

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869
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¹ Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.



Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Let us make confession to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: Almighty and merciful God:

People: 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.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Greeting

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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

People: Amen.

Musical Offering

“Your Love is Extravagant”

Dan & Lori Olson & Family

Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31-35

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After 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?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.'³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Message

Pastor Karna Moskalik

Offering

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Song of the Day

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

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¹ Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

² Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. Refrain

³ Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. Refrain

⁴ Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. Refrain

Prayer Litany

Leader: As we begin these holy Three Days, let us offer our prayer for the life of the world.

A brief silence.

For the whole church, that obeying the Lord's command that we love one another, we might serve one another as Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the strife-torn regions of the world, that war might cease and love prevail, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who are ill or weak in body, mind, or spirit, that they might receive God's strength and healing, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those in any need, for prisoners and the condemned, for the homeless and the hungry, for the lost and alone, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our congregation, that strengthened by the Lord's supper, we might make Christ visible through our own humble service, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Remembering those who have died in faith, that we with them might find our place at the table of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Grant these prayers, merciful God, and all that we need, as we eagerly await the Easter feast; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 22

Pastor Keith Lentz