445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPNeAjThiQw

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.


Stand

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father,
   beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

   P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
   C who made heaven and earth.
   P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
   C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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 Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us
   and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to
   become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized
   shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.
Maundy Thursday  
\[9\text{ April 2020}\]

Service of the Word

**Introit**  
Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;* our God is merciful.  
I love the LORD, because he has heard* my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,* therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  

*C Gloria be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Kyrie**  
LSB 186

*C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*C And with thy spirit.

P The Lord be with you.  
P Let us pray.  
O Lord, in the wondrous Sacrament of the Altar, You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that each time we 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. Amen.

**Sit**

**Old Testament Reading**  
Exodus 24:3–11

3Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.”  
4And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.  
5And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD.  
6And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar.  
7Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.”  
8And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”  
9Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up,  
10and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness.  
11And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.  

*A This is the Word of the Lord.

**Epistle**  
Hebrews 9:11–22

11When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)  
12he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.  
13For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh,  
14how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.  
15Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.  
16For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it
must be established. 17 For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. 18 Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. 19 For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” 21 And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. 22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

\[A\] This is the Word of the Lord.

\[C\] Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

\[P\] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

\[C\] Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

\[17\] Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” \[18\] He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” \[19\] And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

\[20\] When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. \[21\] And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” \[22\] And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” \[23\] He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me.” \[24\] The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” \[25\] Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

\[26\] Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” \[27\] And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, \[28\] for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. \[29\] I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

\[30\] And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

\[P\] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

\[C\] Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

\[C\] I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

Sit

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwnVOLqYrb8 stop at 1:53 )

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.

2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav’nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow’rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.

Sermon

Grace, Mercy and Peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

This evening we celebrate Maundy Thursday and remember Jesus’s command of the Lord’s Supper. And so, it is meet and salutary that we consider the 3rd Commandment, Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Luther rightly explains that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The scientific community has connected hearing loss and dementia. Studies have shown a 30%-40% faster mental decline for those of us who struggle with hearing loss. Some have suggested that not hearing causes one to be isolated and therefore the brain is less stimulated, the brain works harder to hear, shifting resources from other cognitive activity, and/or less hearing transmissions mean less activity in the brain. It is possible that all three work together.

Just as hearing loss is thought to contribute to a loss of mental capacity, not hearing God’s word contributes to a loss of faith. Paul tells the Romans “17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (10:17). How do we hear the word of Christ? In Baptism, we hear Christ’s words “I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We hear God’s Word spoken and proclaimed as we gather for worship, in the Divine Service. The Divine Service is God serving us His Word, giving His gifts to His people. Most of our liturgies, our Divine Services, are scriptural and are noted as such in the Lutheran Service Book. God speaks to us, serves us, gives us forgiveness, life and salvation. We hear Jesus speak the forgiveness of sins, either in the Absolution announced by a Pastor or the Declaration of grace.” Sins forgiven, we hear God’s word in the Introit, sing his praise in the Kyrie and Hymn of Praise. We pray together the collect, derived from the readings we are about to hear. We hear God’s word written to the people of the Old Testament, to the Christian Church in the Epistle, and the Gospel, the Good News of God’s presence with us in the person of Jesus Christ. Then, having heard God’s word, we confess our faith using the Apostles’ or Nicene Creed, brief statements of faith derived from Scriptures. A sermon hymn is sung, and we hear a sermon – God’s Good News, God’s Plan of Salvation, God’s timeless Word brought to God’s people in a particular time and location. We end the Service of the Word with our Offerings and Prayers. In the Service of the Sacrament, we hear the Words of Our Lord, the words through which the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus, our Savior. We hear His words spoken at
the Last Supper; His words still spoken today. God’s Word for God’s people. We receive in our mouths God’s real presence, in, with and under the bread and wine as we hear the words “the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins” and “the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. For You. Specifically, for you. God’s gift to sustain you. God’s gift for the forgiveness of sins, for life and salvation for you. For you. The very body and blood of Christ given for you and to you.

What else do you hear? Do you listen to the news, primarily bad news, news of mankind sinning against one another, sin that seems to get worse and worse each day, leading us to be concerned for your children and their children? How does what you hear affect you? Does what you hear lead you to God or away from God? Does what you hear lead you to worry? Do other things upset you like politics instead of problem solving or the Cardinals giving up a lead to the Cubs? Does what you hear about Corona Virus cause fear and anxiety, especially in Christian and Montgomery counties?

How do other messages you hear impact your life? Do you hear the messages of this world telling you that you get to choose what is right or wrong for you? Do you listen to the world tell you that you are one to whom you can turn in every need? That God didn’t create the world, but instead it evolved through random chance? Do you hear that life is what you make it? That living together outside of marriage is ok? That you need to make the most of every moment of your life. That life is all about what you do, how you act, who you are? That you must have the latest and greatest, driving us to be consumers, bombarded with ads to buy more and have more? Do you hear the world telling you that this life is all there is, urging you to do everything you can to lengthen your life?

That is not God’s plan for you. God’s plan for you is that you be His Child, an heir of His Heavenly Kingdom, to hear His Word and rest securely in Him. No worries about being good enough. No worries about having done enough. No worries about having enough. For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life. God sends the Holy Spirit to work faith in your heart through the hearing of His Word, you are called to the waters of Baptism to be born of water and the spirit. God calls you to the Lord’s Supper to receive Jesus’s Body and Blood for the remission of your sins. All your sins. Your sins of not being in God’s Word. Your sins of desiring the things of this world instead of the things of God. Your sins of listening to other messages that draw you away from Him.

Your life is about what God has done for you. God sent Jesus into the world to reconcile the world to Himself. As we celebrate Maundy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper. Knowing what lies before Him, Jesus celebrates the Passover with His disciples, recalling the mighty acts of salvation that God worked for His People, the People of Israel, freeing them from bondage in Egypt, bringing them through the waters of the sea to be His Chosen people, His people with whom He is pleased to dwell. In the context of the salvation of the people of Israel, Jesus gives us the Lord’s Supper, the new covenant in His Blood for the forgiveness of sins. Knowing that He is about to be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and lay down his life to atone for the sins of all mankind, the perfect for the imperfect, He gives us His body and His blood for the forgiveness of sins.

God calls you by His Word and sends His Holy Spirit to work faith in your heart and to call you to be his dear child in Sacrament of Baptism. The Holy Spirit strengthens you through the hearing of His word and the reception of the sacrament. Assured of your salvation earned for
you by Jesus on the Cross, you can rest in God and in God’s Word, God’s promises. Strengthened in your faith, you live as God’s child, hearing His voice, His Word, not the words of the world that would draw you away from Him. Strengthened in your faith, The Holy Spirit calls you to a life of repentance, a life of turning away what you hear from the world, instead looking to God for all good things and help in time of need. And in his Word, and the Sacrament, you will find rest, forgiveness, life and Salvation. Amen.

And now, may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

\[P\] The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

\[C\] Amen.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office in Your Church that, by their devoted service, faith may abound and Your kingdom increase. Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the holy Sacraments, making them perfect in love and in all good works, and establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially the president and congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of Illinois and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws Help them to serve this people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Take from us all hatred and prejudice, give us the spirit of love, and order our days in Your peace. Prosper the labor of those who work to bring peace and justice to the nations of the world that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let Your blessing remain upon the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who put their hands to any useful task. Give them the just rewards for their labor and the knowledge that their work is a blessing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity especially Greg & Jo Lyons. Be with those who suffer persecution for the faith. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, especially
the families and friends of Barbara Jaeger, David Benning and Edna Benning, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**
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**

**Closing Collect**
Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Benediction omitted due to Paschal Triduum** The church has considered Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter as a single event instead of our modern opinion of three events. Hence, the Benediction will be given on Easter Sunday.

**436 Go to Dark Gethsemane** ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2140dZpLdU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2140dZpLdU))

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,  
   All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;  
   Your Redeemer’s conflict see,  
   Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
   Turn not from His griefs away;  
   Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall,  
   View the Lord of life arraigned;  
   Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
   Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
   Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss;  
   Learn from Him to bear the cross.

3 Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb;  
   There, adoring at His feet,  
   Mark that miracle of time,  
   God’s own sacrifice complete.  
   “It is finished!” hear Him cry;  
   Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb  
   Where they laid His breathless clay;  
   All is solitude and gloom.  
   Who has taken Him away?  
   Christ is ris’n! He meets our eyes.  
   Savior, teach us so to rise.

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