

# The Institution of the Lord's Supper

(Maundy Thursday Observed)



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**This is the new covenant in My blood**

North East Lutheran Parish SK.

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## AS WE GATHER

One of the enduring legends from medieval times relates to the cup used by our Lord at the supper He shared with His disciples in the Upper Room on this evening. Known as the Holy Grail, the cup was said to have been passed into the safekeeping of Joseph of Arimathea, who kept it safely somewhere. Locating it has become a life-long quest for many people through the ages. Luke tells us simply what Jesus did at that meal: “Likewise [He took] the cup after they had eaten” (Luke 22:20). What eventually happened to that blessed cup, we do not know. But we do know that Jesus said, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood” (Luke 22:20). By His grace, that pouring out continues among us this day as we receive His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

## INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 43:4; 124:8*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

**People: to God my exceeding joy.**

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

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil, everything that prevents us from trusting in God and loving one another.

Since we confess that we are incapable of delivering ourselves, our Lord Jesus Christ came to fulfill God's Law for us and deliver us by taking on Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was instituted by our Lord in order that we may receive and more confidently believe His forgiveness and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living. Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup, faithfully believing the Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

When He says, “Do this in remembrance of Me,” He means that we are truly to believe that we receive His body and blood, which was sacrificed for us on the cross and raised again to give us forgiveness and life eternal. We also are enabled to receive His command to love one another as He has loved us. As He washed His disciples’ feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** 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.*

**Pastor:** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People:** **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.**

**Pastor:** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Do you believe that through the Lord Jesus Christ, God Forgives you all your sin?

**People:** **Yes.**

**Pastor:** Let it be done for you as you believe.

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

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify us completely, and may our whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

**People:** **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

PSALM *Psalm 116:12–19*

Pastor: What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

**People: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.**

Pastor: O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**People: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.**

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,

**People: in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

**EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

**GOSPEL** John 13:1-17, 31-35

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter

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

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN # 445 – When You Woke That Thursday Morning**



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(To the Tune of Abide with Me)**

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**Hymn # 621 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Vs 1-3**

Traditionally we would leave the sanctuary in silence because symbolically the service doesn't end but continues on Good Friday. However, since we are not yet in Holy Week, feel free to converse as we leave.

