Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024
Guided to Service

Now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit. Romans 7:6

Special Lenten Meditation music today, included in the bulletin, takes us on a journey from Maundy Thursday through Good Friday. The music and text is written by Dr. Lou Rossman, and the solo is sung by Phil Schauer.

Opening Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane" *LSB* 436

Invocation and Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: On the night before he died, Jesus spoke to his disciples about many things—the betrayal and denial to come, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit and the peace that he alone can give: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

C: Jesus our Savior, grant us your peace.

P: Jesus told his disciples that he was the true vine and that, abiding in him, they would bear fruit in works of love. He gave them a new commandment: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34). **C: Jesus our Savior, teach us to love one another as you love us.**

P: On that same night of his betrayal, the night he would be abandoned by his disciples, Jesus gave them a lesson in love and service. The Lord of all took up a towel and a basin of water and washed his disciples' feet. The next day he would lay down his life for them, for us, for all people. As Jesus had said of himself, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

C: Jesus our Savior, set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, we have not followed our Savior in the way

of love and service. We seek to serve ourselves. We want to fulfill our own selfish desires and turn away from the needs of others. Have mercy on us, and forgive us.

P: God sent his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to serve and save us. On the cross Jesus shed his blood to cleanse us from sin. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Lead us, Jesus, to walk in your steps in the way of love and service.

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord and Savior… us to serve others in love. Amen.

Lenten Meditation Solo: Phil Schuaer vrs. 1-6

7:00 PM Children's Message

Old Testament Reading … Isaiah 61:1-3

Epistle Reading … Romans 7:4-6

Gospel Reading … John 13:3-5

Hymn of the Day "Son of God, Eternal Savior" *LSB* 842 vrs. 1-2

Sermon

Hymn of Response "Son of God, Eternal Savior" *LSB* 842 v. 3

Nicene Creed

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards
(The Offering of Peace is exchanged during Offering)

Prayers

P: (after each petition)…Jesus, Suffering Servant,
C: Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of service.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Communion Hymns "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LBS 443

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" LSB 451

"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" LSB 444

The Blessing or Benediction

P: For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

C: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Lenten Meditation Solo: Phil Schauer vrs. 7-8

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar *(Leave in silence.)*

March 29- Good Friday Services 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM
March 31 – Easter Sunday Services 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
(Easter Breakfast in Gym 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM)