

Our Saviour Lutheran Church



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

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P I will go to the altar of God,

C To God my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth.

Sit

The pastor reads the Confessional Address, concluding as follows:

P May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C Amen.

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the com-

ing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.

C Amen.

When all have been absolved, they greet each other in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you." The pastor concludes the exchange of peace with the Salutation and the Collect of the Day.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The service continues at the Readings

Old Testament Reading—Exodus 12:1–14

Gradual (Ps. 111:4–5)

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the LORD is gracious and merciful.

C He provides food for those who fear him;*

he remembers his covenant forever.

Epistle Reading—1 Corinthians 11:23–32

Tract (Ps. 111:4–5; John 6:55–56)

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"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.*

Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."

Gospel Reading—John 13:1–15

Hymns: 617, 436

The service concludes at the post-communion collect.

The services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday form one entity, the so-called Triduum (three days). Therefore, the Benediction will be said at the conclusion of the Triduum in the Easter Vigil.

READING FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM

P What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

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

P Where is this written?

C The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," shows us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

P Who receives this sacrament worthily?

C Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.