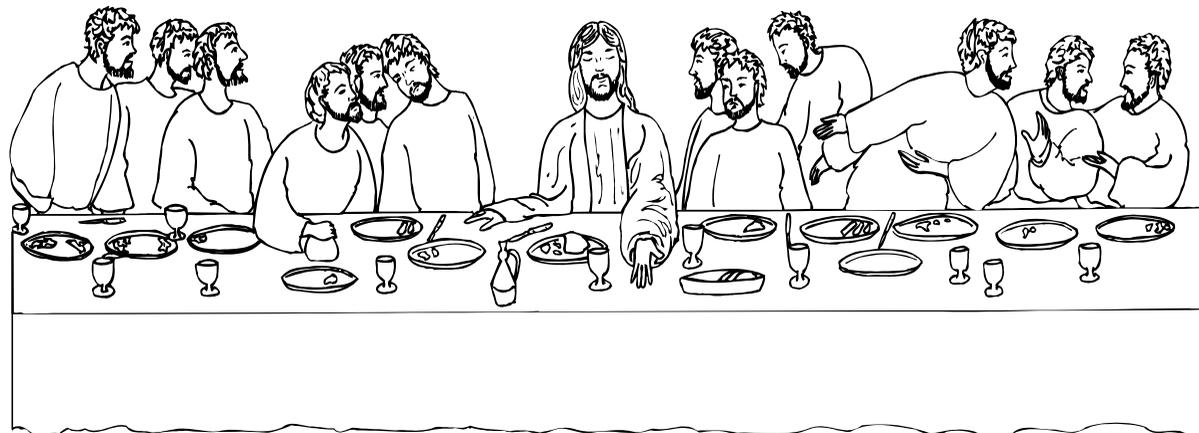




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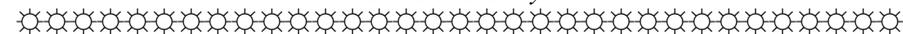
MAUNDY THURSDAY

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*Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lincoln, Nebraska*

Our Mission Statement:

“Mt. Olive exists to proclaim God’s Word in its truth and purity, so that each believer may GROW in faith and then GO with the good news of Jesus Christ to our community and world so that together we may GLORIFY God into eternity”



LORD’S SUPPER **Lord’s Supper:** Since Scripture explains that this Sacrament should be celebrated by those who examine themselves in repentance, believe solely in the merits of Christ for salvation and His Real Presence in this sacred act (I Corinthians 11: 24-28) and are in complete unity of faith and public confession (I Corinthians 10: 17). **We ask that only our members and those who have announced their intention to commune to the pastor before the service, approach the Communion Table.** By this practice, we do not presume to judge one’s heart or eternal destiny. But we do observe one’s profession of Christian Faith.



ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN: #136, CW “’Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night”

INVOCATION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken heart.

C: **A broken and contrite heart, O Lord, you will not despise.**

P: In this Lenten season, we have heard our Lord’s call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at baptism; God’s forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe, that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God’s love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to one another as Jesus became our servant.

It is however, in Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood and participate in that new covenant that makes us one in him. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with the Faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and one another.

HYMN: "Praise We Him Whose Love Divine" (Tune CW 76)

**Praise we him, whose love divine
Gives his sacred blood in wine
Gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

**Mighty Savior from the skies
Hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie,
You have conquered in the fight
You have brought us life and light.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY LESSON: EXODUS 12:1-14 (CF. BACK)

CONFESSION OF FAITH FROM LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

P: What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.

P: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

C: That is shown us by these words: "Given" and "poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is the forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: How can eating and drinking do such great things?

C: It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words "Given" and "poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

HYMN OF THE DAY:#717, "WHEN YOU WOKE THAT THURSDAY MORNING"

MAUNDY THURSDAY MESSAGE: MATTHEW 26:26-28

Three Words of Truth: "Take and Eat/Take and Drink"

THE THANK OFFERING IS GATHERED

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

P: We gather tonight and remember our sins.

C: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only Lord, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

P: O holy and righteous God, you alone can make us clean. We have rebelled against you and become worthless. But your mercies never end; they are new every day. Therefore, at your command and promise, we come to you and confess our sins.

C: O holy and most merciful Father, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you, and do not deserve to be called your child. But at your gracious word I come to you, and for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ I plead: "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

P: We gather together tonight and remember God's forgiveness.

C: Cleanse me O Lord, and I will be clean, wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness from your mouth, dear Savior; let the bones you have crushed rejoice in your salvation.

P: Having heard your confession, I, a called spokesman for God, assure you that our gracious Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. So shall it be!

P: We gather tonight and remember the promise and command Jesus spoke to us.

C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Hymn: #317,verse 1. CW "O Lord, We Praise You"

**O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
In thanks-giving bow before you.
Here with your body and your blood you nourish.
Our weak souls that they may flourish. O Lord, have mercy!
May your body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry.
And your blood for us plead.
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!**

P: Thanks and praise to you, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord. In the Old Testament your faithful people waited for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior, which you kept when the time had fully come and sent Jesus Christ, your Son. Having seen his glory, we now wait for the day of his Second Coming, when he will arrive as the great Judge and King. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: (Hymn 236 verse 1, CW “All Praise to God Who Reigns Above”)

**All praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow’r, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
The God who ev’ry sorrow stills—
To God all praise and glory!**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger” CW68):

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!
Your kingdom among us, your will be done the same
By mortals and angels, come, Lord, reign alone:
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven’s high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In times of temptation, to lead us be near;
From evil deliver your children most dear.**

**For yours is the kingdom; o’er all things you reign.
And yours is the power; all things you maintain.
To you be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, forever! Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

C: (sung to the tune of “From Heav’n Above to Earth I Come” CW38)



**The night our Savior was betrayed,
He took the bread, and when he prayed,
He broke and gave them of the bread
And unto his disciples said:**

P: Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

C: (sung to the tune of “From Heav’n Above to Earth I Come”)



**Then when the sacred meal was o’er,
Our blessed Savior spoke once more:
He offered thanks, and lifted up,
To give to all, the blessed cup:**

P: Take and drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

C: (sung to the tune of “From Heav’n Above to Earth I Come”)



**O Lamb of God, You take away
The sin of all; now hear us pray,
And grant us from our sin release:
Have mercy on us! Grant us peace!**

OUR PRACTICE OF HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord’s Supper is a priceless medicine for the soul. We do everything we can to encourage its proper use. However, we recognize from Scripture (I Corinthians 11:23-32) that this medicine is a prescription item. Used at the wrong time for the wrong reason, the Lord’s Supper can cause immeasurable harm. For that reason we, like the local pharmacist, do not dispense it “over the counter.” Scripture also teaches that the Lord’s Supper is not only a meal by which we receive the forgiveness of sins, but also a means by which we express unity in faith. For these reasons, we respectfully ask those who are not members of a church not in fellowship with ours refrain from receiving the Lord’s Supper until they have had a chance to speak with the pastor. Those communing are asked to register in the narthex and may wish to prepare by reading page 156 in the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #135, CW “The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”



PRAYER:

P: We give thanks, Almighty God, that you refresh us through this saving gift. And we pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

We Depart with God’s Blessing: CW #318

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended; Oh, be now extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace does invite us; His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer his call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving, To God ever living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us; with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

BLESSING:

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

C: Amen

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GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP: Tomorrow night at 6:30P.M. we gather in the house of our Lord to observe the death of our Savior Jesus-for our many sins. A very somber, serious service has been planned to remind us of the seriousness of sin and its consequences to our Savior, Jesus. We ask that worshippers would arrive and leave in silence. Please prepare your children in advance for a quiet and reverent observance of our Lord’s death.

EASTER WORSHIP: This Sunday we meet in God’s house to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Easter Sunrise Worship begins at 6:00A.M. After worship we will enjoy rolls and doughnuts and fellowship, starting at 7:15A.M. Easter Festival Worship starts at 9:00A.M. with the annual Easter egg hunt following (10:15A.M.). Please let us know if you can help bring something for the breakfast by signing up in the narthex. For those traveling “home” for the holiday: Have a blessed Easter!

SCRIPTURE FOCUS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover. 12 “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. 14 “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

Matthew 26:26-28

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.” 27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.