

#### PRELUDE/BELL WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CONFESSION/FORGIVENESS

#### **OPENING HYMN:**

#### When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Red #79)

#### \*GREETINGS/PRAYER

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with vou all.

#### And also with you.

Let us pray together: Our Lord Jesus Christ,

you have given us, in a glorious sacrament, a memorial of your passion. May we so receive this sacrament of your body and blood, that the fruits of your redemption may be continually evident in us: for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

#### READING

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."<sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL READING

<sup>1</sup>Before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <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 back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <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 wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that

# John 13:1-17; 31-35

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. <sup>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.<sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

HYMN OF PREPERATION THE SERMON Jesus Loves Me (Red #249)

HYMN OF THE EVENING \*Nicene Creed Let Us Break Bread Together (Red #123) Red p.34

#### THE OFFERING

The congregation is seated. A hymn or other special music may be offered as the offering is received. All offerings for this service will go to the Douglas County Foodshelf.

\*OFFERING PRAYER - The congregation is invited to stand and sing:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

#### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

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

It is right...we praise your never ending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

#### **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

The worship leader declares the promise of Christ to the congregation, based on words found in Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-25.

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into One by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven...** 

#### \*LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. **Have mercy on us.** Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. **Have mercy on us.** Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. **Guide our feet into the way of peace.** 

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

#### \*THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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 tat 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. **Amen.** 

#### STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Congregation sits while the sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space.

During this time, Psalm 22 is said responsively:

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

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

#### <sup>2</sup> My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

#### by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.

<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors put their trust;

#### they trusted and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried out and were saved;

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man,

#### scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

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<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me;

since he delights in him." they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

<sup>8</sup> "He trusts in the LORD," they say, let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him,

<sup>9</sup> Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup> From birth I was cast on you;

from my mother's womb 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 surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

<sup>13</sup>Roaring lions that tear their prey

open their mouths wide against me.

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax;

it has melted within me.

<sup>15</sup> My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,

and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>Dogs surround me,

a pack of villains encircles me;

they pierce my hands and my feet.

<sup>17</sup>All my bones are on display;

people stare and gloat over me.

<sup>18</sup>They divide my clothes among them

and cast lots for my garment.

<sup>19</sup> But you, LORD, do not be far from me.

You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

<sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword,

my precious life from the power of the dogs.

<sup>21</sup>Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;

save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

 $^{\rm 22}$  I will declare your name to my people;

in the assembly I will praise you.

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

All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!

Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or scorned

the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. <sup>25</sup> From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows. <sup>26</sup>The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise himmay your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD. and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, <sup>28</sup> for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup> All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before himthose who cannot keep themselves alive. <sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. <sup>31</sup> They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it! Congregation departs in silence

### Next Sunday, 31MAR2024, Resurrection of Our Lord

745am Worship at Fahlun	930am Worship at Our Saviours	
	Usher: Jeff Johanson	
	Serving: Judy Ahlbrecht	
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# **Prayers of the people**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

Birthdays/Anniversaries for:

## **General Prayers Requests:**

- · Augustana District & LCMC
- Organizations serving in need United Way Galeon Senior Living Food Shelf Love INC
- Military Service Members & their families; especially Pastor Jeremy, Amy & Family
- · Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders
- · Our Government (Local, State, Federal)
- · Peace and justice in Israel and Ukraine

#### Parish Members

OS-Jim Dyrud

F-Michael Eddy F-Delores Hawkins

### **Friends and Families**

OS-Merrit (Faye) OS-Josie (Faye) OS-Allison (Faye) OS-Dickie (Faye) OS-Tammy (Rick) OS-Tammy (Rick) OS-Tina (Rick) OS-Tina (Rick) OS-Earl (Rick) OS-Earl (Rick) OS-Tyler (Sandy K) OS-Joan (Sandy K) OS-Kevin (Sandy K) OS-Gladys (Sandy K) OS-Caryn (Angie) OS-Sara (Sarah) OS-Richard (Anne) OS-Elsa (Terry) OS-Diana (Joel D OS-Sheila (Neva) OS-Wayne (Joel D) OS-Ron (Joel D) OS-Ronand (Michele) OS-Roland (Michele) OS-Jerry D (Michele) OS-Kay (Mary) OS-Kristi (Sandy) OS-Zack (Faye&Rick) OS-Mike M OS-Dennis

F-Jeffrey (Bev) F-Laura (Bev) F-Tammy (Bev) F-Elwood (Joel B) F-Helen (Joel B) F-Wayne (Joel B) F-Paul (Joel B) F-Jimmy (Joel B)

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F-Wendy (Andrea) F-Judy Alcott (Barb S) F-Brittany (Darlene) F-Rob (Ronnah) F-Travis (Kevin/Kelly) F-Sharon (Ronnah) F-Keith R (Rose)

#### **Sorrowing Families**

OS-Gaylord Nack OS-Terry Swanstrom OS-Jerry Jensen OS-Ron (Jason K) OS-Paul (Shirley)

F-Elvira Blank F-Dolly Brown F-Greg A (Bev) F-Larry O (Larry A) F-David (Larry A) F-Dixie (Ronnah) F-Renee Sather (Barb S) F-Glen (Joel B)

# Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional Maundy Thursday —March 28, 2024

"And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.'" - Mark 14:22 –

The disciples were probably expecting a very different meal when they gathered in that upper room; they wanted a King, but Jesus acted as a servant. He spoke of death, betrayal, and denial. Peter, as usual, made great claims of his love for Jesus and his willingness to even die. Jesus told him that he would, that very evening, deny Him three times. Jesus knew Judas was the betrayer, and was clearly in control as He told Judas to do the task quickly. The disciples were confused by the words of Jesus, and became agitated as the vision they had of a kingdom began to fall apart before their eyes. Even though He knew He was just hours from betrayal, denial, and abandonment, He comforted them. He promised the Holy Spirit who would help them continue His work after His death. He established a new covenant with His people, one of life, hope and remembrance.

It was the Passover meal, but Jesus chose to use the most ordinary elements as the sign of His new covenant. Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it with His disciples. Then He took wine, blessed it and passed the cup around the table to all the disciples. Every culture has some form of bread that is a staple food source, and wine was commonplace on ancient dinner tables. Jesus chose the ordinary things for the sacramental meal that He gave to His Church. Jesus used the ordinary food of the people and yet, this ordinary meal of bread and wine is something extraordinary, because it is shared with all Christians in every time and in every place.

When we are at the table receiving the bread and wine, we are at the table with those first disciples who received it on the night Jesus was betrayed. When we take the bread and wine, we are taking it with our friends who live in other places. The meal is a foretaste of the feast to come; every time we share it, we escape time and space and enter into the holy presence of God. The common elements of this special meal are made remarkable by the words spoken over them. There for an instant at the table of our Lord, we are in eternity with our Father at that banquet He has promised!

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