

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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*A Biblical, Confessional and Traditional congregation in the Chicago region
committed to ministering to sinners with the forgiving presence of Jesus Christ.*

Maundy Thursday

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED TOOK BREAD . . .

SAYING THIS IS MY BODY It is through this Sacrament which our Lord gave us on this most Holy Night that the Holy Spirit builds up the faith of the believers and unites them as one as the body of Christ. It is Jesus, present with His body and blood, who invites you to be His guest at the Altar and to receive from Him His very body broken and His blood shed for the forgiveness of sin. The oneness of fellowship at the Altar that Paul speaks of in the first Epistle to the Corinthians (10:17) presupposes a oneness in doctrine with the Apostles that the early Christians shared (Acts 2:42). For that reason, Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church follows the Biblical and historical practice of "Closed Communion." If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of Divine Shepherd, or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we respectfully ask that you not commune this evening. Rather we would invite you to speak with Pastor Zimmer about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member. We do invite those who are not a member of the LCMS to come to the altar for a blessing. **If you would like a blessing, as you kneel at the altar, please cross your arms so that your right hand is on your left shoulder and left hand is on your right shoulder.** Thank you for your understanding.

ABOUT THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR At the conclusion of the Service, the candles will be extinguished and the communion vessels, paraments and all other adornments of the altar and chancel will be removed signifying that our Lord was forsaken by His disciples and finally by the Father. The bare altar and dark chancel serve as harsh reminders that on the very night in which He gave His Church the blessed Sacrament of the Altar, Christ was forsaken and betrayed by those He came to save. With the stripping of the Altar, the Church begins Her preparations for Good Friday. During the stripping of the Altar, the congregation remains silent in prayerful meditation, and then the ushers will dismiss you. We ask that you leave in silence out of respect for others and as part of preparation for Good Friday.

Corporate Confession and Absolution

✠Stand✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

VERSICLES

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.**

CONFESSONAL ADDRESS

P Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which he strengthens our faith by giving 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.

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. 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 the 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.

☩ Amen.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto 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.

ABSOLUTION

John 20:19-23

P 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.

BLESSING

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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 if faithful; He will surely do it. Go ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C (sung) **And with thy spirit.**

P 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 (sung) **Amen.**

✠Be Seated✠

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." ⁴And 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. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then 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." ⁸And 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."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Not All the Blood of Beasts



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23–32

For 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.

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Whoever, 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

✂Stand✂

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table". It consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "I I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a - lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole: Refrain Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!"

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26:17–30

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th chapter.
- C** (sung) **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?" ¹⁸He 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.'" ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

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When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The 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." ²⁵Judas, 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." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I 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. ³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (sung) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

In the Supper, Christ gives His body and blood as the seal of the New Testament, which contains the forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and life. This is the highest, most ineffable grace, surpassing all the treasures of the world.

✠ Johann Gerhard (1582–1637 AD) ✠

NICENE CREED

**☩ 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.**

✠Be Seated✠

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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SERMON

✠Stand✠

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

✠Be Seated✠

OFFERING

✠Stand✠

OFFERTORY

- 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.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Dear Guests, Please read about our Communion Practice on the cover of this service folder.

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- P** The Lord be with you.
C (sung) **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C (sung) **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C (sung) **It is meet and right so to do.**



PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS — *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C (sung) **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven 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

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

PAX DOMINI — *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

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.

✠Be Seated✠

DISTRIBUTION

hymns are sung as needed

Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this
 5 We dare not ask how this can be, But sim - ply
 7 But blest is each be - liev - ing guest Who in these



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
 Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,
 hold the mys - ter - y And trust this word where
 prom - is - es finds rest; For Je - sus shall in



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
 as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.
 life be - gins: "Giv - en and shed for all your sins."
 love re - main With all who here His grace ob - tain.

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✂Stand✂

DISMISSAL

- P** The eating and drinking of your Savior's sacred body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the one true Christian faith unto life everlasting. Depart in the joy of His Peace.
- C** Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

- P** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,
- C** (sung) **and His mercy endureth forever.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (sung) **Amen.**

✠Be Seated✠



Because the Triduum is seen as one service in three parts, no Benediction is spoken this evening. The Benediction spoken at Easter concludes all the services of the Three Days.

"RECOGNIZE IN THE BREAD WHAT HUNG ON THE CROSS, AND IN THE CUP WHAT FLOWED FROM HIS SIDE. WHATEVER WAS ANNOUNCED BEFOREHAND IN SIGNS IS NOW RECEIVED IN CLEAR WORDS."

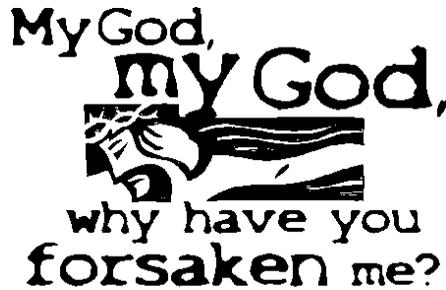
✠ ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354–430 AD)✠

✠ THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR ✠

PSALM 22

The 22nd psalm is a prophecy of the suffering and resurrection of Christ and a prophecy of the Gospel, which the entire world shall hear and receive. Beyond all other texts, it clearly shows Christ's torment on the cross, that He was pierced hand and foot and His limbs stretched out so that His bones could have been counted. Nowhere in the other prophets can one find so clear a description. It is indeed one of the chief psalms. It belongs in the First Commandment, for it promises a new worship of God. It is the First and Second Petitions.

[Reading the Psalms with Luther, p. 56]



Once the stripping of the altar and the reading of Psalm 22 have ended, we ask that you leave in silence out of respect for others and as part of the preparation for Good Friday.

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠

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The Lutheran Church retains ceremonies that underscore and support the Gospel—the good news that we are saved by *grace alone* through *faith alone* in *Christ alone*. Such laudable ceremonies include making the sign of the cross in remembrance of Holy Baptism. Those places in the service where Lutherans have traditionally made the sign of the cross are marked with a cross (✠).