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# HOLY THURSDAY

## MY CLOSE FRIEND

Have you ever been betrayed by someone close to you? You are not alone. King David prayed in Psalm 41:9, “Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.” To have a heel lifted against you is to receive a tremendous kick. It is a kick that sends you reeling and knocks the breath out of you—much like the feeling of being betrayed by a trusted friend. When trust has been broken, you can pray David’s words as your own and put your trust in the One whose betrayal they prophesy. For your Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took the pain and shame for you.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

### HYMN LSB #625 “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,  
May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed,  
In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,  
And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,  
To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide,  
Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,  
Refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.
- 3 O bread of heav’n, my soul’s delight,  
For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight  
In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me  
That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord,  
My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart’s discord,  
O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me  
That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**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.

## CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS

**P** During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and 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." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. As our Lord on this night exemplified this love by washing His disciples' feet, so we by our words and actions serve one another in love. For we are all one bread and one Body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one Body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

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.

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

**C** **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**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.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 12:1–14*

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the twelfth chapter.

<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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalms 41*

**P** Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

**C** **In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**

**P** the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;

**C** **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

**P** The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.

**C** **As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!”**

**P** My enemies say of me in malice, “When will he die and his name perish?”

**C** **And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**

**P** All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

**C** **They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”**

**P** Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

**C** **But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!**

**P** By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

**C** **But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.**

**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

**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

*1 Corinthians 11:23–32*

**P** The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the eleventh chapter.

<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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

VERSE

*John 13:1b*

Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

HOLY GOSPEL

*John 13:1–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him, <sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” <sup>10</sup>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.” <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

<sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. <sup>18</sup>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.’ <sup>19</sup>I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am He. <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the one who sent Me.”

<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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **HYMN LSB #445 “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”**

- 1** When You woke that Thursday morning,  
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,  
Knowing how the day would end;  
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,  
Now at last the hour had come  
When but One could pay sin’s wages:  
You assumed their dreadful sum.
- 2** Never so alone and lonely,  
Longing with tormented heart  
To be with Your dear ones only  
For a quiet hour apart:  
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,  
One last paschal meal to eat,  
One last lesson as their teacher,  
Washing Your disciples’ feet.
- 3** What was there that You could give them  
That would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them,  
What last will and testament?  
“Show Me and the world you love Me,  
Know Me as the Lamb of God:  
Do this in remembrance of Me,  
Eat this body, drink this blood.”
- 4** One in faith, in love united,  
All one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited,  
You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another  
In a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother,  
One in ev’ry place and time.

**5 One day all the Church will capture  
That bright vision glorious,  
And Your saints will know the rapture  
That Your heart desired for us,  
When the longed-for peace and union  
Of the Greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion  
In Your never-ending feast.**

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SERMON

*Psalm 41:9*

NICENE CREED

**C 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.**



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends - **P** Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

HYMN AFTER OFFERING – LSB #422 “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

**1** On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessèd 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!

OFFERTORY

LSB, p. 159

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB, p. 160

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** 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

*LSB, p. 161*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*LSB, p. 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who of Your tender love for all people gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. Gathered at His Table in the fellowship of all the saints, we pray You to send down Your Holy Spirit on us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Gathered at Your gracious invitation, we bring You our thanksgiving and pray that we be filled with all Your heavenly blessings; through Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB, p. 162*

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

**C** **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

*LSB, p. 162*

**P** 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  $\text{✝}$  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.”

## PAX DOMINI

*LSB*, p. 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

*LSB*, p. 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### **LSB #547 “The Lamb”**

**1** The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where’s the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

**ref** Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

**2** The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav’n His praise to sing. Refrain

- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain
- 4 He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain
- 5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain

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**LSB #680 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”**

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise  
Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head  
Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally  
Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree  
All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing  
Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes  
Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee  
Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing  
Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize  
Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise  
Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

**5** Thine the glory in the night  
No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree  
Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy  
Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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**LSB #619 “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”**

**1** Thy body, giv’n for me, O Savior,  
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

**2** With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain

**3** Who can condemn me now? For surely  
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely  
With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain

**4** Though death may threaten with disaster,  
It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master  
With aid and comfort e’er is near. Refrain

**5** My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
O blessèd, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

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**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-  
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

*LSB*, p. 166

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, gracious God, for having received us as guests at Your Table. We pray that You would remain with us at all times and in all places so that we may pass our earthly days in peace, assured of Your guidance and knowing the comfort of Your care and pardon. By the power of the Holy Spirit, rule our hearts and minds that we may serve You constantly; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN LSB #610 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”**

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me  
 And purge away my sin;  
 From worldly passions set me free  
 And make me pure within.
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me,  
 By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
 Let me Your loving servant be  
 And taste Your promised rest.

- 3 **Lord Jesus, think on me**  
Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery,  
O be my health and life!
- 4 **Lord Jesus, think on me**  
Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity  
Point out Your chosen way.
- 5 **Lord Jesus, think on me**  
That, when this life is past,  
I may the\_ eternal brightness see  
And share Your joy at last.

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+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

*The communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.*

PSALM

*Psalm 22*

- <sup>1</sup>My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?  
Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>**O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.**
- <sup>3</sup>Yet You are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>**In You our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and You delivered them.**
- <sup>5</sup>To You they cried and were rescued;  
in You they trusted and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>**But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**
- <sup>7</sup>All who see Me mock Me;  
they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;
- <sup>8</sup>**“He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him;  
let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!”**
- <sup>9</sup>Yet You are He who took Me from the womb;  
You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.

**<sup>10</sup>On You was I cast from My birth,  
and from My mother's womb You have been My God.**

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from Me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

**<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass Me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround Me;**

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at Me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

**<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all My bones are out of joint;  
My heart is like wax;  
it is melted within My breast;**

<sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and My tongue sticks to My jaws;  
You lay Me in the dust of death.

**<sup>16</sup>For dogs encompass Me;  
a company of evildoers encircles Me;  
they have pierced My hands and feet—**

<sup>17</sup>I can count all My bones—  
they stare and gloat over Me;

**<sup>18</sup>they divide My garments among them,  
and for My clothing they cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup>But You, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O You My help, come quickly to My aid!

**<sup>20</sup>Deliver My soul from the sword,  
My precious life from the power of the dog!**

<sup>21</sup>Save Me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

**<sup>22</sup>I will tell of Your name to My brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise Him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,  
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

**<sup>24</sup>For He has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and He has not hidden His face from Him,  
but has heard, when He cried to Him.**



<sup>25</sup>From You comes My praise in the great congregation;  
My vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

**<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before You.

**<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and He rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve Him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that He has done it.

*All leave the church in silence.*