# WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH



### WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION

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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL + SEEK THE THIRSTY + TEACH THE WORD

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Betrayed by Judas, one of His twelve disciples. Betrayed by Judas for thirty pieces of silver. Betrayed by Judas with a kiss — imagine that, a kiss! Betrayed by Judas in a garden east of Jerusalem called Gethsemane. Betrayed! Jesus was betrayed for us. After betraying Jesus, Judas plunges into the depths of despair. He does not return to Jesus to seek forgiveness. But this Thursday, the night Jesus is betrayed, reminds us of the forgiveness, life, and salvation that Jesus provides for us in the Lord's Supper. May we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we journey ever closer to the cross.

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#### WELCOME

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated at Water of Life often as commanded by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We believe that as we eat and drink the bread and wine that Christ's true body and blood are present. This is an invitation, not only from Christ, but also from this congregation, to all those who have been baptized in faith, repent of their sins, and who set aside any refusal to forgive and love just as Christ demonstrated to us through his death and resurrection.

Holy Communion is a confession of faith, therefore taking it in an unworthy manner can cause great spiritual harm. *(See 1 Cor. 11:27-29.)* For this reason, we ask that if you have not been instructed, have concerns, or believe differently from the beliefs of this congregation, and yet wish to partake in Holy Communion, please speak with our Pastor or an Elder.



#### INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor As we continue our Lenten journey, we focus on the night when Jesus was betrayed.

- People We find Jesus' betrayer, Judas.
- Pastor Satan leads Judas to this grave sin.
- People Judas, the thief, betrays Jesus for money,
- Pastor But Judas isn't the only guilty person at the table.

People All of the disciples abandon Jesus.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

- Pastor Even as Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness, life, and salvation of His disciples, they all still fail Him. Even though we receive the Lord's Supper regularly for our forgiveness, life, and salvation, we still fail Jesus as well. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him with repentant hearts, seeking forgiveness.
- People Heavenly Father, we have betrayed You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have pursued other things as being more important than You. Forgive us, Lord, on account of Jesus.
- Pastor God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- People Amen.
- Pastor Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- People Yes.
- Pastor Though we abandon and betray our Lord, He never abandons or betrays us. Jesus Christ has taken away your sins and failures by His death and resurrection. Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen. We are welcomed and forgiven because of Jesus.

Pastor Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ++ peace.

People Amen.

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#### KYRIE

Pastor Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### **SALUTATION**

- Pastor The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

ALL Lord Jesus Christ, You endured betrayal and abandonment on the road to the cross. Strengthen us, through Your Word and Sacraments, to be faithful witnesses of Your resurrection to the world; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 12:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood,

I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

#### People Thanks be to God.

PSALM	Psalm 116:12-19		
Pastor <b>People</b>	What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,		
Pastor <b>People</b>	I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people. <b>Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.</b>		
Pastor	O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.		
People	I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the LORD.		
Pastor <b>People</b>	I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise 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.		

#### **EPISTLE READING**

#### 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

#### GRADUAL

ALL Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,

- so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
- He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

#### HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:21-30

PastorThe Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.PeopleGlory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in His spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." <sup>22</sup>The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom He spoke. <sup>23</sup>One of His disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table close to Jesus, <sup>24</sup>so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom He was speaking. <sup>25</sup>So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered, "It is He to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when He had dipped the morsel, He gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup>Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." <sup>28</sup>Now no one at the table knew why He said this to him. <sup>29</sup>Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup>So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

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ALL I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

#### And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



#### **SERMON HYMN**

O Love, How Deep

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- For us by wickedness betrayed,
  For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
  He bore the shameful cross and death;
  For us He gave His dying breath.
- For us He rose from death again;
   For us He went on high to reign;
   For us He sent His Spirit here
   To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- △ 7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad; The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

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#### SERMON

Witness to Christ: Judas Iscariot

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#### OFFERING

#### PRAYERS

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#### PREFACE

Pastor <b>People</b>	The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>	2 Timothy 4:22
Pastor <b>People</b>	Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>	Colossians 3:1
Pastor	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	Psalm 136

- People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again, and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### SANCTUS

ALL Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for You have had mercy on us and given Your onlybegotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

People Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

 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.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

#### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

- Pastor As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

#### PAX DOMINI

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

**DISTRIBUTION** ~ Welcome to the Lord's table. (An usher will direct you.)

John 20:19



- Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure, Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding: Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You; Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
- Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
  Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
  Jesus, joy of my desiring,
  Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
  At Your feet I cry, my maker,
  Let me be a fit partaker
  Of this blessèd food from heaven,
  For our good, Your glory, given.
- Lord, by love and mercy driven,
   You once left Your throne in heaven
   On the cross for me to languish
   And to die in bitter anguish,
   To forego all joy and gladness
   And to shed Your blood in sadness.
   By this blood redeemed and living,
   Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
  Let me gladly here obey You.
  By Your love I am invited,
  Be Your love with love requited;
  By this Supper let me measure,
  Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
  Through the gift of grace You give me
  As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- Pastor Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People Amen.

#### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

Pastor Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him" just after Judas had left to betray Him. After Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, the time for His death was drawing near. During the closing hymn, the altar will be stripped as a symbol of the abandonment our Lord endured in the hours that would follow and a reminder of how Jesus was stripped of His clothes and ultimately His life in payment for our sins. Those in attendance who wish to may come forward to receive a chancel item, and recess with the same, leaving by the center aisle. No benediction concludes this service as an indication that the worshipful reflection continues for three more days.

(As the closing hymn is sung, the lights are lowered, the candles are extinguished, and all the linens and adornments are removed.)





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## We depart in silence

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