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April 17, 2025, Year C Maundy Thursday



Ringing of Bell PRELUDE RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNION YOUTH: Boe Aronson, Hunter Aronson, Lily Cordes, Abigail Lerfald, Olivia Lerfald

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: 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 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN ACS 930 Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now I Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing 1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you Image: text of the tree is the tr

life re-newed: in Christ, God's first-born from the dead. is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign. praise pro-claim: "You are the Lord of All. A - men.

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

L: Let us pray. A brief silence is kept.

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 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. **C: Amen.**

Please be seated Word

L: A READING FROM EXODUS 15:11-21

"Who is like you, MIGHTY ONE, among the gods? Who is like you, resplendent in holiness, revered praiseworthy, working wonders? You stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them. You led, in your faithful love, the people whom you redeemed; you guided them by your strength to your holy abode. The peoples heard, they quaked; pangs like labor seized the inhabitants of Philistia. Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed; the rulers of Moab, trembling seized them; all the inhabitants of Canaan melted away. Terror and dread fell upon them by the might of your arm; they became still as stone until your people, REDEEMING GOD, passed by, until the people whom you acquired passed by. You brought them and planted them on the mountain of your own possession, the place, SHELTERING GOD, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, Most High God, that your hands have established. The EVERLASTING GOD will reign forever and ever."

L: WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. C: THANKS BE TO GOD

L: WE READ PSALM 136:1-16 RESPONSIVELY:

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

C: O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

L: who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: who spread out the earth on the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever:

L: the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: who struck Egypt through their firstborn, for his steadfast love endures forever; and brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love endures forever;

L: with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love endures forever; who divided the Red Sea in two, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C: and made Israel pass through the midst of it, for his steadfast love endures forever; but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, for his steadfast love endures forever; L: who led his people through the wilderness,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever.

L: A READING FROM HEBREWS 11:23:23-28

By faith Moses was hidden after his birth by his mother and father for three months, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By faith Moses, after he had grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, rather choosing ill-treatment with the people of God than enjoyment of the transitory pleasures of sin. He considered abuse for the sake of the Messiah to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the anger of the king; for he persisted as though he saw the unseen. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, in order that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn daughters and sons of Israel.

L: WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

◆ <u>P: THE HOLY GOSPEL, ACCORDING TO</u> LUKE 22:14-23,39-53

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' [Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?' When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!' P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY v. 1,2,& 4 No. 712 Lord. Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

♦ APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

Meal

OFFERING—OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

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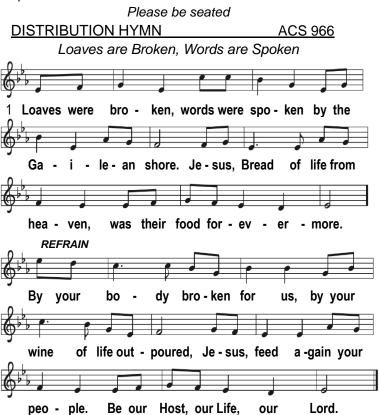
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.



- 2 Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light. *REFRAIN: (above)*
- 3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here. Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!" *REFRAIN: (above)*
- 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. *REFRAIN: (above*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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 reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.

2 In my trials, Lord walk with me; in my tri-ls, Lord walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.

3 When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

READING OF PSALM 22

During the reading the altar is stripped. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the chancel.

Lights are dimmed.

All depart in silence.

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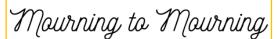
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CALENDAR

6:30 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship
7 рм АА
BRING EASTER PLANTS
7 РМ Good Friday Service @ Dale
Early registration deadline for
May Synod Assembly
7 рм <mark>COMMUNITY EASTER VIGIL</mark> with
Vicar Yvonne @ Wanamingo Lutheran
9 AM EASTER WORSHIP
w/ Bell Choir & Brass



Community Easter Vigil at Wanamingo Lutheran Church **7:00 PM. |. Saturday, April 19**th 130 3rd St. West 3 blocks west of Main St./MN 57



Vicar Yvonne is looking for helpers of all ages to bring stories of God's care to life!

If you're interested in helping out as a reader, acting a little, or bringing your favorite stuffed ANIMALS to church... email: intern.kaic@gmail.com or reach out to your congregation's KAIC representatives

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