

Lambs at Pasture™

Maundy Thursday

2018

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except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;

by him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us,

that your way may be known on earth,

your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

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DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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TRACT

Psalm 111:4-5; John 6:55-56

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB #445 – When You Woke That Thursday Morning

CATECHISM CONNECTION: The Sacrament of the Altar (pages 30-31)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so 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.

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THE GOSPEL

Read John 13:1-15 (34-35)

What feast is being celebrated? (verse 1)

The Feast of the Passover

Who is to betray Jesus? (verse 2)

Judas Iscariot

What is the significance of Jesus washing the disciples' feet? (verses 6-10)

The washing of the disciples' feet points to the regenerative and renewing nature of the one-time washing of holy Baptism. There is one Baptism, as the Apostle writes (Ephesians 4:5). Jesus is not instituting a doctrine of multiple baptisms here, but rather teaching what Baptism does. We return to that one washing when we recall the gracious gift of the forgiveness of sins we received in that Sacrament.

Why did Jesus say not everyone was clean after He washed their feet? (verses 10-11)

Judas, the one who would betray Jesus, refused to believe that Jesus was the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; his heart was hardened, much like Pharaoh of old.

Judas' lack of belief did not negate the power of holy Baptism, rather, he outright refused the gifts Baptism bestows.

What are verses 14-15 instructing us to do and how does this relate to the new commandment Jesus gives in verse 34?

We are to forgive the sins of others, just as Jesus forgives our sins.

We are to love one another, just as Jesus loves you.



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