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Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024  
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## GATHERING

### GATHERING SONG: "The Greatest Commandment"

1: *Love the Lord your God  
With all your heart and soul and mind  
And love your neighbor as yourself  
Love the Lord your God  
With all your heart and soul and mind  
And love your neighbor as yourself*

2: *Let us be known, let us be known  
By the way we love  
Let us be known, let us be known  
By the way we love*

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### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** 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.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,  
**C** **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.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

### GREETING (ELW p. 259)

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

**C** **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 259)

**P** Let us pray.  
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

### GOSPEL: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

☐ The holy gospel according to John.

☪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**N**ow 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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

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." For Jesus knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." ...

"Now the Son-of-Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been

glorified in him, God will also glorify him in God's own self and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

☐ The gospel of the Lord.

☪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON — Rev. Jonathan Barker

### HYMN OF THE DAY: "JOHN 13:34-35"

Verse: *A New Commandment I give to you  
That you love one another  
Just as I have loved you.* Repeat.

Chorus: *You ought to love one another,  
Love one another, love one another.*

Verse: *A New Commandment I give to you  
That you love one another  
Just as I have loved you.* Repeat. Chorus. Chorus again.

Bridge: *By this all people will know that you are  
my disciples*

*If you have love for one another.* Repeat twice.

Chorus. Verse again.

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### 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.

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.**

☐ Your creation provides all that we need. Aware of your presence within us empower us to do our part to protect water and

crops from climate change and other damages. Teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** You redeemed your people from slavery. Empower us to care for people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Help us work to establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** Jesus loved his followers until the end. Let us share love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Empower us to bring healing to the sick and comfort to the dying. *especially:*

- Darlene Bard
- Kate Barker
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene's son)
- Eric Berge (Paul's brother)
- Pat Bernacchi
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
- Andrew Calvert
- Cameron Carr (Karen Cassiday's nephew)
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield
- Todd Detert (Dottie's grandson-in-law)
- Jan Dugdale
- Barb Ehlen
- Gregory Foster
- Judy Gregory
- Shirleen Gulick
- Cogan Holly Hall
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)
- Ginger Helgeson
- Christine Hill
- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Bob Kauffman (Dick's brother)
- Dick Kauffman
- Norma Larson
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Mary Jean Preston
- Rex Reeve

- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytoshia
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- John Schatzman (friend of Karen Cassiday and Don Cornelius)
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Patti Shields
- Jill Swails
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Andrew Tate
- Ron and Linda Wadham
- Steve & Heather Waldron
- Henry, Florence, and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's brother and sisters)
- Charles and Timothy Walker
- Dottie Watts
- Chris Webb (Bert's sister)
- Pam Wisse
- Kristi Weiss.

Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** 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,

**C receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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

**C receive our prayer.**

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

**C Amen.**

**PEACE** (ELW p. 261)

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## MEAL

### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your

goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

**C Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** Blessed are you, O living God, sovereign of time and space. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Your word leads us across the sea to freedom, and you have carried us together to these holy Three Days. Blessed be God forever!

**C** **Blessed be God forever!**

**P** Blessed are you, O living God, for your glory revealed in Jesus Christ. He is our Servant, who washes our feet with love. He is our Lamb, whose blood takes away our sin. He is our Host at this meal, offering us the cup of salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed 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.

Blessed be God forever!

**C** **Blessed be God forever!**

**P** Blessed are you, O living God, for the gift of your loving Spirit. Fill this meal with the life of your Son. Make us servants of one another and of everyone in need. Bring us with all your people to the joy of the resurrection. Blessed be God forever!

**C** **Blessed be God forever!**

**P** Amen, and amen.

**C** **Amen, and amen.**

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## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven:**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

*Communion today will be shared at the front of the center aisle rather than at the rail. To have communion at your seat, please signal an usher.*

## COMMUNION

**P** The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Each person may respond* Amen.

## COMMUNION SONGS: "Now Behold the Lamb" (ELW #341)

1 **Now behold the Lamb,**

**the precious Lamb of God,**

**who bore all my sin, that I may live again:**

**the precious Lamb of God.**

2 **Holy is the Lamb,**

**the precious Lamb of God.**

**Why you love me so, Lord, I shall never know;**

**the precious Lamb of God.**

3 **Thank you for the Lamb,**

**the precious Lamb of God.**

**Because of your grace I can finish the race;**

**the precious Lamb of God.**

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## "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,**

**and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,**

**and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,**

**and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** 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 that 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.

**C** Amen.

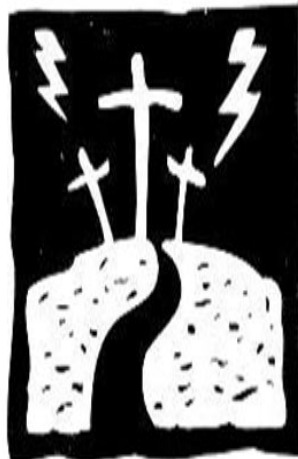
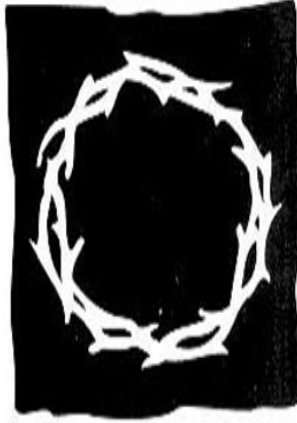
"KEEP WATCH"

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** (ELW p. 261)

*The service may conclude with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits or kneels. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. Fernando Ortega's version of Psalm 22 is sung or said by a cantor. Lights may be dimmed as the worship space is stripped. All depart in silence.*

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# Holy Week at Grace Lutheran Church



**Palm Sunday \* March 24**

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Pot luck brunch at 10:30

**Maundy Thursday \* March 28**

Worship at 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday \* March 29**

Worship at 6:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday \* March 31**

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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Sensory toy baskets have been placed in our sanctuary and lobby for those who are neurodiverse. Please help us make our space welcoming for everyone by returning the toys to the baskets for future use.

We invite everyone to sit in the first eight pews on each side of the sanctuary—this will make the acoustics of our congregational singing much stronger.

Our Monday morning prayer group is looking for a new time to meet that would be convenient for more people. If you're interested in joining our Monday morning prayer group but can't make it because of scheduling, please talk to us and let us know a better time.

If you love meeting new people and helping others feel like they are seen, heard and belong with our church, then volunteer for the new Sunday Greeters Ministry. Please meet immediately after worship services on Sunday, April 21 for a 15-minute meeting with Karen Cassidy to volunteer.

Have you wanted to do something more to help LGBTQ+ youth and young adults in Kenosha? Grace Lutheran is starting the Open Arms Ministry, a program that provides volunteer parents or grandparents to attend and support significant events in an LGBTQ+ person's life when their family, community or church has abandoned them. Volunteers agree to attend a young person's special events, such as commencements, weddings, opening nights or a birthday in the role of supporter and cheerleader. They commit to provide an appropriate gift, card and their loving presence at significant events. If you are interested, please meet after church on Sunday, April 28 to meet with Karen to learn about this new opportunity to be the eyes, ears, mouth and hands of Christ.

Men's group will host Chili Fest here next week Saturday, April 6, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and available from a Men's Group member or the church office.

Attendance March 24: 24 in person + 3 on line

