

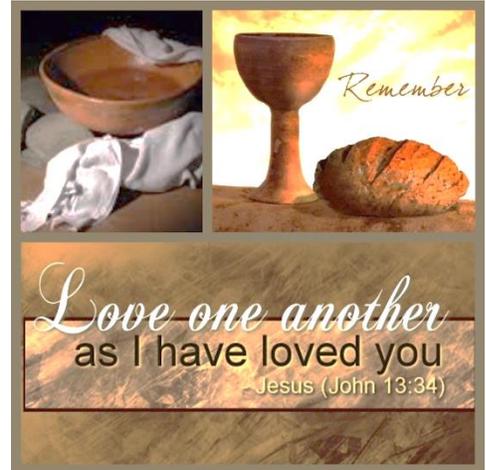
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FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH KENYON

**April 1, 2021**

**Maundy Thursday**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Again & Again**  
**we are held together**



*RINGING OF BELL*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF 2021 FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

*Hannah Kruger, Ilah Rechtzigel, Payton Temple*

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Tonight we will hear, again and again, of a love that knows no bounds.  
**ALL: May we be fully present here. May we worship holy God.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- L: The closer and closer we get to the crucifixion, the more earnest our prayers of confession feel. For we know that what was done to Jesus - betrayal, humiliation, violence, and death – are things we do to each other all the time. So with all earnestness, a sense of urgency, and a deep hope of transformation, we return to this prayer once again, trusting that God who holds the stars in the sky is holding us tonight. Let us confess together...

- ALL: Holy God hold us together. If I were to place myself at your table, I would probably be Peter – misunderstanding your radical hospitality, sticking to the rules, arguing what I do and don't deserve. Then again, it's possible that I'd be Judas – the one who betrayed you, the one who failed to see the good right in front of him, the one who might have thought he wasn't worthy of your love. If I were to place myself at your table, it's possible I would be one of the unnamed disciples - watching, but not speaking, silently missing the opportunity to tell you what I believe and how much**

**I love you. If I were to place myself at your table, I am confident that I would have made the same mistakes your well-intentioned disciples made. There is no surprise there. What is surprising is that I know you would have washed my feet nonetheless. So forgive me, God. Wash not just my feet, but my hands and my head also. Amen.**

L: Family of faith,  
Jesus knew that Peter would deny.  
He knew that Judas would betray,  
and he knew that disciples would hide in fear.  
and still – and still – he invited them in.  
He washed their feet and fed them.  
Friends, we worship the living Christ  
Whose love shocks, surprises, and far exceeds  
our understanding of love.  
So may this story tonight remind us:

**ALL: No matter who we are, no matter where we go, no matter how great our mistakes or regrets are in life, we will always be invited in and held together by the Living God. Again & again & again, we are forgiven. Again & again & again, we are held. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY – All Pray Together

**Jesus of Nazareth, if the disciples had known that the last supper would be their last meal with you before the crucifixion, I know they would have listened differently. I want to listen tonight like everything could change tomorrow. I want to listen like my soul depends on it. Gracious God clear away anything in me that might distract and open me to hear your word. I am listening, we are listening. Amen.**

READING – 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>For 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, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In 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." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 3:1-17, 31b-35

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

CONGR – PLEASE READ BOLD TEXT

<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

**And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.**

<sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

**“Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”**

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him,

**“You will never wash my feet.”**

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him,

**“Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”**

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.” <sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them,

**“Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”**

<sup>31b</sup>“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

**<sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

P. The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE: Pastor Julie Rogness

MUSIC: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* ELW #708 —PRE-RECORDED—

## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS – SHARING THE PEACE – OFFERING OF GIFTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

DISTRIBUTION *(Organ Music)*

COMMUNION BLESSING

MUSICAL OFFERING: JESUS REMEMBER ME (PLAYED 3X) ELW #616

## STRIPPING OF ALTAR & READING OF PSALM 88

- 1 O LORD, my God, my Savior,  
by day and night I cry to you.
- 2 Let my prayer enter your presence;  
incline your ear to my lamentation.
- 3 For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to the grave.
- 4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;  
I am like those who have no help,
- 5 like those forsaken among the dead,  
like the slain that lie in the grave,  
like those whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.
- 6 You have laid me in the depths of the pit,  
in deep, dark places of the abyss.
- 7 Your anger weighs heavily upon me,  
and all your great waves overwhelm me.
- 8 You have caused my companions to shun me;  
I am shut in so that I cannot escape.

9 My sight grows dim through sorrow.  
Every day I call on you, O LORD;  
I spread out my hands to you.

10 Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Will those who have died rise up to praise you?

11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,  
or your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

12 Are your wonders known in the darkness,  
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But I, O LORD, cry out to you;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

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

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

16 Your wrath has swept over me;  
your terrors have destroy me.

17 They surround me like a flood all day long;  
from all sides they close in on me.

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

—We depart the Sanctuary in silence—

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#### *PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP*

PASTOR: Julie Rogness, MUSICIAN: Tammy Hanson, ASSISTANTS: Ilah Rechtzigel, Dan Rogness.  
PRE-RECORDED MUSIC: Choir Singers-Carol Lozon, Jim Gould, Carm & Brad Nesseth

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