

Maundy Thursday

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7:00 PM



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Maundy Thursday

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP at Grace Church this evening and affirm to worship the Father, Son+ and Holy Spirit in truth. Please fill out the tan Worship Today Form in your bulletin and place it in the Offering Plate so we might have a record of your communing, or any concerns or prayer requests you might want to offer. If you are seeking a Church Home or would like more information about Grace, please contact the Church Office.



Silence

- * Mandatum Reading.....John 13:1-35
- * Confession
- * Opening Hymn **Go to Dark Gethsemane** **LBW 109**
- * Prayer of the Day

EQUIP

The First Lesson..... Exodus 24:3-11

L: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 116:12-19..... Page 2

PSALM 116:12-19

To be read responsively by the Congregation

12 What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

14 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

16 O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

18 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

**19 in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!**

The Second Lesson.....1 Corinthians 10:16-17

L: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

* The Holy Gospel Mark 14:12-26

The Maundy Thursday Meditation....."Mission Impossible"Pastor Coble

* The Peace (stand in place)..... Page 66

* The Lord's Prayer

* **The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament**

* The Post Communion Blessing

Reading of Psalm 22 & Stripping of the Altar..... Page 224

The Removal of the Bread & Wine Psalm 22:1-5

The Removal of the Altar Candles Psalm 22:6-8

The Removal of the Missal Stand & Altar Book Psalm 22:11-17

The Removal of the Paraments/Vestments Psalm 22:18-20

The Removal of the Paschal Candle Psalm 22:22-24

Entrance of the Crown of Thorns

* The Sending Hymn **Blest Be the Tie That Binds**LBW 370

We depart in silence and the worship continues with the Good Friday Observance.

The Congregation Departs in Silence

* = Stand

THEME FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY: If I simply say the words, "Mission Impossible," does the theme song to that series start playing in your head? Tonight is about what would seem to be Mission Impossible, the salvation of the world. But tonight we celebrate that it is Mission Impossible as Jesus reminds us that He gave His Body and Blood for us and for our sins. That is how much you are loved.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR - The Meal is over, and Gethsemane draws nigh. Our Lord will be betrayed, condemned, and handed over to death. In anticipation of Easter, the altar, like our Lord, is stripped, awaiting death and burial.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, the night on which our Savior was betrayed, was the occasion of the Passover meal and His Last Supper with the disciples. Communion will be distributed by worshipers coming forward down the center aisle at the direction of the Ushers. Each worshiper will receive the bread from the Pastor and then a cup of wine from one of the Communion Assistants. If you cannot come forward, please stand and the Pastor will bring the elements to you.

Following the Eucharist, Psalm 22 will be read while the altar is stripped, laid bare for remembering the crucifixion of our Lord.

We have looked at the veiled cross throughout the season of Lent, remembering that Jesus hung on the cross to die for our sins, and rose from the dead to give us eternal life with Him.

You are invited to bring live flowers to the church on Saturday and place them on the outside cross. These can be store bought flowers or ones from your garden. **No** artificial flowers, please! We have looked at the bare cross through Lent, remembering that Jesus hung on the cross to die for our sins and rose from the dead to give us eternal life with Him. So we bring “new life” to the cross by covering it with flowers.

For the Easter Sunrise Worship in Union Church, any Senior Citizens, or those requiring assistance, feel free to park at Union Church. Ushers will be available for assistance.

HOLY WEEK – EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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| 7:00 PM Friday | Good Friday Tenebrae Service in Grace Sanctuary |
| 7:30 AM Sunday | Son Rise Worship in Union Church |
| 8:30 AM Sunday | Easter Son Rise Breakfast |
| 9:30 AM Sunday | Sunday School |
| 10:30 AM Sunday | Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord |

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| The Ministers..... | The People of Grace Lutheran Church |
| Pastor | |
| Organist..... | Sandi Tallant |
| Administrative Assistant | Pam Tallent |
| Leadership Board President | Tim Eckard |
| Youth Leader | Stormy Shull |
| Lector..... | Todd Childers |
| Communion Assistants..... | Herb and Libby Travis |
| Ushers | Jack Wilfong and James Hall |
| Altar Preparation..... | Herb and Libby Travis |
| Offering Tabulators | Todd Childers and Sheila Drum |
| Custodian | Chris Abernethy |