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**Maundy Thursday
Here I Stand—Standing in Faith
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Welcome by the Pastor

Opening Hymn: CWS 717 “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The cup of blessing that we bless,

C: Is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

P: The bread that we break,

C: Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

P: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body,

C: For we all partake of the one loaf.

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and actions. We follow our sinful desires and the temptations of the world. Called to faith we often turn from your Word to live in faithless ways. We doubt Your Word when it contradicts what we can see and hear. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

P: God has had mercy on us. He sent His Son to save us. Through Jesus' death we have forgiveness and life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Lord, nourish us with Your Word and with our Savior's body and blood. Help us to stand firm in faith in Jesus' name.

(to be sung)

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, great and free.**

**I am trusting Thee for cleansing in the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy by Thy blood. *(tune CW 446)***

Old Testament 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." (NIV 2011)

Video Segment of the Marburg Colloquy

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (NIV 2011)

(to be sung)

**O grant, most blessed Lord, that earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament raise doubt within my mind.**

**Oh, may I never fail to thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.** *(tune CW 475)*

Gospel Reading Luke 22:14-20

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. (NIV 2011)

Confession of Faith: The Reception of Holy Communion (Luther's Small Catechism)

P: Fourth: Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

C: Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."

But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.

(to be sung)

**Your table I approach; dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart prove hurtful to me there.**

**Your body and Your blood, once slain and shed for me.
Are taken at Your table, Lord, in blest reality.**

**Search not how this takes place, this wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more than what we think could be. *(tune CW 475)***

“The bread He proffers is His Body, and the cup or wine is His Blood, or the New Testament in His Blood. In childlike faith we should partake, without doubting, and believe it to be so.” (Martin Luther, a sermon for Maundy Thursday, 1534)

Sermon Theme: **Here I Stand—Standing in Faith**

The Offering

The Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, You have given us Your body and blood. Although we cannot understand this mystery, we give You thanks and praise for this saving, nourishing gift. Each time we partake in this holy Supper, we remember Your death until You come again. Lord, we believe.

C: Help us to stand strong in faith.

P: Lord Jesus, there are many competing voices in the world around us, each calling for our attention and calling us to listen and believe the lies. Turn our ears and heart to hear Your voice in Your holy Word so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may stand firm in faith. Lord, we believe.

C: Help us to stand strong in faith.

P: Lord Jesus, we pray that through our service You would bring strength and comfort to those who are suffering in illness, loss or fear. Strengthen them in faith during these times of weakness and doubt. Lead us to share Your love with them so that they too will grow in grace. Lord, we believe.

C: Help us to stand strong in faith. Amen.

The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you. (*2 Timothy 4:22*)

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. (*Colossians 3:1*)

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (*Psalms 136*)

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Sanctus

P: In the year that King Uzziah died [Isaiah] saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

C: **Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!** (*Isaiah 6:1-3*)

P: [As Jesus entered Jerusalem,] the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting,

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!** (*Matthew 21:9*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord (*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*)

Proclamation of Christ

P: St. Paul wrote in the Epistle, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf." (*1 Corinthians 10:16-17*)

Fellow members of the one Body of Christ, "As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." (*1 Corinthians 11:26*)

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** (*Revelation 22:20b*)

P: Lord Jesus, in giving us Your body and blood in this Sacrament You enable us to remember Your life, Your bitter passion and death, Your rest in the tomb, Your glorious resurrection and ascension; we await Your return. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us always to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

The Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. (*John 20:19*)

C: **Amen.**

Lamb of God

P: "[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'" (*John 1:29*)

C: **Have mercy on us.**

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: **grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Our Communion Practice

New Life Lutheran Church practices “close communion.” We ask that only members of this congregation or other WELS congregations partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice.

Distribution (No hymn will be sung during the distribution)

The Nunc Dimittis

1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace, Your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, The

The first system of musical notation for 'The Nunc Dimittis'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: '1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace, Your' and '2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, The'.

word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing

The second system of musical notation. It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: 'word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -' and 'Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing'.

va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.

The third system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.' and 'in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.'

Post Communion Collect:

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of Your Son, given and shed for the remission of our sins. We ask that it strengthen our faith so that it may remain constant throughout time until we join saints and angels to praise Him for His innocent suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

P: Return, O my soul, to your rest;

C: For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

P: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

C: I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: CW 315 “**Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face**”

As the closing hymn is sung, the altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord’s abandonment and in preparation for Good Friday.

After the closing hymn, the congregation disperses quietly into the night.

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Good Friday Service of Tenebrae will be held tomorrow at 7:00 PM.

Easter Breakfast will take place on Sunday morning at 8:15 AM. There is a sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level if you’d like to bring something.

Easter Sunday Worship Service will be held at 9:30 AM this Sunday. An Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 10:45 AM.



“Hoc est corpus meum.”

The Marburg Colloquy is the name given to the meeting between Ulrich Zwingli and Martin Luther in 1529. Luther and Zwingli had corresponded in the early years of the Reformation and they met at Marburg in October 1529.

Luther believed what the Bible teaches, that Christ is really present in His true body and blood in the sacrament (the doctrine of real presence). Zwingli believed that the communion service was a commemoration of Christ's sacrifice and that the bread and wine were purely symbolic (the false teaching of representation).

The disagreement boiled down to the Latin words, “*hoc est corpus meum--this is my body.*” Either you believe what the word says even though you can't understand how this can be, or you allow your reason to be the final determinant and reject Jesus' simple statement. In the painting above, you see Luther, who has written “hoc est” on the table, pointing to those simple words.

Though the colloquy began in a cordial way, with joint worship and communion, after the colloquy was over, the differences became obvious. Luther refused to shake hands with Zwingli when he departed. He declared that Zwingli had a “different spirit.” The disagreement between Zwingli and Luther remains today as one of the differences between Lutherans and the Evangelicals in America.



