

**C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy!**

P: We commend to your care all who are in trouble, want, sickness or any other adversity. Comfort them with Your Holy Spirit.

**C: O Lord, be with all in trouble and hear their prayers.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring our private petitions to you.  
(*Silent prayer*)

P: Come, Lord Jesus, in your grace and mercy to save us. Amen.

*(The bulletin distributed for the Maundy Thursday service will include the Lord's Supper liturgy. The service will be held in the church parking lot.)*

### The Lord's Prayer *(by all)*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn to you in His favor and give you peace.  
C: (*spoken*) Amen.

### Closing Hymn: ELH 432 vs. 1, 2, 5 (*Tune ELH 403 St. Crispin*)

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
For who ought to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.



### The Opening Hymn: ELH 426 vs. 1, 4 *"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"*

Jesus sinners doth receive; O may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander.  
Here is hope for all who grieve— Jesus sinners doth receive.

Come, ye sinners, one and all, Come, accept His invitation;  
Come, obey His gracious call, Come and take His free salvation!  
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

### Invocation

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: (*spoken*) Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.  
C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort you by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you!  
C: (*spoken*) Amen.

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death. Grant us to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good. We ask for this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

## **Old Testament Lesson:** Exodus 12: 1-14

*(God gave his people instructions for the observance of the Passover. The Passover Lamb, which was without defect and granted deliverance from death, prefigures Christ the Lamb of God, who was also perfect, and whose blood delivers us from eternal death.)*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord told Moses and Aaron this in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month is to be the beginning of your calendar. It is to be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the entire Israelite community that on the tenth day of this month, they are to take a lamb or a young goat for themselves, according to their fathers' households, one lamb per household. <sup>4</sup>But if the household is too small for a whole lamb, then that person and his neighbor next door to him must select one, based on the number of people. Determine what size lamb is needed according to how much each person will eat. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb must be unblemished, a year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup>You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month. Then the whole assembly of the Israelite community is to slaughter the lambs at sunset.

<sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat the lamb. <sup>8</sup>That night they shall eat the meat that has been roasted over a fire, along with unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over a fire—with its head, its legs, and its internal organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall not leave any of it until the morning. Whatever remains until the morning, you shall burn in the fire. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt ready for travel, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

<sup>12</sup>For on that night I will pass through the land of Egypt. I

**Hymn:** ELH 500 vs. 1, 5 “*O Thou that hearest when sinners cry*”

**O Thou that hearest when sinners cry,  
Though all my crimes before Thee lie,  
Behold them not with angry look,  
But blot their memory from Thy book.**

**A broken heart, my God, my King,  
Is all the sacrifice I bring.  
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye  
And save the soul condemned to die.**

**The Sermon:** Psalm 51:16-17 “*Come to the Holy Supper!*”

1. Not unworthily 2. But worthily

<sup>16</sup>For you do not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. <sup>17</sup>The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit. A broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not despise. (EHV)

**Hymn:** ELH 319 vs. 1, 5 “*Just as I am*”

**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

## **Offering — Offering Prayer — Prayer(s)**

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for your goodness and mercy, especially for the gift of your dear Son, whom you have given as a sacrifice to take away the sins of the world. We pray that you would plant your Word in our hearts that we may cling to it in faith and trust your promises to receive His forgiveness.

C: **O God in Your mercy, hear us for the sake of Jesus, Savior.**

P: By your Spirit influence our national, state, and local governments. Give wisdom and sound judgment to all in authority, that justice may prevail, wickedness be hindered, and the pandemic may end.

into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.  
<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. <sup>4</sup> He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who asked him,

**C: "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"**

P: <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

**C: <sup>8</sup> Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"**

P: Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

**C: <sup>9</sup> "Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"**

P: <sup>10</sup> Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you[b] are clean, but not all of you." <sup>11</sup> Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."<sup>12</sup> After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. <sup>14</sup> Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. (EHV)

### **The Confession of Faith — The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. There will be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike down the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup> This day shall be a memorial for you, and you are to celebrate it as a festival to the Lord. Throughout your generations you must celebrate it as a permanent regulation. (EHV)

### **The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32**

*(We preach Christ crucified in the Lord's Supper.)*

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. <sup>28</sup> Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup. <sup>29</sup> For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy way because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> Because of this, many among you are weak and sick, and quite a few have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves, we would not be undergoing judgment. <sup>32</sup> However, when we undergo judgment, we are being disciplined by the Lord so that we may not be condemned with the world. (EHV)

### **Gospel Lesson: John 13: 1-15, 34**

*(The Gospel of John does not highlight the institution of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. But as Jesus washes his disciples' feet, he gently instructs them in its meaning, and issues his "new command" to love as he has loved.)*

<sup>1</sup> Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea