

# *Maundy Thursday Service*

*March 29, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.*

*St. Peter Lutheran Church, Afton, Minnesota*

## *Living Lent: “The Lamb Reveals a Forgiving Savior”*

*“Maundy” is from the Latin word meaning “mandate” or “command”. On this night Christ commanded His disciples to “love one another as I have loved you.” Maundy Thursday recalls Jesus’ washing the disciples’ feet, His institution of the Lord’s Supper and His betrayal by Judas.*

***A Lenten Opening..... “The Lamb”      LSB 547 (Stand.)***

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.(See screen.)

**C Amen.**

**P** “Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed season, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration. But My people do not know the requirements of the Lord.”

**C** *Because of our sin, “the land mourns, and all who live in it waste away; the beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the fish of the sea are dying.”*

**P** Let us therefore confess our sins to God, sincerely repent of them and seek His mercy.

**C** *Holy God, Your own Son is the Passover Lamb sacrificed for me. Yet I have often felt no need of the forgiveness that is Your gift to me in His body and blood. I am Your child in my baptism, but I have lived as though You and my neighbor did not matter. I have broken all Your laws in my heart, in my words, and in my actions. My sin is my fault and no one else's. God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

**P** Lift up your hearts and rejoice! God has heard your cry for mercy and seen your sorrow for sin. His own word promises that “he who believes and is baptized shall be saved,” and that “if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and in His stead, I therefore announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now, go, and bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance.

**C Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 23**.....*Gethsemane 77 77 77* (Be seated.) (See screen.)  
(In this styling, phrases of the hymn interrupt the reading of the Psalm. The tune is introduced before the reader's first line. The final chord of each phrase is held softly over the spoken words.)

P The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

*God, my shepherd, shall provide  
Ev'rything I want or need.*

P Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

*Oh, Good Shepherd, be my guide;  
I shall follow where You lead.*

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Where my shepherd welcomes me,  
There is true security.*

**Holy Gospel**.....*Mark 14:22-25* (Stand.) (See screen.)

Pastor: <sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is My body."  
<sup>23</sup> And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

**Theme Hymn**.....*Melody: Erhalt uns, Herr* (Be seated.) (See screen.)

*Upon the lintel of the door a sign is made that death pass o'er,  
To make this mark a lamb has died, foreshadowing the Crucified.*

*Upon the tree another sign: Love sacrificed in God's design—  
One life laid down that death pass o'er, forever op'ning heaven's door.*

*Grant us, O Lamb, such faithful hearts, and humble, as Your grace imparts,  
To cling to Your forgiving grace, until we meet You face to face.*

**Homily:** *“The Lamb Reveals a Forgiving Savior”*

### **Offering**

(Note to our visitors: You are our guests this evening! Please do not feel the need to make a contribution to our Offering. We would ask all visitors and members to sign the Register Pad as the Offering is being collected. Also, Prayer Cards are available in the pew racks for special intercessions during the time of congregational prayer.)

### **FOR ALL WHO DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE LORD’S SUPPER**

We believe that Christ’s Body and Blood is present in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. In this sacred meal Jesus gives Himself in love to His Church to build us up in faith, hope and love. Since Christ is truly present, the Sacrament is not to be received in a careless or indifferent manner. St. Paul writes: “Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. **Examine yourselves**, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11.27-28)

We believe that such self-examination necessarily includes the following points: 1) Do I believe that the only true God is the Triune God, Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, within One Divine Being? 2) Do I humbly acknowledge before God that I am indeed a sinner in need of His grace? 3) Do I believe that Jesus Christ the Son of God is my personal Lord and Savior? 4) Do I believe that in this Sacrament Christ is truly present for me for the forgiveness of my sins? 5) Do I have a sincere desire, with God’s help, to live a life that is pleasing to Him?

For those who can answer these questions in the affirmative, we welcome you to join us at the Lord’s Table. For those who have a different religious understanding, or are unclear as to the points listed above, we ask that you talk to the pastor before receiving the Sacrament.

**Offering Prayer**.....*Melody: Dunstan (Stand.) (See screen.)*

*Create in me a heart that’s pure. Renew my spirit, steadfast, sure.  
Deliver me from sin’s allure. Accept the gifts I bring.*

*Forgive me all my shameful wrong. Restore to me salvation’s song,  
That I may join the grateful throng. Accept the gifts I bring.*

*Then I shall see Christ’s glorious face, alive forever by His grace,  
Dwelling in that most holy place. Accept the gifts I bring.  
Create in me a heart that’s pure. Renew my spirit, steadfast, sure.  
Deliver me from sin’s allure. Accept the gifts I bring.*

# *Prayers of God's People*

## *Lord's Prayer*

### *Words of Institution*

*Sharing of the Peace* (See screen.)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** *And also with you.*

*The Distribution* (Be seated.)

### *Songs during the Distribution*

*"Do This in Remembrance of Me"* (See screen.) **BOB 46**

*"Behold the Lamb"* **PW 164**

*"Amazing Love"* (See screen.) **BOB 11**

### *Dismissal*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving* (Stand.)

*The Benediction* (See screen.)

**P** Ask the animals, and they will teach you. Let every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them sing,

**C** *Which of these does not know that the Lord has done this?*

**P** Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

**C** *To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever.*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** *Amen.*

*Closing Verse..... "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" (LSB 434, Verse 1)*  
(See screen.)

*Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.*

*All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!*

(Be seated.)