

The Parables of Lent

R E C E I V E T H E M E A L

THE PARABLE *of* *the* GREAT BANQUET

Maundy Thursday

Welcome to a special Maundy Thursday service based on the parable of the Great Banquet. In this parable, those in low positions are invited to a place of honor by the host. We who are humbled by our sins and outcast by the world are welcomed by Christ to dine at his Holy Supper.

Opening Hymn: LSB #637

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

P In this Holy Week the Son of God prepares a great banquet for all people.

C This banquet features his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

P In this banquet the sacrifice is remembered.

C In this banquet the sacrifice is received.

P In this banquet we have life.

C In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.

P Jesus said, "But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

C In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.

P Jesus said, "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

C In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.

P Jesus said, "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'"

C Grant me your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

Confession and Absolution

P In our sin and sinfulness we make excuses, squandering and taking for granted the grace of God and the banquet he so freely gives.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful. We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. It is natural for us to make excuses when you present your gifts to us. Because of our selfishness, we deserve to be shut out of the banquet. Though you are generous in your love, we deserve only your wrath. Forgive us, most holy God.**

P On this day, the Lord Jesus institutes a new banquet for you. With his broken body and shed blood he creates a meal that fills you with forgiveness, love and life. Jesus honors you at his banquet. Because of his perfect sacrifice, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

We Sing: LSB #422

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares and pleasures never may your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9 (Lg. print: 1096; Reg. print: 573)

Epistle Reading: 1Corinthians 11:23-32 (Lg. print: 1783; Reg. print: 930)

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23 (Lg. print: 1638; Reg. print: 856)

Sermon Hymn: LSB #618

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

I come, O Savior, to Thy table, for weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able to satisfy and make me whole:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning that sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to thee.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!

Unworthy though I am, O Savior, because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou thy lamb wilt banish never, for Thou my faithful shepherd art:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!

Weary I am and heavy laden; with sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden my heart, for I am now thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!

What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, the covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!

Sermon

Offering

Prayers

P God, who welcomes us to the banquet, forgive us for the times we make excuses and deny the invitation to be in your presence. When you present a banquet filled with your gifts, make us ever thankful to receive them and give us the resolve to welcome others and give them the places of honor. Master of the feast,

C feed us with your love and forgiveness.

P God, who welcomes us to the banquet, we pray for the leaders of the nations that they would provide justice and peace so that all people would be well fed and welcomed at tables where there is plenty. Master of the feast,

C feed us with your love and forgiveness.

P God, who welcomes us to the banquet, there are many whose needs require your healing hand. Your banquet supplies all that we need to support our body and life, so we ask that you would grant your healing to those who are suffering from illness, disease, pain or loss. Master of the feast,

C feed us with your love and forgiveness.

P God, who welcomes us to the banquet, we remember all those who have gone before us and are now feasting at your heavenly banquet table. Help us so to follow after them in the faith that we, too, would enjoy the feast that is to come. Master of the feast,

C feed us with your love and forgiveness.

P Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Special Music: “What Love is This?”

Marsha DesLauriers

Stripping of the Altar – Psalm 22

Closing Hymn: LSB #436 vs. 1-2

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His grief’s away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgement hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, same, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

Good Friday Service

April 2, 7:00 pm

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Holy Communion

About Holy Communion at Our Savior Lutheran Church - Holy Communion is a special gift given by Jesus Christ to baptized believers. In preparation for the Lord's Supper you need to reflect upon the following questions:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
2. Do I believe that Christ gives me His true body and blood in this sacrament for the forgiveness of my sins?
3. Do I promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life?
4. Do I share a oneness in faith with the church body with which I am about to commune?

If you have difficulty answering "yes" to any of the above questions, please follow the guide of Scripture and wait to take communion today. Our Pastor would be glad to visit with you in preparation for the next time Holy Communion is offered.

Non-alcoholic wine is available for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Please signal your desire to the Pastor by briefly holding your hand in the "stop" position before receiving the cup. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request.



Easter at OSLC

7:00 am - Sunrise Service
8:15 am - Traditional Worship*
9:30 am - Contemporary Worship*
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship*

***with Holy Communion**

NO Sunday classes will be meeting.