

LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts;

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, by saying:

C: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

The Words of Institution and Communion

(As we commune one another, give the person next to you a small amount of bread, and say, "***The body of Christ, given for you***". Then after you received the wine, pass the chalice to your neighbor saying, "***The blood of Christ, shed for you***". You may intinct your bread into the chalice. Parents may give blessing or communion to their children.)

The Prayer

P: The Lord go with you.

C: May he go with you as well.

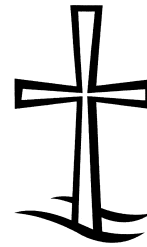
P: We praise the Lord.

C: And give overwhelming thanks to him.

P: (The Benediction)

C: Amen. Let it be so!

(Please return to sanctuary for the closing.)



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017 - 7:00 pm



We will worship this evening in a similar manner to that of the earliest Christians. Worship was in three parts:

- (1) Confession and absolution, done prior to the gathering;
- (2) Service of the Word, to which all were invited;
- (3) The Holy Communion, instituted by Jesus in His Last Supper with his disciples, for those who were baptized believers.

I. SERVICE OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Congregation will meet together
in the rear of the sanctuary

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.
Most Merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



(After the absolution is given, all will take their place in the sanctuary. When all are gathered, please stand to sing the hymn.)

When all have returned to the sanctuary, we will end the service by joining hands with our neighbors to sing “The Lord’s Prayer.”



The sharing of the Peace - You may offer “**The Peace of the Lord be with you**” to your neighbors around you, and to anyone else you wish to share Christ’s peace with. This joyous moment concludes the service.

Go in His Peace, and share His **Good News** with everyone!



GOOD FRIDAY ~ 7:00 PM

Using a “tenebrae” (gradual darkening) format, we will hear the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. It is a powerful service that helps us comprehend what Jesus had to go through to save us from our sins.

EASTER SUNDAY

We’ll begin with a short devotional at 8:00am in the Fellowship Room, followed by a breakfast. Then, at 9:30am we’ll celebrate the most important festival of the church year, the resurrection of the Lord. Please invite your friends and family members to join us.

III. THE HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together"

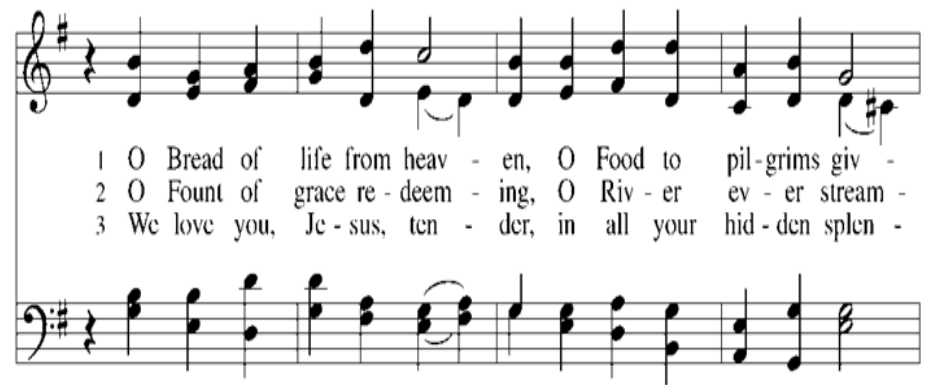
We will sing this hymn together once. Then, as we hear it a second time, the ushers will escort the congregation to the Fellowship Room, where the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples is re-created. Those who remain in the sanctuary will pray silently. Please take your bulletin with you.

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

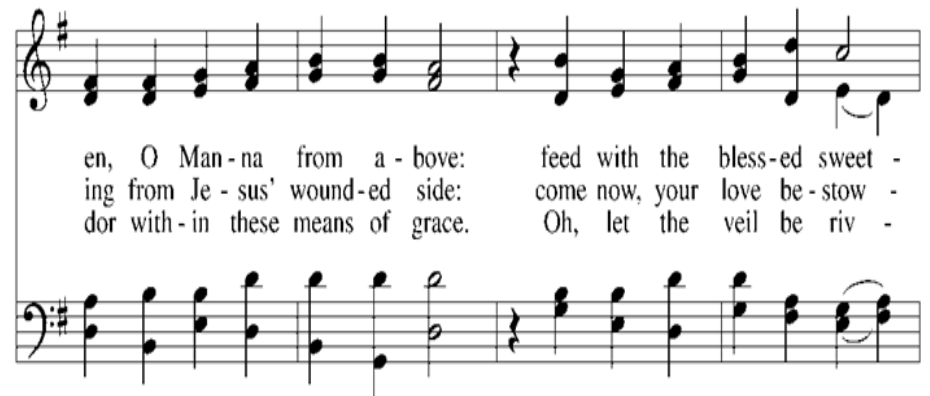
- 1. Let us break bread together 'round the cross;
Let us break bread together 'round the cross;
When I fall at the cross, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**
- 2. Let us drink wine together 'round the cross;
Let us drink wine together 'round the cross;
When I fall at the cross, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**
- 3. Let us praise God together 'round the cross;
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(Please turn to the back page for the communion service in the Fellowship Room)

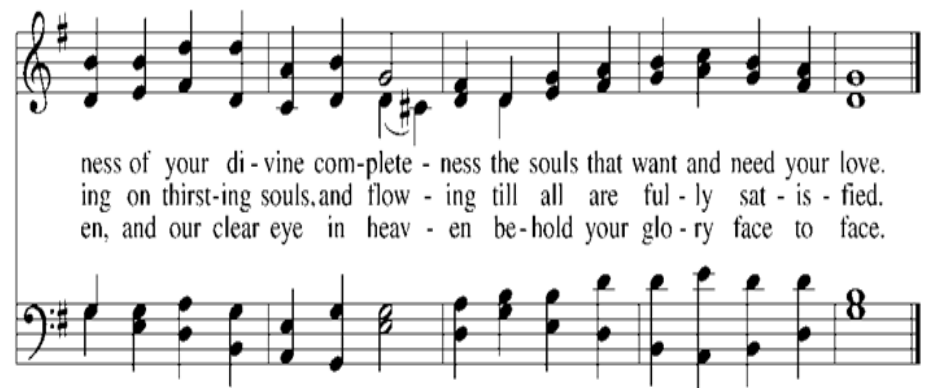
O Bread of Life from Heaven



1 O Bread of life from heav - en, O Food to pil-grims giv -
2 O Fount of grace re - deem - ing, O Riv - er ev - er stream -
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den splen -



en, O Man-na from a - bove: feed with the bless-ed sweet -
ing from Je - sus' wound-ed side: come now, your love be - stow -
dor with - in these means of grace. Oh, let the veil be riv -



ness of your di - vine com-plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
ing on thirst-ing souls, and flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
en, and our clear eye in heav - en be-hold your glo - ry face to face.

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II. SERVICE OF THE WORD (in the sanctuary)

P: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.

C: He was, he is, and he is to come.

P: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

C: He created all things. By his will they came to be.

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

P: By his blood he purchased for God

C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

P: Christ made of them a kingdom

C: and priests to serve our God.

P: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The Second Lesson I Corinthians 11:23-26

The Gospel: John 13: 31-35

C: *Glory to you, O Lord*

After the gospel reading:

C: *Praise to you, O Christ*

Sermon: “*The Two Commands of Holy Thursday*”

The Offering is received

Offertory Video

“*Come To The Table*” by Michael Card

Offeratory Prayer by the Pastor