

Maundy Thursday - April 1, 2021

Our Savior's Lutheran Church; Calamus, Iowa

GATHERING

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

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 a struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Hymn: "Our Father, We Have Wandered" (606)

1) **Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face,
in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
as distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.**

2) **And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.**

3) **O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving, and ever caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.**

P: 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.

There is time of silence 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.

At this time, we invite those who wish to come forward for anointing.

Greeting

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

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 servant to all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

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

Sermon

Hymn: "Now the Day Is Over" (570)

1) **Now the day is over; night is drawing nigh;
shadows of the evening steal across the sky.**

2) Jesus, give the weary calm and sweet repose;
with your tend'rest blessing may our eyelids close.

3) Comfort ev'ry suff'rer watching late in pain;
those who plan some evil, from their sin restrain.

4) Through the long night-watches may your angels spread
their bright wings above me, watching round my bed.

5) When the morning wakens, then may I arise
pure and fresh and sinless in your holy eyes.

6) Glory to the Father, glory to the Son,
and to you, blest Spirit, while the ages run.

Prayers of Intercession

(P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.)

MEAL

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited forward to receive
Holy Communion. Those not communing may come forward
to receive a blessing. Proceed forward at a safe distance from others.
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

*The Altar is stripped while Psalm 88 is read.
Depart in silence following the reading.*

Good Friday

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Worship at Our Savior's

8:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Faith

9:30 a.m. Worship at Faith