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Maundy Thursday

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Lenten Midweek Series: Sounds of the Passion
Today's Focus: "Sloshing Water"

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all confirmed members of Immanuel and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell

Invocation and Opening Versicles

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

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

(Silence for personal reflection)

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

(The Maundy Thursday Collect is spoken by Pastor)

C: Amen.

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

Announcement of the Day:

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ: On this day we not only commemorate the institution of our Lord's Holy Supper, we also ponder our Lord's call to love and serve as He loves and serves us. In the lesson from Exodus the relationship between God and His people is sealed with sacrificial blood. The reading from First Corinthians reminds us that we are one as we come forward to partake of the Holy Sacrament of Christ's true body and blood. Finally, we hear sloshing water in our Gospel text as Jesus teaches us: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34).

Old Testament Reading Exodus 24:3-11

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:12-19, prayed responsively see front section of the hymnal

Epistle 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:26

Tune: Martyrdom Verse: Larry A. Peters

As often as you eat this bread
And drink this holy cup,
His saving death you do proclaim
And high His cross raise up.

Holy Gospel John 13:1-17, 34

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th 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!

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Hymn of the Day: "Jesus, Greatest at the Table"

Text: Stephen P. Starke #446 Tune: John Goss #793

1)

Jesus, greatest at the table, The almighty Son of Man,
Laid aside His outer clothing, Poured some water in a pan;
As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence, He the servant's task began.

2)

Marvel how their Lord and teacher Gently taught them not to vie
As He humbly knelt before them, Dusty feet to wash and dry,
By His tender touch expressing True compassion from on high.

3)

Jesus took the role of servant When upon that gruesome span,
For all human sin He suffered As a vile and loathsome man;
On the cross poured out like water To fulfill the Father's plan.

4)

Can we fathom such deep mercy? Do we see what God has done?
Who can grasp this great reversal: Love that gives His only Son?
Christ, the sinless for the sinners, For the many dies the One.

5)

Jesus gave to His disciples A commandment that was new:
"Show My love to one another, Do as I have done for you;
All the world will know you love Me As you love each other too."

Sermon: "Sloshing Water"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution Hymns:

#628, "Your Table I Approach"

#634, "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

#649, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Post-Communion Prayer

Closing Hymn: #449, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (2:00 PM only)

Stripping of the Altar and Reading of Psalm 69 (7:30 PM only)

(Please depart in silence)