



**"I have earnestly desired to eat this
Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell
you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the
kingdom of God." Luke 22:15-16**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 14, 2022

1 1:30AM AND 6:30PM

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER, NC

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

PRELUDE

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” 445

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P We have assembled together here to remember the night when our Lord instituted His Holy Supper.

C We give You thanks, O Lord, for remembering us.

P On that night, He took bread and wine, blessed them, and gave them to His disciples, telling them that this was His body and blood.

C We give You thanks, O Lord, for giving Yourself to us.

P In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we remember our Lord's solemn command given to all His followers, “Do this in remembrance of Me.”

C We do this in remembrance of You, O Lord, proclaiming Your death until You come.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

C O Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us.

P Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, our imperfect stewardship of our gifts.

C O Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us.

P Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C O Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us.

P Through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of His Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven you. Receive new life in Him and be at peace.

C Amen.

We sit.

FIRST READING

P This is the Word of the Lord.

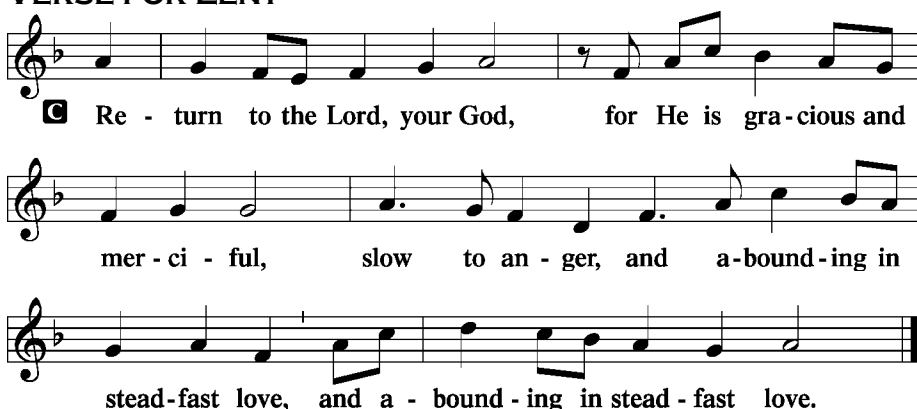
C Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Pew Bible pg. 1219

We stand.

VERSE FOR LENT



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:14-20

Pew Bible pg. 1121

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22nd chapter.

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

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

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SERMON

“Father, Forgive Them – In This Holy Supper”

Pastor Michael Geml

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" 637

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread" 625

We stand.

DISMISSAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son Jesus Christ into death for us. Nourish Your Church

through the Sacrament of His body and blood. Strengthen us so that we may continue to proclaim Him who gives life to the world, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

These actions conclude the celebration of the Lord's Supper and remind us of the circumstances in which the sacrament was instituted and prepares us for Good Friday. It marks the transition for the celebration of God's Communion with His people to the supreme forsakenness of Jesus Christ—true God and true man. On the cross our Lord takes our final loneliness and separation from Himself that we might know always God's friendship. As Psalm 22 is sung, please read along and meditate on Christ's humility. Pew Bible page 580.

THE LAST GOSPEL

Mark 14:46-50

The men seized Jesus and arrested him. Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

“Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” Then everyone deserted him and fled.

The pastor leaves the chancel area and the congregation departs in silence. Ending without the benediction reminds us that this service continues tomorrow and concludes finally on Easter.

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