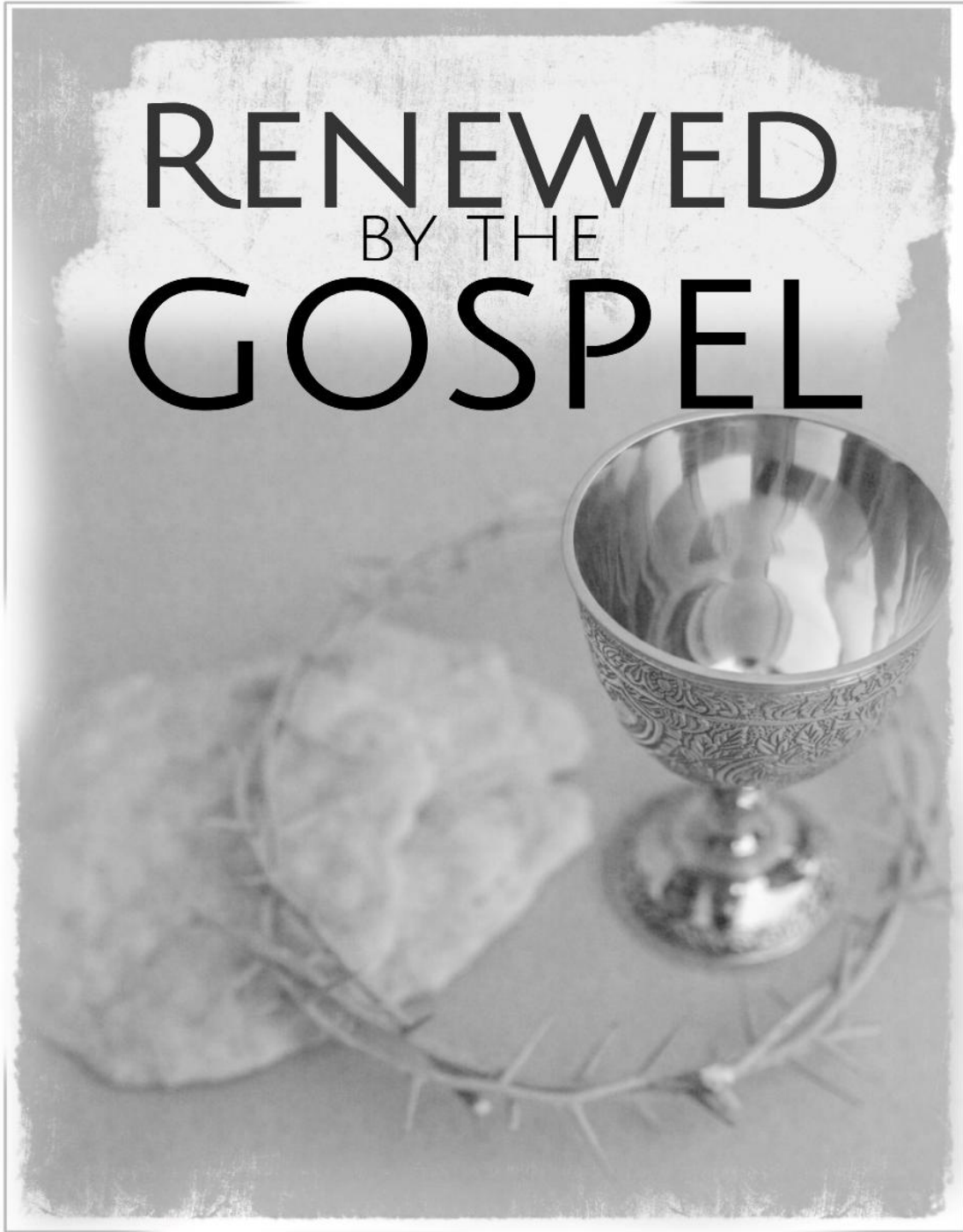


RENEWED BY THE GOSPEL



HOLY THURSDAY

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Welcome to God's House

On Thursday of Holy Week, Jesus began to execute the terms of the New Covenant. This New Covenant replaced an old one and was fundamentally different from it in every way. While the Old Covenant was more like a contract, the New Covenant is more like a will. The old offers rewards in return for work; the new makes unconditional and lasting promises. The old will always leave us starving in our relationship with God; the new satisfies the deepest hunger of our soul.

This is why Jesus connected this new covenant with a special meal. To the outsider, the Lord's Supper looks like a poor snack—a bite of bread and sip of wine. But the followers of Christ understand that this holy food provides all the blessings of the new covenant – it renews us by the Gospel.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn When You Woke that Thursday Morning #416:1, 3, 5



1 When you woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior, teach - er,
3 What was there that you could give them that would nev - er
5 One day all the Church will cap - ture that bright vi - sion



faith-ful friend, thoughts of self and safe - ty scorn - ing, know - ing
be out - spent, what great gift that would out - live them, what last
glo - ri - ous, and your saints will know the rap - ture that your



how the day would end; Lamb of God, fore - told for
will and tes - ta - ment? "Show me and the world you
heart de - sired for us, when the longed - for peace and



a - ges, now at last the hour had come when but One could
love me, know me as the Lamb of God: do this in re -
un - ion of the great - est and the least meet in joy - ous,



pay sin's wa - ges: you as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
mem - brance of me, eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
blest com - mun - ion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one

another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never tires of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. We should not doubt this absolution but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion, first instituted on this night, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

As we begin the solemn celebration of our Lord's passion, let us confess our sins to him, receive his forgiveness, and be reconciled to God and each other in Christian love.

Holy God, gracious Father,

**I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts,
words, and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the Lord.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

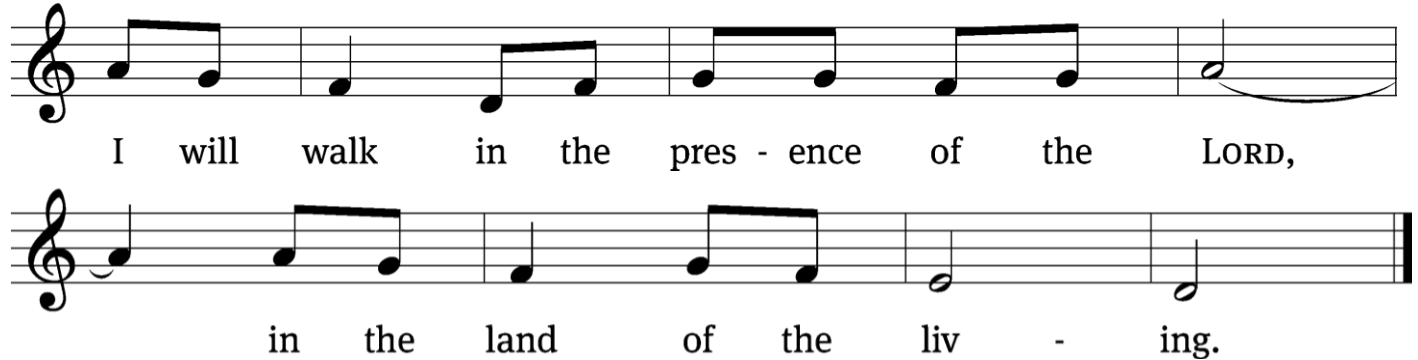
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116

I Will Walk in the Presence of the Lord - Psalm 116B

Refrain



I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;

he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,

I will call on him as long as I live.

The Lord is gracious and righteous;

when I was brought low, he saved me. Refrain

What shall I return to the Lord

for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the Lord.

Precious in the sight / of the Lord

is the death of his faithful servants.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:15-25

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

¹⁶ “This is the covenant I will make with them
after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds.”

¹⁷ Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more.”

¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer
necessary.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the
Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened
for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great
priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart
and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to
cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with
pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who
promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on
toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are
in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as
you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 11:26

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's
death until he comes.

Glory, praise, and honor be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

⁹ “Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

¹⁰ He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹² He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.”

¹³ They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

It Was a Dark and Dismal Night #417

It was a dark and dismal night when pow'rs of earth and hell arose
against the Son, our God's delight, and friends betrayed him to his foes.

Before the mournful scene began, he took the bread and blessed and broke.
What love through all his actions ran! What wondrous words of grace he
spoke!

“This is my body, slain for sin; receive and eat the living food.”
Then took the cup and blessed the wine: “This is my all-atoning blood.”

“Do this,” he said, “till time shall end, in mem’ry of your dying friend;
meet at my table and record the love of your departed Lord.”

Jesus, your feast we celebrate; we show your death; we sing your name
till you return and we shall eat the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Sermon

Psalm 51:10-13

Renewed by the Gospel

Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he
rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, in you alone are deliverance and strength. You have given your new covenant to us to assure us of our deliverance in you.

We will lift up the cup of salvation. **We will call on the name of the Lord.**

You have opened up a new and living way for us into the presence of God.

Through Word and Sacrament strengthen and keep us in the true faith.

We will lift up the cup of salvation. **We will call on the name of the Lord.**

As we partake of your body and blood, draw us together as one body in faith. Strengthen our faith in you. Increase our love for one another.

We will lift up the cup of salvation. **We will call on the name of the Lord.**

Lord Jesus, you displayed your love to your disciples by giving them a new covenant in your body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Fill us with hope as we look to the day when we will eat and drink with you when your feast is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

We will lift up the cup of salvation. **We will call on the name of the Lord.**

Let this Holy Supper bring your healing and rest to those who are weary and burdened by sin, guilt and the troubles of this world. Cheer us with your real presence. Pardon us with your declaration of forgiveness. Unite us to yourself and to one another.

We will lift up the cup of salvation. **We will call on the name of the Lord.**

Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow

Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and thank you for your grace, that you gave us this new covenant in which we eat your body and drink your blood. By your Holy Spirit, help us to use this gift worthily, to confess and forsake our sins, to confidently believe that we are forgiven in you, and to grow in faith and love day by day until we come at last to the joy of eternal salvation; you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

SEELLENBRÄUTIGAM #1074

Tune: SEELLENBRÄUTIGAM



1 Round God's throne on high blaz-ing an-gels cry, sing-ing,
2 Blest be Da-vid's Son! In God's name he comes, grace and

"Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord, we praise you for your glo-ry,
par-don to pro-vide us. Sing, "Ho-san-na in the high-est!"

shin-ing bright-ly forth, fill-ing heav'n and earth."
Je-sus, hear our plea: come and set us free!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

HAMBURG #1013

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can-celled

cross to bleed and die, in per-fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per-fect love will

took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer-cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor; there with joy your praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded has this wondrous supper founded.

He, though reigning high and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him, and with loving rev'rence greet him,
for with words of life immortal he is knocking at your portal.

Open wide the gates before him, saying, as you there adore him:

Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, that I nevermore will leave you.

He who craves a precious treasure neither cost nor pain will measure,
but the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.

Though the wealth of earth were proffered, naught would buy the gifts here
offered: Christ's true body, for you riven, and his blood, for you once given.

Now I kneel before you lowly, filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder on your mighty work I ponder,
by such mystery surrounded, depths that no one ever sounded.

None may dare to pierce unbidden secrets that with you are hidden.

Human reason, though it ponders, cannot fathom these great wonders,
that Christ's body must be boundless since the souls it feeds are countless,
and that he his blood is giving with the wine we are receiving.

These great mysteries unsounded are by God alone expounded.

Lord, by love and mercy driven, you have left your throne in heaven
on the cross for me to languish and to die in bitter anguish,
to forgo all joy and gladness and to shed your blood in sadness.

By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

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 blessed food from heaven for our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, Lord of life in heaven, help me when this meal is given
to receive it for my blessing as I come, my sins confessing.

In this supper let me measure, Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,
that, as I on earth have eaten, I may be your guest in heaven.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you
have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith,
nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to
live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your
guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing #930:1-2

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.



Please join us for our remaining Holy Week worship opportunities...

Good Friday

Easter Sunrise

Easter Breakfast

Easter Festival

Tomorrow, April 18th at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 20th at 6:00 a.m.

served from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Invite a friend, neighbor or relative for one / all of the worship services this Holy Week to celebrate the new life we have through Christ's work!

We thank Anna Bode, who served as our accompanist this evening.

Pick up a new *Forward in Christ* from the cabinets in the entryway.
Church calendars for April are available as well.

Holy Week Devotional *The Foolishness of the Cross* is the latest devotion book from Martin Luther College. It contains a devotion for each day of this Holy Week, April 13-20, written by MLC faculty. It's only available online this year. Go to www.mlc-wels.edu/, scroll down and sign up by clicking on the "Holy Week Devotions" link.

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