



# Notes To Assist Our Worship

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**Welcome** – We are glad you chose to worship here today! We hope you discover the presence of God here and that together we can grow as friends of Christ and one another.

**Standing and Sitting** – If standing, sitting, and kneeling is too much for you, please remain seated (or standing at the communion rail) during those parts of the service. God is coming to you with His Gospel gifts. Our standing, sitting, and kneeling are simply our responses to God based on our health and ability.

**Hearing Impaired** – Do you have a hearing impairment that makes it difficult to enjoy worship as much as you would like? Faith has a “hearing loop” for those with hearing aids with that feature. We also offer hearing impaired FM receivers for those wishing to use one. Please see one of our sound technicians for assistance.

**Our Hymnals** – *LSB* refers to the *Lutheran Service Book*, which is the burgundy hard covered book in the pew rack. *WOV* refers to *With One Voice*, the smaller blue soft cover book.

**Notes on Communion** – If you need gluten-free wafers, they are located on a stand in front of the baptismal font to be picked up on your way to the communion rail. If you need a non-alcoholic option, white grape juice is in the center of the communion tray.

**Communion Distribution** – The practice at Faith, after having received communion and the blessing, is that you step back (off the carpet) so that the next group can proceed forward and prepare for receiving communion.

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025 + 7:00pm

At the Lord's Table we receive Christ's body and blood, with the bread and wine, sacrificed for the sins of the world. Through Christ's sacrifice we are forgiven and beloved children of God. Tonight, our 6th grade students will receive the Lord's Supper for the first time. We thank God for these First Communicants and the precious gift we will receive tonight at the Lord's Table.

**PRELUDE**                      *My Savior's Love*                      arr. Brent Olstead  
(Elizabeth Balentine, flute; Terry Allen, piano)

## WELCOME

**\*OPENING HYMN**    WHEN YOU WOKE THAT THURSDAY MORNING  
LSB 445

## \*INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our sinfulness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Silence for reflection.*

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, You sent Your Son Jesus to be our Good Shepherd, but little did we know that He would also become the Lamb sacrificed for our sins. Strengthen our faith as we partake in the holy meal that He prepared for us, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

12 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>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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*RESPONSE**

RETURN TO THE LORD

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**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and  
abounding in steadfast love.**

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 26:17-29

*LSB 157*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup> He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" <sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. <sup>20</sup> When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup> And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup> They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me." <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." <sup>25</sup> Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you." <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you, I will not drink from

this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART *LSB 641*

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Peter

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST TIME COMMUNICANTS**

*William Cerven  
Allison Ebbecke  
Macie Hardisky  
Makayla Hoad  
King Hunter  
Skylar Jones  
Addisyn Robeson  
Declan Wolf*

*(First communicants please stand.)*

Pastor: First communicants, you have been instructed in what the Scriptures teach and what we confess about Holy Communion and the benefits that we receive in this Sacrament. I therefore ask you, do you wish to make use of this gift from God and do you intend to use it regularly and faithfully? If so, then answer, "I do, with the help of God."

**First Communicants: I do, with the help of God.**

*(Congregation please stand.)*

Pastor: Friends and family members of these 6<sup>th</sup> graders and brothers and sisters in Christ – will you pray for these 6<sup>th</sup> graders as they join us at the Lord's Table and share in the benefits of forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life? If so, then answer, "We will, with the help of God."

**Congregation: We will, with the help of God**

**\*COMMUNICANT PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**O God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, loved the young and called them to himself: we ask You to bless these young people and to strengthen them in their faith through His gracious presence in the sacrament so that they bring blessing into the lives of others, and honor to Your holy name. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

As we begin these holy Three Days, let us offer our prayer for the life of the world.

*Brief silence.*

For the whole church, that obeying the Lord's command that we love one another, we might serve one another as Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the strife-torn regions of the world, that war might cease and love prevail, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are ill or weak in body, mind, or spirit, that they might receive God's strength and healing, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in any need, for prisoners and the condemned, for the homeless and the hungry, for the lost and alone, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our congregation, that strengthened by the Lord's Supper, we might make Christ visible through our own humble service, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering those who have died in faith, that we with them might find our place at the table of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Grant these prayers, merciful God, and all that we need, as we eagerly await the Easter feast; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Remember*  
(Praise Team)

arr. Daniel Semsen

Gathered all together in an upper room,  
On the table there was wine and bread,  
Pictures of the life that He'd lay down for them  
As Jesus offered up a prayer and said:



Refrain:

Take the bread, take the cup,  
My body and My blood given for you.

This is for you.

This is grace, this is love.

When you see Me lifted up in surrender, remember.

Bittersweet the promise He had given them.  
Joy would come from pain and life from death.

Let this supper be a holy covenant.

Come to eat and drink lest you forget. *Refrain*

The Lamb who was slain for ev'ry sin  
beautifully broken so all might live. *Refrain*

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## **+ SACRAMENT +**

### **\*PREFACE**

Responses spoken

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them joyfully to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is good and proper to do so.**

It is truly good, right and salutary...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth.**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna, in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

And now the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Faith Communion Statement

+ I believe that I am a sinner and I repent of my sins.

+ I believe that in eating this bread and drinking this wine, I am  
receiving the Lord's true body and blood.

+ I believe that my sins are forgiven in this sacrament and I will strive to  
amend my life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

+ I have been baptized.

+ I have been prepared for Holy Communion through instruction.

(For those with dietary restrictions, please see "Notes" on page 1.)

## **DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Spiritual

**Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees;**

Refrain

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees; *Refrain***

**Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees; *Refrain***

**Though the universe can't hold all Your might and majesty.  
You're present with me here today in a way that I can see.**

**All of Heaven and earth are Yours,  
yet You chose to be a meal.  
Your promise fills this bread and wine  
with a love that I can feel.**

**You're giving us this day forgiveness we can taste.  
Thank You for this gift of grace upon grace,  
grace upon grace.**

**Lord, I don't deserve Your love, still, You give Yourself to me.  
Your passion for the world is here in a way I can receive.**

**You're giving us this day forgiveness we can taste.  
Thank You for this gift of grace upon grace,  
As family here we'll stay, once broken, now embraced.  
Thank You for this gift of grace upon grace.**

**Your table is set Your body and blood  
are given and shed, so we praise You.  
Your death gives us life, Your life makes us new.  
Your victory is ours, so we praise You. *Repeat stanza***

**You're giving us this day forgiveness we can taste.  
Thank You for this gift of grace upon grace,  
As family here we'll stay, once broken, now embraced.  
Thank You for this gift of grace upon grace.  
Grace upon grace...  
Grace upon grace. Grace upon, grace upon grace**

TASTE AND SEE                      James E. Moore  
(Praise Team: Verses; **Congregation: Chorus**)

Chorus

**Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord,  
of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;  
My soul shall glory in the Lord For God has been so good to me.  
**(Chorus)**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord who answered me;  
From all my troubles I was set free.  
**(Chorus)**

Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
In God we need put all our trust.  
**(Chorus)**

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## **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, tonight we thank You for the sacrifice of Your Son. Just as You delivered Israel from bondage through the blood of the Passover lamb, You have freed us from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ - the true Lamb of God. May we rejoice in Your gift of grace, inviting others to share in the love, peace, and salvation found in You.

**Amen.**

*The altar candles are extinguished.*

## **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

**Scripture**                      Isaiah 53:2-7, 10a

<sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.  
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,

nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer...

## **OUR DEPARTURE**

Following the stripping of the altar, quietly depart. Our Holy Week pilgrimage continues tomorrow, Good Friday, 12pm & 7pm.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

**Altar Guild:** Betty Porter, Laurie Ebbecke, Cheryl Speisman,  
Nancy Alvut

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**Sound:** Michael Balentine

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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** Good Friday Services, 12:00pm & 7:00pm; and The Festival of the Resurrection, Easter Sunday, 8:30 Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship. There will also be an Easter Brunch at 9:45am in the Auditorium and an Easter Egg Hunt for age 3 yrs. – 5<sup>th</sup> grade at 10am.



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