

I tell you I will not drink
again of this fruit of the
vine until that day when I
drink it new with you in my
Father's kingdom.”



Maundy Thursday

APRIL 6, 2023

11:30AM 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

St. 1 – all, St. 2 – treble voices, St. 3 – choir, (11:30 – all)

St. 4 – low voices, St. 5 – all

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Hebrews 9:11–12

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have come together intending to receive our Lord Jesus Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. The Sacrament provides comfort for troubled hearts and freedom from the wrath we deserve,

When we look at our lives and conduct, though, we find sin and rebellion. Worse, we cannot free ourselves by our own strength. “But when Christ appeared as a high priest . . . He entered once for all into the holy places . . . by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.”

Let us therefore confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I am a poor, miserable sinner. I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. I deserve Your punishment here in time and hereafter in eternity. In Your boundless mercy, hear my sincere repentance and for the sake of Your Son's giving Himself over to suffering and death on my behalf, be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Let it be done for you as you believe. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:1-14

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible pg. 68

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 9:11-22

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible pg. 1281

C Thanks be to God.

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

Matthew 26:17-30

Pew Bible pg. 1057

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

“‘Til We Eat Again” Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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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 our 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” Bill Ingram

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

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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

The altar is a symbol of our Lord, vested in fine linens, holding the vessels for bread and wine and the stand for Readings from Scripture and for the liturgy, and having candles to proclaim Him as the light of the world. As those adornments are removed, symbolic of the abuse our Lord experienced today and tomorrow, we hear Psalm 22 chanted, for the evangelists Matthew and Mark tell us that our Lord prayed, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me,” as He took our place on the cross.

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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