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**Maundy Thursday**

**April 1, 2010**

**VISITORS - WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this evening. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Today we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us through St. Paul: "Whoever 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. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our guests, this congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution  
Prelude  
Welcome  
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #634, "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

Prayer

P: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

Responsive Reading of Psalm 116 (see front of the hymnal)

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 10:12-15

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:14-17

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:26-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th chapter.

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

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (see back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn of the Day: #641, "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Sermon: "The Body of Christ"

Offering

Maundy Thursday Prayer

Confessional Address

Confession and Absolution

P: Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

*(Silence for self-examination)*

P: 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 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. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

**C: Amen.**

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.**

Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

Words of Institution

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

Distribution Hymns

#649, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#628, "Your Table I Approach"

#632, "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

Post-Communion Prayer

Stripping of the Altar and Reading of Psalm 69

*(Please depart in silence)*