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God on Trial

The unbelieving world has always insisted on putting God on trial. As our society becomes more secular, we Christians are increasingly aware of the many ways in which God—and his people—are judged. Temptations are many in this environment: treating unbelievers as enemies, retreating from the world, even questioning God ourselves. How do we live as people of God in this hostile world? We find our model—and our motivation—in Jesus. This series takes us back to the moments when God was literally on trial before men in the person of Christ. In these inspired episodes, we find forgiveness for us and all people, love for our enemies, strength for our faith, and courage to testify to the truth.

2024 Holy Week Services

Good Friday: Fri, March 29 (1:00PM & 6:30PM)

Easter Dawn: Sun, March 31 (6:30AM)

Breakfast served between services. Easter for Families from 9:00-9:30AM.

Easter Day: Sun, March 31 (10:30AM)

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Holy Thursday

Emanuel First Evangelical

Lutheran Church

March 28th, 2024

Order Of Worship:

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Compline is a word that can be translated as “end.” It was historically a service of meditation and prayer to close, or end the day. As we work to become familiar with our new hymnal, it will serve as the primary guide for worship. The service folder contains specific readings and prayers for each service, and will assist with corresponding pages in the hymnal.

Holy Thursday is also known as Maundy Thursday. The name “Maundy” comes from the “new command” (Latin: novum mandatum) which Jesus gave to his disciples on this night. That command is in John 13:34, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” The institution, or establishment, of the Lord’s Supper, which we celebrate tonight, sets forth the depth of Jesus’ love for us. The Lord’s Supper also gives us the power to live out Christ’s command.

In this Holy Thursday service, we will also celebrate the Lord’s Supper. If you are a communicant member of another WELS congregation, we invite you to share this Sacrament with us. If you are not yet a member of our church, we ask you to honor our Biblical practice of close communion and refrain from coming forward until you have completed doctrinal discussions with one of our pastors. (Please read “Attending the Lord’s Supper” for more information. Pamphlets are in the Capitol Ave. entryway.)

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HYMN: 416 When You Woke that Thursday Morning

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PSALM: 116

PSALM PRAYER: 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.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:21-30

²¹Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and

take lambs for yourselves according to your family size, and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²²You shall take a bundle of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and paint the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you are to go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³When the LORD passes through to strike Egypt and sees the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over that door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.

²⁴“You shall observe these instructions as a perpetual regulation for you and your descendants. ²⁵When you enter the land that the LORD will give you just as he said he would, you shall observe this ceremony. ²⁶So when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷you will say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the Passover to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt. When he struck the Egyptians, he spared our houses.’”

The people bowed down and worshipped. ²⁸The Israelites went and did all this. They did just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on his throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon, even all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰During the night Pharaoh got up—he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians—and there was a loud outcry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not someone dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL: Luke 22:7-20

⁷The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the

Passover lamb. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it.”

⁹They said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare it?”

¹⁰He told them, “Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. ¹¹Tell the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” ¹²He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there.” ¹³They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. ¹⁵He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

¹⁹He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

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Be seated

HYMN: 669 *In This Holy, Blest Communion*

SERMON: Luke 22:7-20

GOD ON TRIAL: RESPITE

THE OFFERING

The members of Emanuel Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord’s work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.