

We welcome you in the name of our Savior whose glory still shines in the dark world. May the gifts of salvation, which he alone can give be yours in abundance through faith in him. If you are a guest with us, please sign our guest register at the bottom of the stairs on your way out. We invite you to worship with us again.

Order of Service: “Evening Prayer” on Page 52 in *Christian Worship*. (After the offering on page 58 we will turn to page 32 in CW for the Holy Communion liturgy).

Hymns: 309 + 136 + 135 + 316

Psalm of the Day: 116 on Page 107

Choir: The choir will be singing “*Not All the Blood of Beasts*” after the Epistle Lesson.

Scripture lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14 (NIV) *God gives his people instructions concerning the first Passover and their subsequent annual celebration of the day when God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.*

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family,

one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. ¹² "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. ¹⁴ "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD -a lasting ordinance.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:16,17 (NIV) *Paul draws our attention to the real presence of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. We enjoy close fellowship with the Lord in the company of those Christians with whom we share a common confession of faith.*

¹⁶Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

Gospel: Mark 14:12-26 (NIV): *Jesus and his disciples celebrate their last Passover together. Jesus then replaces the Passover with the Lord's Supper. In this sacrament we receive that which purchased our redemption-the body and blood of the Lord. It is given to us as the seal of the New Covenant. This sacred meal is also a foretaste of the feast that the saints will enjoy with Jesus in heaven.*

¹²On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. ¹⁷When evening

came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely not I?" ²⁰"It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." ²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." ²³Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. ²⁵"I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God." ²⁶When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Sermon Text: Matthew 26:26-28; Luke 22:19,20

“He Spoke a Word of Invitation”

- I. To a meal that unites us sinner with our Savior
- II. To a meal paid for by our Savior.

Special Notes:

***Thank you** to Lynn Jungen from Bethany, Manitowoc, for playing organ, and to the choir for singing to help beautify the service.

***Just a reminder** for people who have signed up to bring things for the Easter Breakfast. Please have ingredients there by **8:30 A.M. Saturday morning.**

***Holy Week Worship Schedule:** Good Friday: 1:00 P.M. Worship with Holy Communion. Easter Sunday: 7:00 A.M. Sunrise Service, 8:00 A.M. Easter Breakfast, 8:45 A.M. Egg Hunt over at Family Center, 9:30 A.M. Worship. (The Easter Egg hunt is open to pre-k and under through 7th grade).

***MLHS Surveys need to be turned** in by Easter Sunday, as they will be picked up Monday morning.

***Trinity Band** will be warming up at 9:00 A.M. on Easter Sunday.