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Maundy Thursday

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Name(s): _____

Attending **7:00 p.m.**

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

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7:00 P.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE *Nimrod* from the Enigma Variations

Elgar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW #612

Haugen

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
still un-fold-ing, give us all your vi-sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal-ing; Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each heart.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

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 on our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was 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.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no

share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Faye Snyder

MUSICAL OFFERING

Ubi Caritas

Johnson

Adult Choir

Text: Ubi Caritas et amor,
Where there is charity and love,

Deus ibi est.

God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition concludes, *“Merciful God,”* and the congregation responds, *“receive our prayer.”*

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Congregation departs to Fellowship Hall under the direction of the Ushers.

COMMUNION MILESTONE

Pastor: Today is a special day for **Dakota, Lane, Jasper, Lucas, Ellie, Jaxon, Desiree and Andrew**. When they were baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon them, making them part of God's household, the family we call the Church. As they grew, they learned about what it means to be part of God's family. They learned to love others from Jesus, who was overflowing with love for everybody- so much that he loved us even to the point of death on the cross. They have learned how in sharing the bread and wine of Holy Communion we remember Jesus' death and his rising to life again on that first Easter day, and how eating the bread and drinking the wine makes us one with him and brings us closer to each other through the power of

the Holy Spirit. They have expressed their desire to join us as we gather around the Lord's Table, and tonight we celebrate their participation in this feast with us.

Let us pray.

We thank you, Holy God, source of all love, for **Dakota, Lane, Jasper, Lucas, Ellie, Jaxon, Desiree and Andrew**, who come to share in Holy Communion, and for their parents, sponsors, and friends who have loved them, cared for them, taught them, and set a good example for them. Bless them as they come to the table of your blessed Son, who on the night of his betrayal, 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 Jesus was the servant of all, showing us your love and giving us joy in your salvation. Keep them faithful to the covenant of their baptism, and bring us all to that great feast which today we are privileged to taste.

All: Amen.

All: We welcome you to the Lord's table. We thank God for you and rejoice in your being among us. And we pray that you will remain faithful to Christ and to his holy church, finding joy and strength in his body and blood, the signs of his love for the world.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT (*Communion will be distributed by one another around your table.*)

RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS OF BREAD AND WINE

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen. (Eat bread/wafer)

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen. (Drink wine/grape juice)

COMMUNION HYMN

Eat This Bread
Ruth Erb, Pianist

Berthier

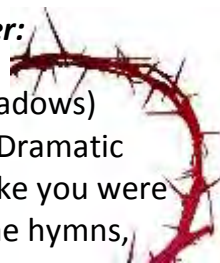
**Text: “Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and

Please join us as we continue our Holy Week journey to Easter:

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:00 p.m. The Service of Tenebrae (Shadows) features the passion reading according to the Gospel of John. Dramatic firsthand accounts is a new addition to this service. It will be like you were there on that dark Friday. As we hear the readings and sing the hymns, darkness will fall upon us.



EASTER VIGIL Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Easter Vigil is the third and final segment of the Great Three Days that spans the very end of Lent and carries us into the celebration of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our abbreviated version of this traditional worship service will last an hour, and will be held in the Nave. We will recall great stories of salvation throughout scripture, pray for one another & a world in need, proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and celebrate communion together.

EASTER SUNDAY at 8:30 and 10:30 Both services are a festive celebration of the resurrection. From the Gospel of Mark we hear the Easter story with an abrupt ending. But this is only part of the story. The rest is ours to proclaim. With our alleluias and songs of praise, we bear witness to the presence of the risen Lord and the power of the gospel.

AN EASTER BREAKFAST of egg casseroles and assorted rolls and breads will be available after the 8:30 service, from approximately 9:30 to 10:20 in Fellowship Hall. There will be no Faith Connections.

