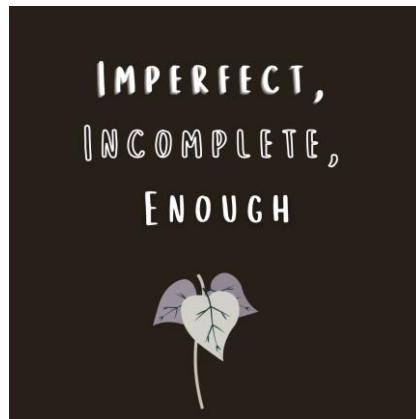


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March 28, 2024
Noon & 7:00 P.M.
Maundy Thursday



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

OPENING MUSIC

Noon:

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

setting, Jonathan Reuss (Augsburg Fortress)

7:00 p.m.:

"Stay with Me"

ELW 348 (One License)

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Please kneel or sit and keep silence for the reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated. People may come forward and kneel for the laying on of hands. Pastor, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn: "In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins." The person may respond "Amen."

MUSIC

Noon:

"I Will Take the Cup of Salvation"

Cynthia Cummins,
arr. by Christopher Walker (One License)

7:00 p.m.:

"Humble King"

by Brenton Brown (CCLI)

Please stand as you are able.

GREETING

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

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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING:

Exodus 12:1-14, *Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 58*

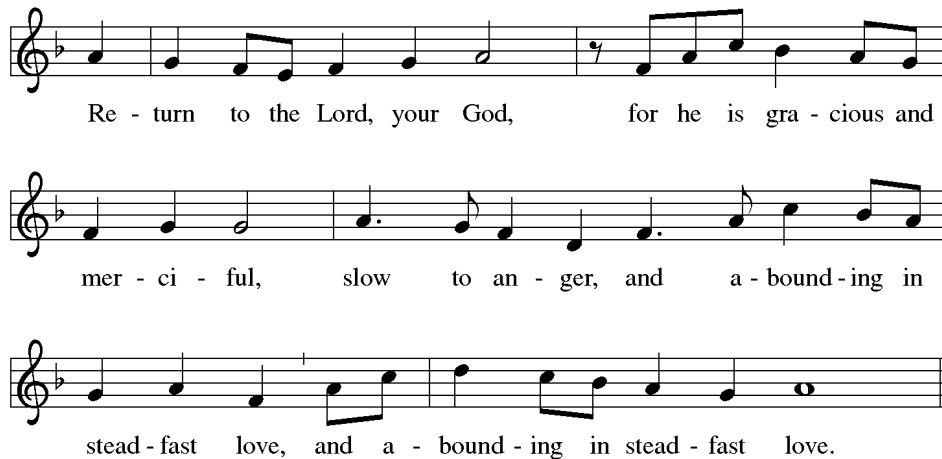
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

The Psalms are found in the ELW, in the front section, beginning on page 339. We will read them responsively together.

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 173*
 Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION


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

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35, *Pew Bible New Testament, pg. 107*

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Noon & 7:00 p.m.:

"Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land"

ELW 333 (One License)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts _____. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to people celebrating first communion today, and to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints. In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. **Amen.**

PEACE

After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. We invite you to share a physically distant sign of God's peace with one another-wave a greeting of peace to people around you, and/or text a greeting of peace to someone.

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of mercy and grace, you give us so much:
our days, our loved ones, our passions and talents,
the food we eat, the homes we know, a place to worship.

God, you pour out an abundance of goodness.
Receive the gifts we offer back to you today.
Bless them and bless us,
that we will give generously,
love boldly, and share widely,
our offering reflecting your joyful gift. **Amen**

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous offerings and commitment to Grace's mission and ministry. You are invited to place your financial offerings in the offering plate. Additional ways to give include mailing your offering to the church office, or by giving online: by texting the amount you would like to give to 877-698-3604, through the Vanco Mobile App, or online at Grace's website (Use the QR code provided). You are also invited to call the church office to learn more about the automatic withdrawal Electronic Giving Program.



OFFERING HYMN

Noon & 7:00 p.m.:

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

ELW 708, vs. 2 & 3 (One License)

Please stand as you are able.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God is with you.

And also with you.

Rejoice with full hearts.

We offer them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God, there is no time, . . . and sing of heaven despite the world.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

God, our ancestors knew . . .

In the heart of fear and pain,
God plants the seed of our joy:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon this bread and cup, . . .
God of brilliant resurrection and quiet joy,
today and every day. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 134, left column

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Please be seated. The congregation will commune, beginning with the front pews, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or juice. Extend your hands to receive a wafer from the pastor or communion assistant. Then please pick up one cup from the trays (red wine or white grape juice), and then place empty cup in a tray on the front pew before returning to your seat. Gluten free elements are available upon request. If you would like the communion elements to be brought to you, please notify an usher.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Noon:

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

ELW 468 (One License)

7:00 p.m.:

"By Our Love"

by Christ Nockels (CCLI)

VERSE



1. Broth - ers, let us come to - geth - er, walk - ing in the
2. Sis - ters, we were made for kind - ness, we can pierce the
3. Child ren, you are hope for jus - tice, stand firm in the



Spir - it; There's much to be done. We will come reach - ing out from our com - forts,
dark - ness as He shines through us. We will come reach - ing, with a song of heal - ing,
Truth now, set your hearts a - bove. You will be reach - ing long af - ter we're gone,

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2, 3



and they will know us by our love.

and they will know us by our
and they will know you by your

CHORUS



love. The time is now, come, church a - rise. Love with His
love.



Last time to Coda

hands, see with His eyes. Bind it a - round you, let it nev - er leave you,

INSTRUMENTAL



and they will know us by our love.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

"Psalm 22"

David Cherwien (Augsburg Fortress)

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR – 7:00 p.m.

Linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles are removed from the altar and chancel.

*There is no benediction as this service continues tomorrow on Good Friday.
(Worship at Noon & 7:00 p.m.)*

You are welcome to sit in silence, and when you are ready, depart in silence.



Worship Team

A/V Team: Bill Nattress

Communion Assistants:

Noon: Michelle Anderson, Doug Noe, Mary Noe

7:00 p.m.: Johanna Bergstrom, Robin Gibbs, Matt Meiners,
Vicki Meiners, Bev Unglaube

Greeters:

Noon: Doug Noe, Mary Noe

7 p.m.: Luca Kozlow, Fay Wilson

Reader:

Noon: Adele Petersen

7 p.m.: Karen Reinhard

Ushers:

Noon: Laura Boal, Terry Figard

7 p.m.: John Widmayer, Al Wilson, Fay Wilson

Stripping of the Altar Participants, 7 p.m.: Marylee Steinwehe, Ken Hansing,
Tammy Hansing, Al Wilson, Fay Wilson

Altar Guild: Laura Boal, Beth Miller, Brian Gerloff, Carole Gerloff

Musicians:

Noon: Jan Burns, Cindy Meyer, Carrie Filetti

7 p.m.: Jan Burns, Carrie Filetti, Grace Tones

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

Bulletin Sponsors:

To the glory of God; given by Don & Marylee Steinwehe.

In memory of my husband, Charles Sinkoske; given by Sharon Sinkoske.

Thank you for sharing time to hear God's word and pray together. A video recording of worship will be posted to Grace's website later in the day.



You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church's Facebook group for news & ministry opportunities.

Peace be with you as you go forth to share God's grace.



THE SEED
OF JOY
LENT 2024

Good Friday, March 29
Noon & 7:00 p.m.*
Good Friday Prayer Vigil
8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Parlor)

Easter Sunday, March 31
8:00 a.m.* & 10:00 a.m.*
Sunday School Egg Hunt
following 10 a.m. service

**Worship Livestream*

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