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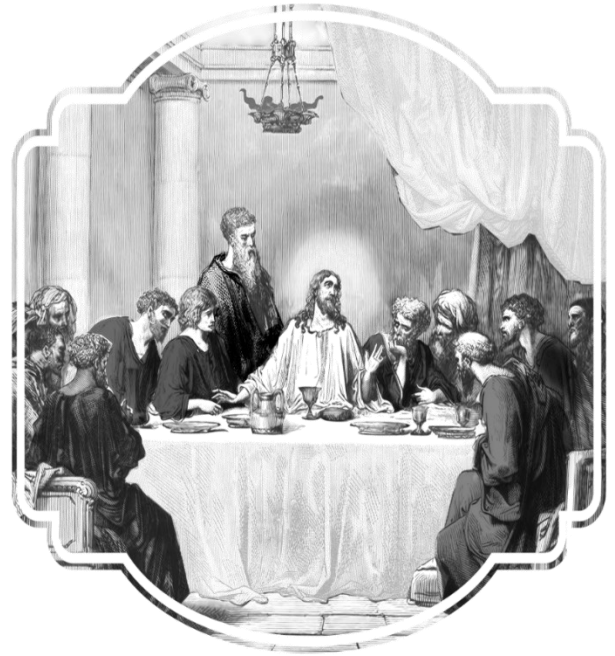


March 28, 2024

**Maundy Thursday**  
**ELW SETTING THREE**

7:00 pm

*This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*



### **PREPARATION**

Prelude

### **GATHERING**

**Confession and Forgiveness:** P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season...with one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God, C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day: P: Holy God, source of all love, **on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn 'Lamb of God' #336

### **WORD**

First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 OT pg. 45

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NT pg. 133

Solo 'The Power of the Cross' Liv Wollschlager

Accompanied by Lisa Berdan

Gospel Acclamation 'Return to the Lord...' pg. 142

Holy Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35 NT pg. 82-83

P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord... **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Rev. Melissa Gall

Passing of the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

#### **Offering Collection and Presentation**

Offertory Hymn 'Where Charity and Love Prevail' #359

Offertory Prayer

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and... We pray this in your name. **C: Amen.**

Prayers for the People of God

P: ... Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

### **SHARING THE MEAL**

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken) p. 144

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Words of Institution

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... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord's Prayer

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**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.**

'Lamb of God'

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Communion Distribution

*First Communion students and families will lead us in communion. Please sing quietly as Kaitlyn will announce the names of the first communion students. Please come forward up to the rail with your family as your name is read.*

Distribution Hymn:

'Were You There' vs. 1-4

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Distribution Hymn:

'Ah, Holy Jesus'

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- 1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**
- 2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**
- 3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.**
- 4. For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.**
- 5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee; think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.**

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt. Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662.

Distribution Hymn:

'Go To Dark Gethsemane' vs. 1-3

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- 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.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854. Music: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901.

Eucharistic Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

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P: Lord Jesus, Bless the children who came forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time and bless all families and friends who also communed with them tonight. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of partaking in this gift. Give all a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. **C: Amen**

Special Music

'Stay With Me'

Sr Choir

*Silent Reflection.*

*There is no blessing or dismissal as the service continues tomorrow.  
All depart in silence when you are ready.*

**Thank you to Rev. Melissa Gall leading us and our ministry assistants tonight:**

Marilyn Hanson (organist), Archer Dorry (lector), Bryson & Bennett (acolytes), & Marilyn Chindvall (lay assistant), Marina Thomson & Terry Kalberg (tech desk), and Liz Ketz and Kristi & Darin Ehrenberg (ushers).

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## Those Receiving First Communion Today:

*Tenley, daughter of Tyler and Alicia Adelman*  
*Vayda, daughter of Cody and Jennifer Backstrand*  
*Poppy, daughter of Ashton and Caiti Conroy*  
*Reba, daughter of Kris and Nikki Evje*  
*Jake, son of Eric and Beth Fladhammer*  
*Arlie, daughter of Kyle and Courtney Giese*  
*Mason, son of Dustin and Ashley Hanson*  
*Owen, son of Alan and Amy Hodenfield*  
*Hayden, daughter of Holly Kannas and Clay Kannas*  
*Baylor, son of Jason and Kandra Kellen*  
*Bohdi, son of Dustin and Jamie Kindelberger*  
*Jaxton, son of Randy and Nicole Koch*  
*Avery, son of Cass and Emily Sigler*  
*Brinley, daughter of Mac and Kayla Minder*  
*Kova, daughter of Tim and Kalika Thompson*  
*Hannah, daughter of Dave and Katie Webster*  
*Landri, daughter of Josh and Sara Wollschlager*  
*Henry, son of Josh and Rachel Zinski*  
*Joey, son of Pete and Carmen Zupfer*



## Please join us for:

**7:00 pm Good Friday (3/29):** Good Friday Tenebrae service, A Service of Shadows by Heather Sorenson, features five "shadows" ending with Christ's death. We will be stripping the altar and darkening the church.

**9:30-11:30 am Saturday (3/30):** A Bridal Shower honoring Natalie Strei, bride to be of Josh Haken. The shower will be held at FELC on Saturday, March 30 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

**7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service (3/31):** A lay-led service in which we will enter in silence. There won't be communion, but there will be a skit!

**8:00 am Pancake Easter Breakfast (3/31):** Our youth will be providing an Easter Pancake breakfast in between our two services.

**9:00 am Traditional Easter Service (3/31):** This service will be led by Rev. Hans Sacrison, and we will have communion.