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THURSDAY

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

May this hour be a journey of the heart, a renewal of spirit, a pause in our lives as we worship the Lord our God together. If you are a guest this evening we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to sign our guest book located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary, also known as the narthex. Following our worship service we invite you to share in a time of fellowship over coffee, juice, and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please visit with any member of the congregation or Pastor Janis Sloka, III. Thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!

We feel strongly that the faith formation of youth—just as any adult’s—develops through experience; because of this, we welcome youth of all ages to participate fully in worship and invite them to serve in a number of roles, such as: ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians. While we expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles, and all—we also understand that sometimes they (and their parents or guardians) need a break; on those occasions, you are welcome to utilize the nursery (unstaffed) located on the north end of the narthex. Additionally, there is a playroom for children and a couch room for older youth on the west end of the Fellowship Hall. You can also find children’s bulletins and crayons on the table as you enter the main church building doors.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

As Lutherans, worship is connected with and central to everything we do—uniting us in celebration, engaging us in thoughtful dialogue, and helping us grow in faith. At the heart of our worship life is the presence of God through the word proclaimed and the sacraments—Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; this is because worship is—first and foremost—fundamentally about what God is doing in the world and in our lives, and then our response to God’s action. In the context of worship we find our response in the liturgy, which is a way of living God’s story. The liturgical texts that form the prayers we pray, the texts we say, and the songs we sing find their roots in the Bible; for more information see the back of the hymnal, ELW pp. 1154-1159. Furthermore, these liturgical texts invite each and every one of us—not just the pastor or choir or any other worship leader—to use our voices to praise God. Through worship we are shaped to be participants in God’s life in this world.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR...

- Assistance with wheelchair seating • Assisted listening devices •
- Large print bulletins • Directions to restrooms

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Maundy “Command” Thursday
April 6, 2023, at 7:15 p.m.
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting 10
Service of Holy Communion with First Communion Celebration

*+Indicates to stand as you are able.
Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

INTRODUCTION TO THE NIGHT

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.

WELCOME

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

+GATHERING SONG

“We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW #479

+GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also, with you.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 the servant of all. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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+JOHN 13:1-17, 31b-35

Children's Bible page 462

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

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.” ^{31b}“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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” ELW #659

+APOSTLES’ CREED

In holy baptism the triune God adopts us as children and makes us members of the body of Christ, the church. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

+PEACE

The sharing of the peace is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian church. Far more than a sociable handshake, it is a ministry we do for each other that proclaims the promise of God's peace given to us and reconciles us to God and one another. As we share the peace today, you are invited to remain in your pew and turn toward your neighbors holding up the peace sign.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Every good and perfect gift is from God. In grateful response to all of God's gifts, we offer our time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of the church-bearing witness to the love of Christ in our community, country, and world. Your financial offerings may be placed in the plates by the sanctuary doors. You are also invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

+WORDS OF WELCOME FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Let us welcome our First Communicants to Holy Communion.

Welcome to Jesus' table! We rejoice with you and thank God for you!

Holy God, you make plenty for everyone, everywhere. This taste and sip of heaven interrupts our fear of scarcity with your promise to provide enough for all of creation and satisfy our whole lives.

You are manna from heaven, **you are the bread of life.**

You are the widow's jar of flour, **you do not run out.**

You are baskets of loaves and fish, **the feast that feeds thousands.**

You are a deep well at midday, **the living water.**

You are the Lamb of God, **you pour yourself out for all people.**

We celebrate with these children receiving their First Communion tonight [Croix, Derek, Hudson, Kendall, Landry, Rickie, Devan, Dannika, Dillan, Jocelyn, Keegan & Kendall]
We simply trust that in this special meal, Jesus is with us—feeding us, forgiving us, and loving us.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION – SUNG WITH “BROKEN FOR ME”

Blessed are you, O God,
for you have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine. In the beginning you watered the earth that man and woman might have food and drink. You gave your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey, and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us as daughters and sons. Blessed is our brother Jesus, Who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, And who is known to us in the breaking of the bread.

CONGREGATION SINGS

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

On the night of His arrest and betrayal, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to His disciples, saying “This is my body, given for you.”

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

Verse: This is my body given for you; Eat it, rememb’ring I died for you.

In the same way He took wine, and having given thanks for it, He gave the cup to His disciples, saying, “This cup is the new covenant with God, sealed with my blood, Shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins.”

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

Verse: This is my blood I shed for you; For your forgiveness, making you new.

Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the kingdom of God.

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

Verse: Come to my table and with me dine; Eat of my bread and drink of my wine.

Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

+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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lord’s table. Jesus himself is the host of this meal and welcomes everyone to come and eat, to be nourished in the faith—fed, forgiven, and loved back to life for the sake of a world in need. If you wish to remain seated, we will gladly bring Holy Communion to you in your pew; please simply inform the usher. If you wish not to receive Communion, you are still invited to receive a blessing and may indicate this preference by coming forward with your hands folded.

COMMUNION

+COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+OUR MISSION

Our mission is to GATHER as God’s people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*After Holy Communion is celebrated it is customary to “strip the altar,” which symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life. **After the altar is stripped, we will depart in silence.***

SPECIAL MUSIC “THE COMMISSION”

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We will depart in silence until worship again tomorrow at 7:15 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Today our community of faith celebrates our First Communicants who join us at the table of Jesus Christ, sharing fully in the meal of Holy Communion. In this special meal, Jesus is with us—feeding us, forgiving us, loving us, and asking us to do the same for the people around us and around the world. Just as Jesus welcomed strangers, healed sick people, forgave sinners, and helped people who were poor hungry, or scared, we are sent from his table to love others, just as he loves us. Thanks be to God!

⌘ FIRST COMMUNICANTS 2023 ⌘

Croix Carter
Derek Zimney
Hudson Klemisch
Kendall Melby
Landry Melby
Rickie Ouhl

Devan Rasmussen
Dannika Rasmussen
Dillan Rasmussen
Jocelyn Alexander
Keegan Wimer
Kendall Janz

In Our Prayers...

Edythe Rustad, Clarence Behles, Glen Blanchard, Darrin Huston, Stuart Bennett, Mike Gackle, Mona Reinisch, Claryce Johnson, Steve Seidler, Travis Kolden, Heidi Smith, Lorinda Johnson, Doug Steinmetz, Jeff Wretling, Randy Mautz, Alton Krebsbach, Terry Metz. The family of Ruby Boger at her death.

In Thanksgiving: for our children who are receiving their first communion tonight!

Please submit prayer requests to Loree, Holly, or Pastor Janis. Those for whom prayers have been requested will remain on our prayer lists and named in worship for four weeks, unless requested otherwise.

You invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving.

*Thank you for being a part of what God
is doing at St. Paul!*



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SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Keith Thelen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Financial & Church Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Sunday School Coordinator</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Organist</i>	Sundi Lagge
<i>Reader</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Ushers/Greeters</i>	Vickie Frothinger and Gavin Ruud
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Darlene Ruud and Lisa Haugen
<i>Communion Set-up and Clean-up</i>	Sharon Schwarz
<i>Acolytes</i>	Robbie and Raelynn Maki
<i>Door Attendant</i>	Eli Ruud
<i>Technology</i>	Mark Torno

MISSION STATEMENT

As we share the gospel of Jesus Christ, our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.