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**Maundy Thursday
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A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into Your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen. (Luther's Evening Prayer)

Today's Service: "Service of the Word" NPH reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.

Today's Theme: Jesus loves His disciples to the end. Tonight, we see how this love played out in the life of one of Jesus' disciples, a man named Judas.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 98 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Stand

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Opening Sentences Psalm 116:1-4

P: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C: I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

C: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of the grave laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

P: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

C: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

Confession

P: People of God, we struggle against sin, death, and the power of the devil. We have intensified the struggle begun at Baptism to daily die with Christ and also to rise daily in Christ to live anew. In this struggle we have been reminded again that we are weak and Christ is strong. We need the forgiveness of our sins in order to live as the people God has called us to be.

A time of silence is observed.

P: Assured of God's love for us through our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sin against God and our neighbors, so that we enter these three days, so central to our faith, reconciled to God and to one another.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: The Word of God is living and active. Words of forgiveness spoken in the name of Jesus do what they say. Receive the forgiveness won for you by the blood of Jesus.

Absolution Psalm 103:11-13

P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. By the command of our 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.

The Song of Praise is omitted during Lent.

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, Your covenant of love for us came to full fruition in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Guide us to be so moved by the depth of Christ's new covenant of love, that we love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves;

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

The First Lesson: 1 Chronicles 12:14-18 (David, welcomes mighty men who want to connect themselves to his cause. When some Benjamites want to join, he warned them about betraying him. Their leader, Amasai, declared devotion to David and his cause.)

¹⁴ These Gadites were army commanders; the least was a match for a hundred, and the greatest for a thousand. ¹⁵ It was they who crossed the Jordan in the first month when it was overflowing all its banks, and they put to flight everyone living in the valleys, to the east and to the west.

¹⁶ Other Benjamites and some men from Judah also came to David in his stronghold. ¹⁷ David went out to meet them and said to them, "If you have come to me in peace to help me, I am ready for you to join me. But if you have come to betray me to my enemies when my hands are free from violence, may the God of our ancestors see it and judge you."

¹⁸ Then the Spirit came on Amasai, chief of the Thirty, and he said:

"We are yours, David!

We are with you, son of Jesse!

Success, success to you,

and success to those who help you,
for your God will help you."

So David received them and made them leaders of his raiding bands. (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Evening: Psalm 41 (This Psalm of David includes the prophecy that one of Jesus disciples would betray Him. Verse 9 declares, "Even My close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared My bread, has lifted up his heel against Me." In David's case, that close friend was his advisor, Ahithophel. In Jesus' case, it was His disciple Judas.)

P: Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the LORD delivers them in times of trouble.

C: The LORD protects and preserves them—they are counted among the blessed in the land—He does not give them over to the desire of their foes.

P: The LORD sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness.

C: I said, "Have mercy on me, LORD; heal me, for I have sinned against You."

P: My enemies say of me in malice, “When will he die and his name perish?”

C: When one of them comes to see me, he speaks falsely, while his heart gathers slander; then he goes out and spreads it around.

P: All my enemies whisper together against me; they imagine the worst for me, saying,

C: “A vile disease has afflicted him; he will never get up from the place where he lies.”

P: Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who shared my bread, has turned against me.

C: But may you have mercy on me, LORD; raise me up, that I may repay them.

P: I know that You are pleased with me, for my enemy does not triumph over me.

C: Because of my integrity You uphold me and set me in Your presence forever.

P: Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

C: Amen and Amen.

The Second Lesson: Acts 1:15-19 (During the ten days between Jesus’ ascension into heaven and Pentecost, the disciples remain in Jerusalem and devote themselves to prayer. Under the leadership of Peter, they also choose a replacement for Judas. Peter provides sad, gory details about the end of Judas’ life.)

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

¹⁸(With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day: Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. (John 13:1b)

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 27:1-10 (Matthew records for us the sad ending of Judas. He longed for absolution from the religious leaders but found none. The devil convinced him his sin was too big to be forgiven and the only way out was to take his life.)

¹Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. ²So they bound Him, led Him away and handed Him over to Pilate the governor.

³When Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴“I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

⁵ So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

⁶ The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷ So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. ⁸ That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on Him by the people of Israel, ¹⁰ and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.” (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: CWS 717 “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”

The Sermon Text: **Luke 22:47-48**

⁴⁷ While He was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss Him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus asked Him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering (Offerings can be placed in the plate on the bookstand in the entryway of the church.)

The Prayer of the Church

Each petition ends with...

P: Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer



1 Hal - low - ed be Your name. Fa - ther, hear our prayer.
2 Keep us from ev - 'ry ill, from the e - vil one.



Let Your good will be done here and ev - 'ry - where.
Grant us grace bought for us by Your ho - ly Son.



Fa - ther who art in heav'n, let Your king - dom come.
You a - lone have the pow'r and the glo - ry, Lord.



Ev - 'ry day, give us bread; thank You for the sum.
You a - lone reign as King, ev - er - more a - dored.



And for - give us our sins as we, too, for - give.
Hear us call on Your name here on earth be - low.



Lead us from all that tempts all the days we live.
Now we sing Your a - men; yes, it shall be so!

P: Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You want us to believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: Amen.

The Announcements

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Upcoming Special Services

- Good Friday Tenebrae –Friday, April 10th at 7:00 PM
- Easter Sunday Worship Service—Sunday, April 12th at 9:30 AM

CW #98—Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of your suffering, pain, and death
That I may not perish.

2 Make me see your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound you,
How for them you died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned you.

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see your passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
Of your crucifixion.

4 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won

By your holy passion.
If for me he slays his Son,
God must have compassion!

5 Grant that I your passion view
With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to you
By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure?

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from you,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give you love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing your praise forever.

CWS #717—"When You Woke that Thursday Morning"

When You woke that Thursday morning, Savior, Teacher, faithful Friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages: You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely, longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only for a quiet hour apart;
Sinless Lamb and fallen creatures, one last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher, washing Your disciples' feet.

What was there that You could give them that would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them, what last will and testament?
"Show Me and the world you love Me, know Me as the Lamb of God;
Do this in remembrance of Me, eat this body, drink this blood."

One in faith, in love united, all one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited, You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another in a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother, one in ev'ry place and time.

One day all the Church will capture that bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture that Your heart desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union of the greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blessed communion in Your neverending feast.

CW #108—"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

1 Jesus, Refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft your eyes, offended,
Gaze upon a sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended,
You endured the pain of all.

2 Dare we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
As we see you wounded, bleeding,
See your thorn-encircled brow?
Since your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest,
Only what your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for you!
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold your cross anew,
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified!