



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 1, 2021**

**HYMN - 490 “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”**

**SERMON - “Jesus is Our Passover Lamb”**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**M:** Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**C:** **Almighty God, merciful Father,**  
**I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.**  
**In what I have done and left undone,**  
**I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.**  
**I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.**  
**For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**  
  
**I am truly sorry for my sins.**  
**I repent of them.**  
**I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

*Silence for meditation*

**M:** Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C:** **Cleanse me from my sins.**  
**Release me from my guilt.**  
**Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

**M:** The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I  
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✝  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**EXHORTATION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

**All: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON - Exodus 12:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup> “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup> If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

<sup>5</sup> The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup> Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup> Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup> That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. <sup>10</sup> Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup> This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’S Passover.

<sup>12</sup> “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

### **PSALM 116 on page 107**

### **SECOND LESSON - 1 Corinthians 10:16,17**

<sup>16</sup> Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

### **GOSPEL - Mark 14:12-26**

<sup>12</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>13</sup> So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup> Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

<sup>16</sup> The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. <sup>17</sup> When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. <sup>18</sup> While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”

<sup>19</sup> They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?” <sup>20</sup> “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

<sup>22</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.” <sup>23</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. <sup>24</sup> “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. <sup>25</sup> “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

### **HYMN - 313:1-4,6,7 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

### **PRAYER**

**M:** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the ages to come, life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT** - page 21.

*We invite those who agree with the teachings of this church and of the WELS to partake of the true body and blood of Jesus Christ.*

*We will celebrate Holy Communion at the front of the church. Stand in front of the first row of benches. Please observe social distancing by spreading out across the full width of the sanctuary. Return by the side aisles.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**135 - “The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”**

**304 - “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”**

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** - *During hymn 317, the Communion vessels are removed and the altar is stripped in token of the Lord’s abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday.*

**HYMN - 317 “O Lord, We Praise You”**

*This service concludes without a blessing.*

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**Offering** - *You may place your offering in the plate at the door.  
Thank you!*

**Serving today at Immanuel:**

**Organist:** Jane Vacek **Elder:** Jason Horrmann

**Video Taping:** Mark DeVries **Power Point:** Mike Heine

**Altar Guild:** Betty Henke and Donna Telecky

**Ushers:** Jeremy Prieve, Michael Thompson, Chuck Nisse, Brad Duesterhoeft, Andy Prieve, Alex Prieve, Kyler Podratz