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GATHERING

Pg258 Confession and Forgiveness
#358 “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”
#779 “Amazing Grace”
You are welcome to come forward and kneel at the rail for a personal declaration of forgiveness. You may respond with “Amen.”
Pg259 Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
A reading from Exodus
The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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. ¹⁴This 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.

Word of God. Word of life

Thanks be to God.

#116 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 *Sing in unison.*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from 1 Corinthians

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus 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.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

#360 “Love Consecrates the Humblest Act”

Footwashing: *This year we watch the act of footwashing as a sign of Jesus’ humble love towards us, an example of the love we are called to share.*

Pg261 Prayers of Intercession
Sharing of Jesus’ Peace

MEAL

Offering
#692 “We Are an Offering”
Offering Prayer
Choir “Remember Me”
Pg152 The Great Thanksgiving
Pg153 Holy, Holy, Holy
Thanksgiving at the Table with Words of Institution
... we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion is distributed by table groups at the railing. We welcome Brianna and Britney to full participation at the Lord’s Table. God bless your first communion.

Pg154 “Lamb of God”

Distribution Hymns: #483, 461, 479, 469

Prayer after Communion

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The stripping of the altar is symbolic of Jesus’ humiliation. As we strip the altar, we are reminded of Christ, stripped of power and glory, left in the hands of his captors. Stripped of power and glory, Jesus is now prepared for His death.

Psalm 88

Duet: “Stay with Me”

Please leave the worship space in silence after the worship leaders have departed.

Welcome to worship at Cross.

Assembly responses are in **bold**. Page numbers are found at the bottom, while hymn numbers are found at the top of pages in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

Jesus invites you for communion, which will be distributed at the altar rail. Ushers will direct you to the table. Once the table is full, you are invited to kneel. You may return to your seat after the blessing. Wine is the lighter liquid; grape juice is darker and located in the center cups.

Gluten free wafers are available.

We love to connect with our visitors; please leave your contact information in the guest book at the entrance.

Thank you for participating in this worshipping community!

Tonight we celebrate the First Communion of
Britney and Brianna Yucker.

We rejoice with them as Jesus feeds them this food of grace.

May the sacrament strengthen them in faith.

All are invited into the fellowship hall after worship for a celebration of their inclusion at the Table.

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship

Easter Sunday:

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Easter Vigil

(begins in the sanctuary and travels to the cemetery)

8:00-9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Easter Festival Worship



MAUNDY THURSDAY

On this night we begin the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death into life.

The Maundy Thursday service includes the words of Jesus' new commandment (*mandatum*, from which Maundy comes) to love one another. As a sign of our calling to follow Jesus' example of humility and service, we may wash one another's feet as Jesus washes the disciples' feet. On this night in which Jesus was handed over to death we also gather around the Lord's supper. At the service's conclusion, the altar area may be stripped of furnishings as a sign of Jesus' abandonment.