

Maundy Thursday

March 28th, 2024

The theme of this celebration is the Lord's new "command" ("Mandatus," Latin, became "Maundy" in Old English) to his disciples of all time to love each other as he has loved us (John 13:34). The institution of the Lord's Supper sets forth the depth of Jesus' love and gives power to the Church to live out his command. There is no greater love than that Christ gave his body and shed his blood for us and for our salvation, and there is no greater assurance for us of our fellowship with God than to eat at his table.

The Opening Hymn: #416, When You Woke That Thursday Morning

The hymn is printed on p. 16 in the service folder.

Confession

M: In this Lenten season, we've heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We've also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed in Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should never doubt but firmly believe that our sins are truly forgiven before God in heaven, because it comes to us in the name of and by the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In joyful response, then, we who receive God's love in Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, just as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in that love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup just as he gave them to us. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous climax of our reconciliation with God and one another.

Therefore, as we begin the solemn celebration of our Lord's passion, let us confess our sins to him, receive his absolution, and be reconciled to God and to each other in Christian love.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

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

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

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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 a 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.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 116

Speak the verses responsively; speak the bold "Gloria Patri" and sing the refrains together. Refrain



M: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;

C: he heard my cry for mercy.

M: Because he turned his ear to me,

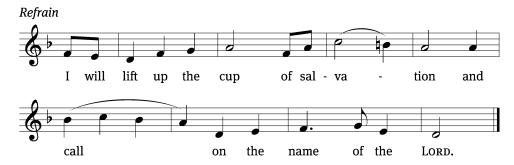
C: I will call on him as long as I live.

M: For you, LORD, have delivered me from death,

C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

M: that I may walk before the LORD

C: in the land of the living.



M: What shall I return to the LORD

C: for all his goodness to me?

M: I will lift up the cup of salvation

C: and call on the name of the LORD.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain

~ Gloria Patri

Silence for meditation follows the Psalm.

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, as I face death, turn my thoughts to your body, broken for me, and your blood, spilled for me. Let me rise as you have risen from the dead, to walk with you forever in the land of the living. I call on your name, for you have promised to be with me.

C: Amen.

The Word of God for Maundy Thursday

The First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-12, 17-20

The LORD institutes the Festival of Unleavened Bread as a lasting ordinance for Israel.

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ 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. 4 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. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷ 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. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 11 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. 12 On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

¹⁷ "Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. ¹⁸ In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day. ¹⁹ For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And anyone, whether foreigner or native-born, who eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel. ²⁰ Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread."

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

We keep the Festival of Unleavened Bread by keeping the yeast of sin out of our lives.

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

⁸ Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 14:12-26

Jesus fulfilled the Festival of Unleavened Bread by giving his body and blood to forgive sin.

¹² 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?"

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ 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."

¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?"

²⁰ "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ 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."

²² 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."

²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. ²⁵ "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."

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

Hymn of the Day: #659, v. 1-5, Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior The hymn is printed on p. 17 in the service folder.

The Sermon: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

The Lesson in the Leaven

The Great Litany

Revised by Martin Luther in the 1520s, this historic responsive prayer is especially appropriate for penitential times such as Lent and Holy Week. This prayer consists of Deprecations (prayers for deliverance from evils & dangers), Obsecrations (prayers recalling Christ's earthly life for our sake), Supplications (prayers for ourselves), and Intercessions (prayers for others).

Prayer of Approach to God

M: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

C: Have mercy on us.

Prayers for Deliverance

M: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord; spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity;

From all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil;

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism, from hardness of heart and contempt for your Word and your will;

From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

Prayer Recalling Christ's Saving Work

M: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom;

By your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial;

By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit;

In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

For the Church

M: Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to your will.

Enlighten all ministers with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

Give us hearts to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

To all your people, give grace to hear and receive your Word and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the fainthearted, raise up those who fall, and finally give us the victory.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

For Our Country

M: Rule the hearts of your servants in government, the president of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

For All People

M: To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give clothing, food, and shelter.

Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth and all young children, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely.

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

Heal those who are sick in body or mind and give skill and compassion to all who care for them [Especially we pray for...].

Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

Concluding Prayers

M: Son of God,

C: we ask you to hear us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Grant us peace.

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Christ, have mercy on us.

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Amen.

Mixed Choir Anthem: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

The Confession of Faith for Maundy Thursday

The Congregation will speak the Confession responsively with the Pastor.

VI. The Sacrament of Holy Communion

According to Martin Luther's Small Catechism

M: First: What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.

M: Second: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

C: That is shown us by these words: "Given" and "poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

M: Third: How can eating and drinking do such great things?

C: It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words "Given" and "poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

M: Fourth: Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

C: Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words: "Given" and "poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."

But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

In order to preserve our spiritual unity (1 Corinthians 10:17) and protect against anyone's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), our congregation and synod follow the historic Christian practice of Close Communion. Confirmed members of Good Shepherd and those in fellowship with our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod are invited to celebrate the Lord's Supper with us.

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

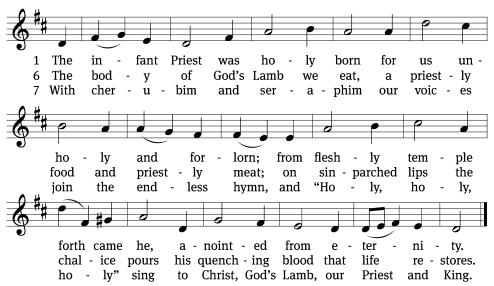
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

¹ How can we be sure we are properly prepared to come to the Lord's Supper? In a word, Luther says, *by faith*. Therefore, the Apostle Paul calls each of us to "examine himself" (1 Corinthians 11:28) with questions like: Do I believe I am a sinner who needs God's forgiveness? Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin? Do I believe that in the Lord's Supper Jesus gives me his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? Do I intend, with God's help, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus ~ #674, v. 1, 6-7, The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



The Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

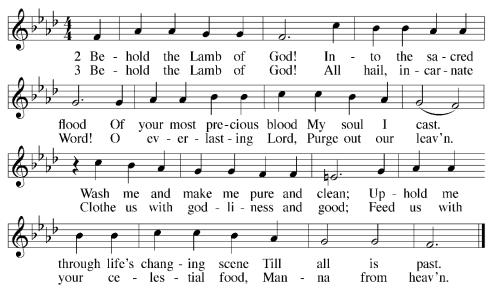
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ CW93 #101, v. 2-3, Behold the Lamb of God



The Distribution

On this night especially, we appreciate our unity as a Christian family that is emphasized in our Communion practices: eating and drinking from one bread loaf and one common cup (1 Corinthians 10:16-17); communing shoulder-to-shoulder in tables (Hebrews 10:22-25); coming together in a semi-circle, symbolically completed by the rest of the Church on earth and in heaven (Revelation 7:9-17). Historically, Lutherans have knelt to receive the sacrament in recognition of the real presence of Christ's body and blood.

Distribution Hymns: CW93 #136, 'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night

#677, The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord #662, Draw Near

The hymns are printed on p. 18-20 in the service folder.

Thanksgiving

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

C: And his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before you suffered, you showed your disciples the extent of your love, you gave them this sacrament of forgiveness and remembrance, and you promised them that you would drink it again with them in your Father's kingdom. As we have partaken of this sacrament, show us your love in your words of invitation, restore our joy in the forgiveness you have won by your death and resurrection, and give us hope in the promise you have given of a feast to come. In this sacrament, live and rule in us, even as you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #659, v. 6-8, Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior The hymn is printed on p. 17 in the service folder.

Mixed Choir Anthem: Psalm 88

During the psalm, the altar will be stripped of its wares and vestments.² Traditionally used at this occasion, Psalm 88 calls to mind the chilling events that Christ would experience before the night was through. Forsaken by God and man, Jesus faced betrayal, denial, desertion, and condemnation – and yet bore them willingly for us and for our salvation.

Day and night I cry to you: free me from my gnawing fear; I am anxious, drained of strength; marked as one whose death is near — Would I praise you from the grave? Show me, LORD, your pow'r to save.

How the burden of your wrath leaves my soul in deep dismay! Why, so often through the years, have you turned your face away? As a pris'ner of despair, am I banished from your care?

Even those I call my friends now consider me unknown; Driven from my family, I must bear my grief alone. In the darkness, asking "Why?" night and day to you I cry.

The Closing Prayer

M: Heavenly Father, your Son was betrayed by Judas, abandoned by his disciples, and arrested by his enemies to fulfill your plan for our salvation. Forgive us when we abandon you by our sin and strengthen us through your Word and through the sacrament of your Son's body and blood that we may always cling in faith to your gospel promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Congregation is dismissed in darkness and **in silence**. We gather again tomorrow for Good Friday worship.

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² The post-communion action of stripping the altar has its roots in the early Church. A hymn or psalm is sung as the communion vessels, cross, and candles are carried from the chancel. Once the communion vessels and appointments are removed, the altar, which represents the body of Christ, becomes the focus. The altar is solemnly stripped of its vestments in token of the abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane and on the cross (Matthew 26:56; 27:35, 46). The altar is left completely bare for Good Friday.

Hymn #416, When You Woke That Thursday **Morning**



- that Thurs day morn ing, 1 When you woke Sav - ior, teach - er,
- 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, long - ing with tor -
- 3 What was there you could give them that would nev - er
- One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, all one bod - v.
- One day all the Church will cap - ture that bright vi - sion



faith-ful friend, thoughts of self ment-ed heart to be with be out-spent, what great gift vou the head, when we meet, glo - ri - ous.

and safe - ty scorn - ing, know-ing your dear ones on - ly that would out - live them, what last by you in - vit - ed, you are and your saints will know the rap - ture that your



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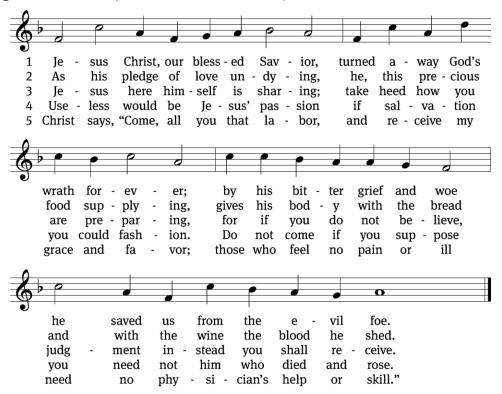


the hour had come when but One could now at last one last pas - chal meal to one last les - son crea - ture. eat. me, know me as the Lamb of do this in love God: re oth - er u - ni - tv sub-lime, in in a see us vour the great - est and the least un - ion of meet in iov - ous.



sin's as - sumed their dread - ful pay wa - ges: vou sum. their teach - er. wash - ing your dis - ci - ples' feet. as mem-brance of this blood." eat this bod - y, drink me. sis - ter, broth - er, in ev - 'rv place and time. one blest com - mun - ion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.

Hymn #659, Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken that this food is to be taken by the souls who are distressed, by hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven unto us such food has given and, to mend what we have done, gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes and your mouth your sin confesses, surely you will be his guest and at his banquet ever blest.

CW93 Hymn #136, 'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night

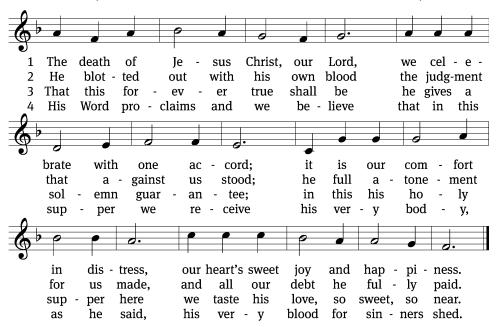


The Offering

The members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church give offerings to show love and thanks to God for doing so much for them, as well as to support the Lord's work here in Beaver Dam and around the world. If you have an offering to give, please place it in one of the plates at the doors to the sanctuary as you leave after the service. Thank you!



Hymn #677, The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



- 5 A precious food is this indeed, it never fails us in our need, a heav'nly manna for our soul until we safely reach our goal.
- 6 How blest is each believing guest who in these promises finds rest, for Jesus will in love abide with those who do in him confide!
- 7 They who his Word do not believe this food unworthily receive, salvation here will never find may we this warning keep in mind!
 - 8 Help us sincerely to believe that we may worthily receive your supper and in you find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

Holy Week Schedule

Good Friday Afternoon – 1:00pm, Friday, March 29th
Good Friday Evening – 7:00pm, Friday, March 29th
Joint Easter Vigil Service – 7:00pm, Saturday, March 30th (with Communion)
Easter Sunrise – 6:30am, Sunday, March 31st
Easter Festival – 9:00am, Sunday, March 31st

Hymn #662, Draw Near



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