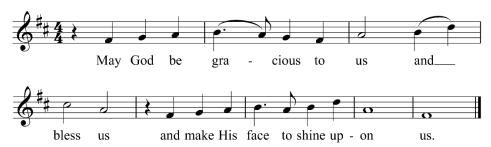
7"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. 12For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. 13The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. 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.

¹⁴"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

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

SERIES PSALM – Psalm 41:9-10; antiphon: 67:1

The cantor sings the refrain and the congregation repeats it. The congregation repeats the refrain after the verses.



Cantor: Even my close friend in whom I | trusted,*
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel a- | gainst me.
But You, O LORD, be gra- | cious to me,*
and raise me up, that I may re- | pay them!

C Refrain

Cantor: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

C Refrain

EPISTLE - 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵In the same way also He took the cup, 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.

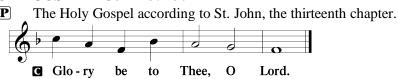
²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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- **C** Thanks be to God.

VERSE for HOLY THURSDAY – John 13:1b

Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

HOLY GOSPEL - John 13:1-30



¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. ⁵Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with Me." ⁹Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate My bread has lifted his heel against Me.' ¹⁹I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am He. ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the one who sent Me."

²¹After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in His spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." ²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom He spoke. ²³One of His disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, ²⁴so Simon Peter motioned to Him to ask Jesus of whom He was speaking. ²⁵So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when He had dipped the morsel, He gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why

He said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.



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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.

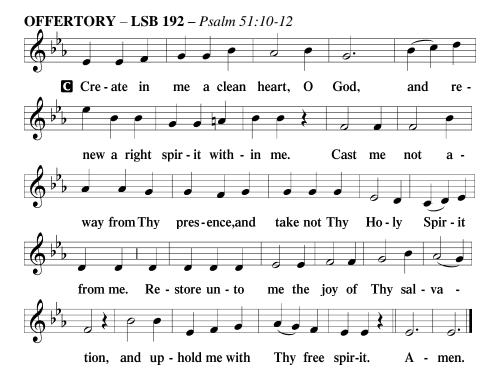
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead. whose kingdom will have no end.

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.



SERMON – My Close Friend — Psalm 41:9

OFFERING



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **A** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
 - We pray for the Church, which is our spiritual home, and for the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people would be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- We pray for the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for the educational institutions of our nation, from preschools and elementary schools through universities and graduate schools, that there would be an atmosphere of growth and godliness and that those who teach and those who learn in them would be transformed by the wisdom of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- We pray for all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood at this blessed Table, that in their eating and drinking they receive the benefits of the forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life, and truly have a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us or others to call them home to the Father with words of welcome and actions that express our care in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- We pray for the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they would use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people and for all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts, and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and valued service through their vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- We pray for those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them. We also pray for all the faithful, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- **PA** We pray for those who are sick, that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace and for those who mourn, that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them nor forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- A O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+++ SACRAMENT+++

For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

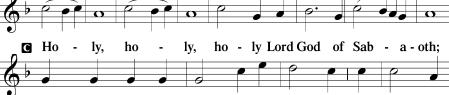
Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.

PREFACE

- **P** 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.
- **P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:





heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

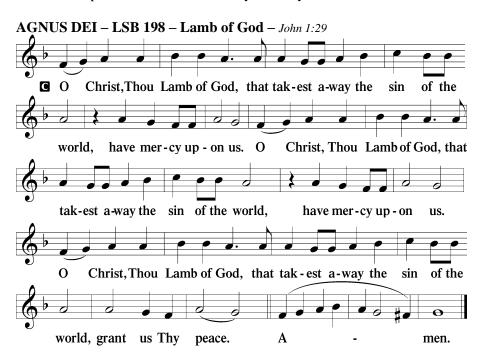
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI - The Peace of the Lord - John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

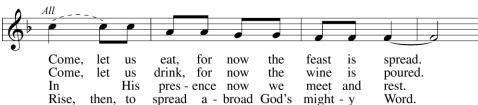




DISTRIBUTION

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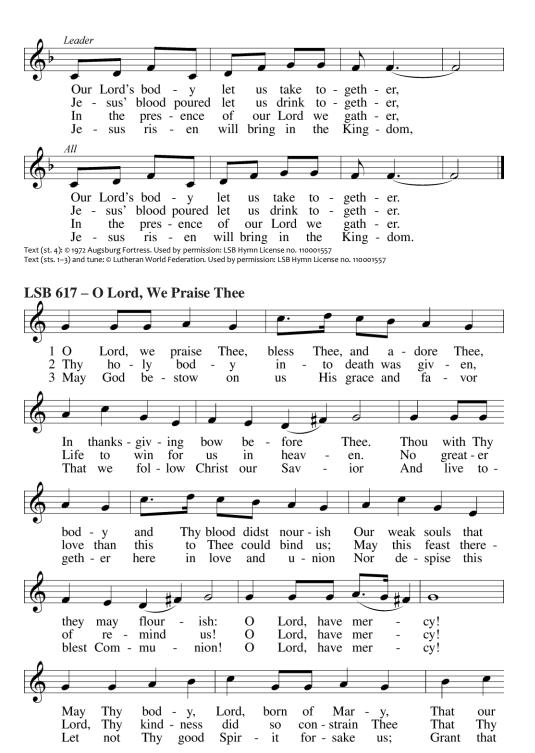


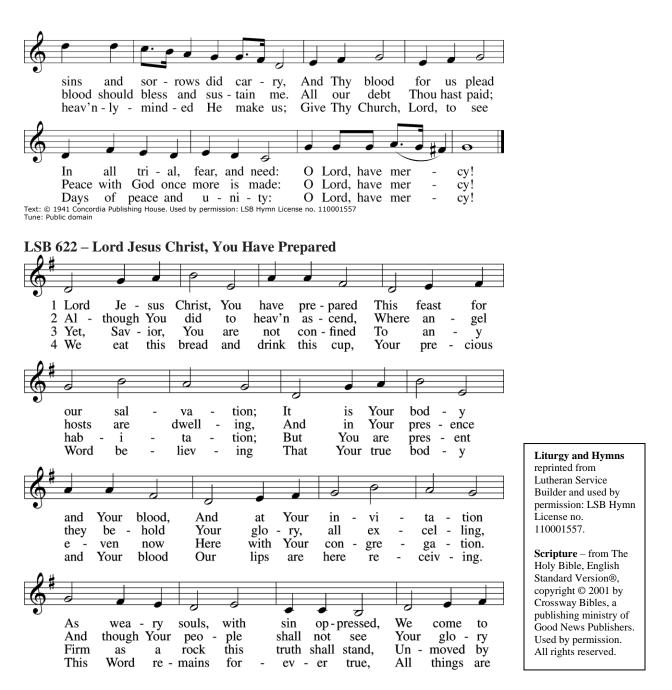


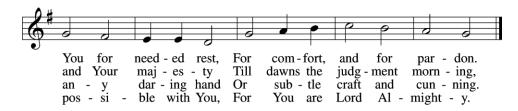
Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a* trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.







- Though reason cannot understand,
 Yet faith this truth embraces:
 Your body, Lord, is even now
 At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be;
 Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.

- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessèd comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.
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POST-COMMUNION SONG – LSB 767 – Jesus, Remember Me

Sung as the distribution comes to a close and repeated as needed.



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Three Sacred Days – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday – (the *Triduum*) commemorate the central events of the Christian faith.

Since they are seen as one service in three parts no Benediction will be spoken until the Easter Vigil.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Stripping the Altar (removing all ornaments, linens and paraments) is a custom of the Church on Maundy Thursday. It points to the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers and officials and points our eyes to the events that will be remembered tomorrow on Good Friday. As the altar is stripped, portions of Psalm 22 are sung.

When it is completed, please depart the church in **silence**.





Good Friday – March 29

Noon **Stations of the Cross** 8 pm **Tenebrae** (Service of Darkness) – led by the choir

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The Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 30

 $8\;\text{pm}$ at University Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday – March 31

 $8\ \&\ 10{:}30\ \text{am}$ Festival Worship (Holy Comm. & special music)

9:15 am Easter Breakfast

5 pm **Worship** with Holy Communion