

# AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Maundy Thursday

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*"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."*

**AES Ministries mission statement**

**Welcome to all who worship with us today! All are welcome at the Lord's Table!**

## **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

**C: A meal of bread and wine, of love and forgiveness.**

P: The Lord calls us to this supper where everyone has a place.

**C: The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.**

P: As we break the bread and share the cup this evening,

**C: Our understanding may fail us.**

P: But we will never forget Christ's example.

**C: We will never forget the full extent of his love.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Left Column, ELW p. 239**

#### **Confession**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly in these or similar words.*

While we still were sinners, Christ  
died for us.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God  
promises to heal us and forgive us.

Let us confess our sin in  
the presence of God and  
of one another.

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

*The following or another confession is prayed. The assembly's response, "Holy God," may be sung (#159-161).*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:  
**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:  
**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:  
**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:  
**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For idleness in witnessing the Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:  
**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### **Forgiveness**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly..*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

### **FIRST READING: EXODUS 12:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [<sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ] <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19**

- L: <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,  
C: <sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**  
L: <sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?  
C: <sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**  
L: <sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people.  
C: <sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**  
L: <sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of  
your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.  
C: <sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**  
L: <sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people,  
C: <sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26**

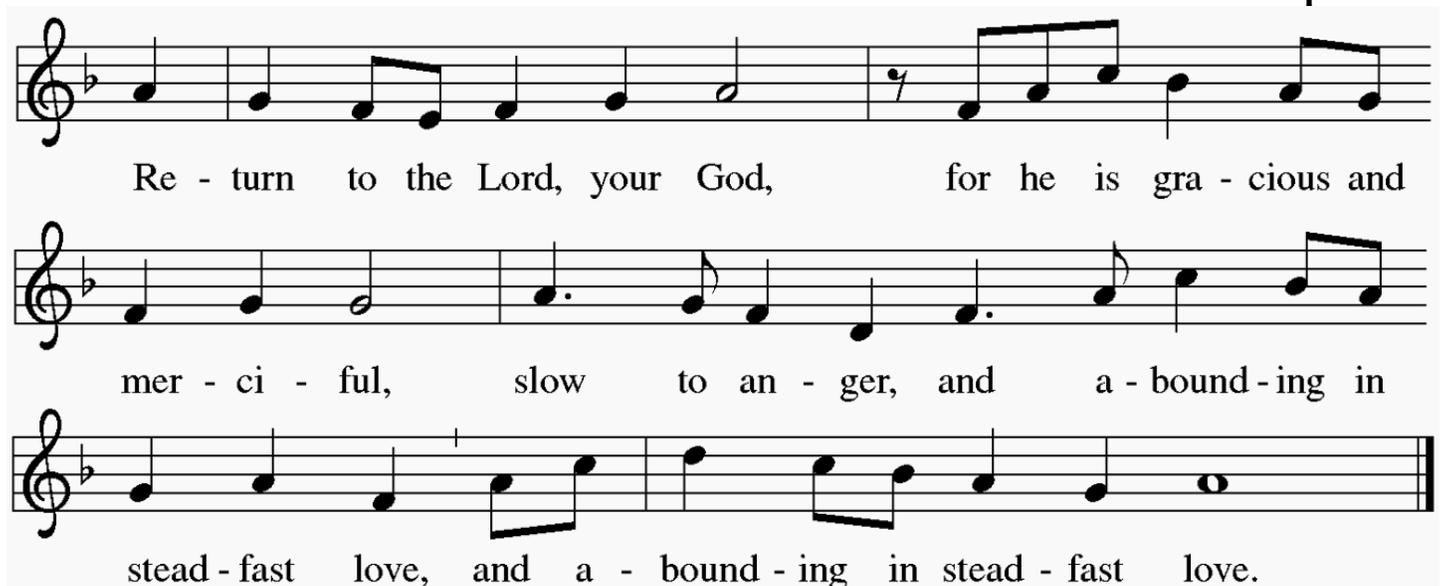
<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same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

L: Word of God, Word of Life.      C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*"Return to the Lord Your God"*

ELW p. 142



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL: JOHN 13:1-17,31-35

L: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now 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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then 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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>After 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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." <sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little 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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Bread of Life From Heaven"*

ELW #474

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Bread of Life From Heaven". It features a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod-y giv-en,". The word "Refrain" is written above the first measure of the treble clef. The music is in a simple, homophonic style.

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this

thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

*Refrain*

## PRAYER'S OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your Mercy . . .

C: Hear our Prayer

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Here at Augustana we are committed to the inclusion of all God's people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice open communion, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Juice (light color) and wine (dark red) are both available. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available as well. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to physically come forward, please indicate that to an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

### The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift us 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.**

P: It is indeed right . . .

**Holy, Holy, Holy,**

**ELW p. 144**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**Words Of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**ELW p. 145**

**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.**

**Invitation to the Table**

## Distribution

Those who are taking First Communion will come to the table first with their families

## Communion Hymn

### “Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW #471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing  
sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are aligned with the melody. The refrain is marked with a repeat sign.

## Communion Hymn

### “Here Is Bread”

ELW #483

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

*Refrain*

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.  
In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features a treble clef staff. The lyrics are aligned with the melody. The refrain is marked with a repeat sign.

1 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,  
 2 By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
 3 With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'n - ly board,  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

#### THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*Psalm 22 is read as the altar is stripped.*

*Congregation leaves in silence upon the Pastor saying "It is finished."*

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
 and by night but find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,  
 enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors trusted;  
 they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried and were saved;  
 in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not human,  
 scorned by others and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me;  
 they sneer at me; they shake their heads;

<sup>8</sup> “Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

<sup>9</sup> Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

<sup>10</sup> On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup> Many bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
<sup>13</sup> they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
<sup>15</sup> my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup> For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they bound my hands and feet.

<sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones.  
They stare and gloat over me;  
<sup>18</sup> they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup> But you, O Lord, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup> I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me  
but heard when I cried to him.

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.

<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup> To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord

<sup>31</sup> and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

P: It is finished.

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**Prayer Concerns:** *Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Darrell Ask, Brenda Watson, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.*

**Praises:** *Those receiving their First Communion*

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***Receiving Their First Communion:***

*Daxtyn David Anderson, Son of David & Jennifer Anderson*

*Brogan Robert Eineke, Son of Trent Eineke & Shandra Moll*

*Memphis Joseph Korst, Son of Joseph Korst & Allison Karau*

*Dakota Menssen, Son of Racheal Menssen*

*Gavin Menssen, Son of Racheal Menssen*

*Lynx Colleen Schumacher, Daughter of Alyssa Style*

**EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

7:00 am French Toast Bake & Fruit Slush Cups at Augustana

8:00 am Easter Communion Worship, Augustana – Facebook

9:00 am Easter Breakfast – East Sveadahl

10:00 am Easter Communion Worship, East Sveadahl – Facebook