

**Blessed Savior Lutheran Church**

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Worship –9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45 am

**SAVIOR, SERVANT, FRIEND  
SERVICE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15*

**INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

**P:** As the disciples gathered together with Jesus in an upper room, we now gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

**C:** **Who stand by night in the house of the Lord. (Psalm 134:1)**

**P:** The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

**C:** **None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. (Psalm 34:22)**

**P:** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,

**C:** **And to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)**

**P:** Having loved his own who were in the world,

**C:** **He loved them to the end. (John 13:1)**

**P:** What a friend we have in Jesus

**C:** **All our sins and griefs to bear!**

**OPENING HYMN NO 623** “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav’n.

By faith your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray;  
O, keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven's high and holy feast.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, sin and shame accuse, yet You invite us to confess our sins and receive Your forgiveness. Hear us now as we confess our sins.

**C: Like the disciples, we gather here with hearts full of betrayal.**

P: Our sinful thoughts, words and deeds have betrayed You, O Lord.

**C: Like the disciples, we gather here with minds full of arguments.**

P: Our relationships have been marred by fighting, pride and disputes.

**C: Like the disciples, we gather here having denied You in many ways.**

P: Our sinful lives and actions have denied that we know Jesus.

**C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

*(Please silently reflect on how the servant-love of Jesus, washes away our sin).*

P: Friends: Though our sin betrays Jesus, He never betrays us. Though we argue about our own greatness, Jesus is greater than our pride. Though we deny him through our sin, Jesus forgives you of all of your sins. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, you are forgiven and cleansed, redeemed and a new creation. Take heart in the servant-love of Your friend, Jesus!

**C: What a friend we have in Jesus!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 145:15-17

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. <sup>16</sup>You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. <sup>17</sup>The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**    Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector:            This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:            Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**    John 13:3-16 (*Please rise.*)

Pastor:            The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

**People:            Glory be to You, O Lord.**

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. (*Please be seated.*)

Pastor:            This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:            Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN NO 543** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!**  
**What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**  
**What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss**  
**To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,**  
**To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,**  
**When I was sinking down, sinking down,**  
**When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,**  
**Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,**  
**Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

**SERMON** "Water, Blood, and Spirit" 1 John 5:5-12    Seminarian Brett Arrasmith

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYERS**

P:     O love, how deep, how broad, how high. And this love has come to us through our servant-friend, Jesus. Hear us now, Lord, as we pray. Cleanse us from our sin and wash away all our iniquity through Your precious blood shed for us on the cross.

**C:     Lord, hear our prayer.**

P:     Feed us with Your very body and blood so that we are strengthened and nourished for life and faith in You.

**C:     Lord, hear our prayer.**

P:     Teach us to love and serve others just as You have loved and served us.

**C:     Lord, hear our prayer.**

P:     Keep us vigilant and awake in our faith so that we remain watchful for Your coming.

**C:     Lord, hear our prayer.**

P:     Prepare us for this Holy Week as we recall Your Passion and crucifixion, Your burial and glorious resurrection after three days.

**C:     Lord, hear our prayer.**

P:     Send us out to be witnesses of Your love and service, Your Good News and promise to make all things new.

**C:     Lord, hear our prayer.**

P:     Empower us to love like You love, serve like You serve, care like You care and be a friend like You are our friend.

**C:     Lord, hear our prayer.**

P:     Jesus, draw us ever closer to friendship with You.

**C:     What a servant you are. Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**P:** 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** Consecration of the Sacrament and Distribution.

**BENEDICTION**

**P:** Jesus invited his disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane with Him, saying “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me” (Matthew 26:38). Let us watch for Jesus as we journey on toward the cross and toward the empty tomb. The Lord bless you and keep you as His dear friend. Amen.

**C:** **What a friend we have in Jesus!**

**THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*(Leave in silence.)*

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