

# **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church & Royal Family**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*



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# Maundy Thursday

**AS WE GATHER:** We are reminded of the new commandment Jesus gave to his disciples to "love one another as I have loved you."

+ *CONNECT* +

**OPENING SOLO**

**"Old Rugged Cross"**

**Karmon Christopherson**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**"There is a Redeemer"**

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There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

**Refrain:      Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

**Refrain**

When I stand in glory, I will see His face, and  
There I'll serve my King forever, In that holy place.

**Refrain**

**INVOCATION**

**L:** Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

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

L: Let us pray.

C: **Lord Jesus, we gather this holy night. We see you wash feet and serve and we know we are called to serve you by serving others. We see you bring forgiveness through your broken body and your shed blood and we know we are righteous. Let us spread your grace and your love through our lives. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF OUR SINS**

L: We are gathered on this most holy night when God the Son humbly served His friends by washing their dirty feet. This night our Lord Jesus sealed His oneness with His followers through a simple meal of bread and wine. On this night we receive the most precious gift of the forgiveness of sins. God our Father desires a relationship with all His children. For this purpose, He has established the New Testament through His Son, Christ Jesus, who gave His body and shed His blood for our life and salvation.

The Father declares, "I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Thus gathered in the name and presence of the Blessed Trinity, we the people of God make our confession before God and before one another.

C: **We are each born in sin and are by nature unclean.**

L: We name before You our faults and our sins.

C: **We have not been persuaded by Your love for us; selfishness and unkindness have pervaded our words, thoughts, and deeds. We have not loved and served our neighbors, but instead have served ourselves and sought to protect our own interests.**

L: We openly acknowledge our sins and desire to turn away from them.

C: **Standing guilty before God the Holy Trinity, we admit we deserve condemnation and death.**

L: We flee to Christ Jesus, who alone washes away our sins and restores our relationship with the Father.

C: **Having been called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, we cry out to Jesus for mercy and grace, holding on to nothing but His cross.**

## **FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED**

## HYMN

### "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.

#### Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater— yes, grace untold—  
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

#### Refrain

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;  
What can we do to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,  
Brighter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive?

#### Refrain

+ *NURTURE* +

## Luke 22:7-13

"Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.' They said to him, 'Where will you have us prepare it?' He said to them, 'Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.' And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

## **Meditation: "The Passover Meal in the Upper Room"**

### **Luke 22:14-23**

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this."

## **Meditation: "Remembering Those Meals We Shared Together"**

### ***HOLY COMMUNION***

***And Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."***

***And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."***

### **HYMN**

#### **"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"**

Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh how He loves you and me.

He gave His life, what more could He give?

Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show.

What He did there brought hope from despair.

Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me.

## **John 13:1-20**

### ***Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet***

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

**Meditation: "Washed to be a blessing"**

**HYMN**

**"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

**LSB 427**

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In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fear annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

*+ EMPOWER +*

### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

**L:** After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained before our Lord was crucified. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution.

**L:** Christ's offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Mystery.

**C:** **As He was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Holy Sacrament.**

**L:** The cross is where Jesus took on our punishment to be able to give us the gift of heaven.

**C:** **When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"**

**L:** The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God.

**C:** **As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard.**

**L:** Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending His Son, Jesus, in human form.

**C:** **As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.**

**L:** The altar is the place where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King.

**C:** **As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.**

- L: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- C: **The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world.**

*+ Please Depart in Silence +*

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## **Easter Services**

Please join Gloria Dei and Royal Family as we continue our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus on Sunday, April 20 for a joint Easter Service at 10:30 AM (*please note start time*).

**Good Friday**, April 18, Worship Service 5:30 pm (no Holy Communion)

