

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." - Jesus

RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship

Maundy Thursday April 9, 2020

New Life Lutheran Church Pearland, Texas



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GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

- **ROOTED** in the Word
- **REFRESHED** in the Spirit
- **REACHING** into the Neighborhood & the World!

TODAY @ NEW LIFE:

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with

his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Maundy Thursday



I Come With Joy



- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love, laid down for me, in love, laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound, by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE PARISH



What Wondrous Love Is This



A Special Liturgy for the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

- Reader: What is holy communion?

People: Holy communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Reader: Given with bread and wine.
- People: Instituted by Christ himself.

Reader: Where do Scriptures say this?

People: Matthew, Mark, Luke and Paul say: "In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread; and gave thanks.

Reader: Broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

- People: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you; do this in remembrance of me."
- Reader: "Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying:

People: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

- Reader: The cup of blessing which we bless, is this not the communion of the blood of Christ?
- People: The bread which we break, is this not the communion of the body of Christ?
- Reader: What benefits do we receive from this sacrament?

People: The benefits of the sacrament are pointed out by the words, "given and shed for you for the remission of sins."

Reader: These words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sin, life and salvation.

People: For where there is the forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation.

Reader: Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life

People: and that you might have it more abundantly."

- Reader: How can eating and drinking do such great things? It is not the eating and drinking indeed that does this,
- People: but the words, "given and shed for you for the remission of sins."
- Reader: These words, along with the eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament.
- People: Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins.
- Reader: I know in whom I have believed,
- People: and I am sure that he is able to keep what I have committed to him until that day.
- Reader: When is a person rightly prepared to receive this sacrament? Fasting and other outward preparation serve a good purpose.

People: However, that person is well prepared and worthy who believes these words, "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

- Reader: But anyone who does not believe these words, or doubts them, is neither prepared nor worthy.
- People: For the words *for you* require only a believing heart.
- Reader: Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.

People: I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

- Reader: But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- **People:** Thanks be to God.

A SONG OF DEVOTION



GOSPEL: Matthew 26: 17-30

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples." So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



FAITH5 - TALK

Pastor Gigee

"CAN YOU DRINK FROM THE CUP I DRINK?"

What Feast of Love





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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

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THE OFFERTORY

Johnny Salvesen

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FAITH5 - PRAY

P: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of love, unite your church in its commitment to humble service. Make us your faithful disciples. Speak words of truth and grace through us. Encourage us in self-giving acts of kindness. Let us love one another as you have loved us . Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of love, tend to flocks, fields, and vineyards. Bring favorable weather for crops to grow. Guide the hands of those who cultivate, farm, and garden. Let the earth flourish so that all may eat and be satisfied. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

- A: God of love, you give us a new commandment, to have love for one another. We give thanks for organizations that respond to disasters and for agencies that offer relief and humanitarian aid to populations in need. Lord in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

A: God of love, give ear to all who call upon you for any need of body or spirit (*especially*). Provide for those who do not have enough to eat, those who a r e u n e m p l o y e d o r underemployed, and those who rely on the generosity of others. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of love, you invite us to your table of mercy. Heal all divisions between members of this assembly. Extend the hospitality of this table beyond these walls, that your love and welcome be made known to all. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A: God of love, glorify your servants who walked by faith in this life and who now feast with you. Inspire us by the sacrifice of those who were imprisoned, persecuted, or martyred for their faith. Lord in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.



- P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



A PRAYER FOR DISMISSAL

A Prayer for LOVE

C: O blessed Lord, you have commanded us to love one another. Just as we have received so many undeserved blessings, may we love everyone in you and for you.

We ask your kindness for all, but especially for the friends whom your love has given to us. Love them, O fountain of love, and move them to love you with all their heart, that they may will, and speak, and do only those things which are pleasing to you.

Our prayer is cold, because our love is so feeble, but you are rich in mercy. Do not measure your goodness to them by the dullness of our devotion, but as your abundant kindness surpasses all human affection, so let your hearing transcend our prayer. Do what is best for them, according to your will, that being ruled and protected by you always and everywhere, they may receive eternal life in the end; to you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

Source: St. Anselm, 11th century

The omission of the benedictions on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other leading to the Easter celebration.

Maundy Thursday

Thurs., April 9th- Maundy Thursday Livestreamed Service @ 7:00 pm





Friday, April 10th - Good Friday *The Crucifixion of Jesus*Scripture / Reflections / Songs / Bidding Prayer
9:00 AM Facebook Livestream on NEW LIFE IN PEARLAND (can be viewed all day and shared with others)



Sunday, April 12th - Easter Sunday

Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, Son of God and Savior of the Cosmos

Facebook Livestream on NEW LIFE IN PEARLAND At 8am and available @ 10:30am and all day



<u>ALL Activities/events/classes, etc are suspended until at least April 30th</u> Sunday's Cool and Faith Practices are being reworked for upcoming events and are being featured on Facebook and online. NewLifeLutheran.com