



"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."

Maundy Thursday

Communion Worship

April 6th, 2023

This worship is being livestreamed. Your presence in the sanctuary signifies your agreeing to be on our live broadcast.

*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and '*' means please stand as able.*

This evening's worship concludes with the stripping of the altar, which is symbolic of the humiliation of our Lord at the soldiers' hands. There is no benediction as worship continues on Good Friday and culminates on Easter Sunday. **We leave in silence.**

BELL & PRELUDE

WELCOME/MINISTRY MOMENT

*CONFESSION We confess our sins before God and one another. *Pause for silence and reflection.* God of grace and mercy, **We admit to you, to ourselves, and to this community that we have caused harm to others through our actions and through our failure to act; through our words and through our failure to speak. Give us the humility to accept our failings and make things right where we can. Forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves.**

*FORGIVENESS Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In that love God forgives you all your sin, for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen¹**

#200 GATHERING HYMN *For the Bread You Have Broken*



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed 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.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.
Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631
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*GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY Blessed Jesus, **You knew of the betrayal to come, yet you shared your body and blood with all at the table. Forgive us when we are the ones who betray, and feed us always with your holy food. Amen.**¹

*From the time long ago when God had freed the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt, God had commanded the people to ensure this divine action was remembered and celebrated every year. For that very reason, at the time of this meal Jesus is having with his disciples, the city of Jerusalem was filled with devout Jews who had made a pilgrimage to the Holy City for the annual Passover feast. Jesus chooses this night to institute a new feast to be remembered and shared, a meal made of the body and blood of Jesus. This new feast not only frees us from our own sins, but is a foretaste of the feast that is yet to come. The Gospel for Maundy Thursday is from the 26th chapter of Matthew **All: Glory to you, O Lord.***

¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. ²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" ²³He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so." ²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." ³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ**

SERMON

GOSPEL REFLECTION LITANY

One of you will betray me. **Surely not I, Jesus.**

You have said so. **Have mercy on us.**

This is my body, given for you. **Even though we often betray you?**

This is my blood, shed for you. **Even though we do not deserve it?**

This meal is for you, no matter what. **Even though we sin and fall short?**

Especially because you sin and fall short. **How should we respond to this boundless grace?**

Do this in remembrance of me. **We will do this in remembrance of you.**¹

HYMN OF THE DAY *Bread of Life from Heaven*



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, 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.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haug
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*PRAYERS (P: Merciful God...**Hear our prayer.**)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER All-loving Savior, **you have not held back anything from us, even to your own body and blood. We offer only out of what you have given us: our resources, our time, our very selves. Accept these gifts as a sign of our commitment to you and your good work in the world, in Jesus name. Amen.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *1 Corinthians 11:22-26*

On the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

***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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

DISTRIBUTION – All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. If you or a family member would like communion brought to them, please tell an usher.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22

PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE, you are welcome to stay in the pews as long as you need.

SCHEDULE

TONIGHT	7pm	- Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
	Noon-6pm	- Blood Drive
	3pm	- Good Friday Worship
	7pm	- Good Friday Worship
Sunday:	NO Sunday School	
	10:00am	- Easter Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLOOD DRIVE Friday, 4/7/23 Noon to 6pm HERE Lots of openings for appointments call 1-800-733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter Elk Mound. Give and save lives...and a Peanuts "Joe Cool" t-shirts (*as long as supplies last*)

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Easter morning, but back again on April 16th at 8:45am
ADULT BIBLE STUDY Wed. 10am April 12th
CONFIRMATION CLASSES will resume 3:35pm on April 12th.