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Although the office is closed to the public, it will be staffed from
Tuesday – Friday: 9am – 4pm

The cancellation of worship services and gatherings has been extended for two more weeks. The plan of Church Council is to meet every two weeks and assess the situation so as to make decisions about worship and gatherings two weeks at a time. This way, we feel we can be responsive to the ever-evolving reality.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 9, 2020 at 7 p.m.

The regular Worship Service has been cancelled.
Pastor Fran will provide an Online Worship Service, available
on our Facebook page and our web-site, Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns

We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in
body, mind, or spirit, give them courage and hope in their trouble.



Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. Our sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. Amen.

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 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

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1–14

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

¹I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the Lord has given ear to me Whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people

¹⁵Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.

¹⁶O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of the Lord 's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

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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.

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The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

REFLECTION

SONG: ELW# 708 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

FOOTWASHING

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with Christians around the globe on this Maundy Thursday, let us pray for the church, the earth, our troubled world, and all in need, praying Hear us, holy God and responding
Your mercy is great.

Receive, merciful God, our prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the host of our meal of life, who died and rose that we might live with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG: ELW# 642 “Ubi Caritas”

PSALM 88 *(The stripping of the altar)*

¹O Lord, my God, my Savior, by day and night I cry to you.

²Let my prayer enter into your presence; incline your ear to my lamentation.

³For I am full of trouble; my life is at the brink of the grave.

⁴I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I have become like one who has no strength;

⁵lost among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.

⁶You have laid me in the depths of the pit, in dark places, and in the abyss.

⁷Your anger weighs upon me heavily, and all your great waves overwhelm me.

⁸You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them; I am in prison
and cannot get free.

⁹My sight has failed me because of trouble; Lord, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out
my hands to you.

¹⁰Do you work wonders for the dead? Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

¹¹Will your lovingkindness be declared in the grave, your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

¹²Will your wonders be known in the dark or your righteousness in the country where all
is forgotten?

¹³But as for me, O Lord, I cry to you for help; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

¹⁴Lord, why have you rejected me? Why have you hidden your face from me?

¹⁵Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; I have borne your terrors
and am helpless.

¹⁶Your blazing anger has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me;

¹⁷they surround me all day long like a flood; they encompass me on every side.

¹⁸My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, and darkness is my only companion.

The Three Days continue tomorrow with the service for Good Friday.