

## Propers for Maundy Thursday

Please note that we celebrate the Lord's Supper today, in which Christ gives into our mouths not merely bread and wine, but His true body and His true blood for life, salvation, and the forgiveness of our sins. Because Holy Communion can be received unworthily to our detriment, and because the Sacrament testifies to a common confession of faith, we invite to the Lord's Table this morning members of this congregation and those who belong to sister congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

If you have any questions about Holy Communion or are not in full communion fellowship with this congregation, please speak to the pastor before communing.

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HYMNS: Opening 622:1-4, Sermon 617, Communion 630

COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY:

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; John 13:1-15, 34-35

The service continues on page 192 of the DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE with the HYMN OF THE DAY (617)

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*When the altar has been stripped and the Psalm is ended, please leave the church in SILENT contemplation of what our Lord endured for our salvation. Please also plan to join us tomorrow night as our ongoing remembrance of our Lord's sufferings on our behalf continue with our Good Friday service at 7:00.*

# Maundy Thursday



April 1, 2010

*As we gather for Maundy Thursday:*

*Tonight's service begins our observation of Our Lord and Savior's passion, including His Last Supper, arrest, trials, flogging, crucifixion and death. Traditionally this service has been seen as the first part of a continuing service that includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. As we remember Jesus' betrayal, sufferings and death, we do so with a restrained joy. The mood is more somber and contemplative as we remember tonight that the Lord of Life was in fact betrayed and abandoned not only by Judas and the disciples, but in fact by all of us by our own sin and failings. Yet there is also joy in knowing that our Lord endured all of this willingly in order to pay for our guilt and win our salvation.*

*In keeping with this mood tonight's service will include several features that are unique to this service. First of all we start with a fuller order of Confession and Absolution, knowing that Jesus suffered in order that we might be absolved. Likewise our service ends with the stripping of the altar as a remembrance of how all earthly support and good was stripped from our Lord and to prepare for the solemn service of Good Friday. The stripping of the altar will be accompanied by the singing of Psalm 22 by our cantor.*

### Serving us today:

Rev. Dr. John Hellwege- Preacher and Celebrant  
Rev. Dr. Benjamin Mayes - Cantor  
Mr. Kurt Rolland - Usher  
Mrs. Karen Rolland- Organist