

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



6 APRIL 2023
Maundy Thursday

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.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Ten • 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE – "Three Passion Chorales"

Wilhelm Rudnick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

☐ 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 for self-examination.

☐ Almighty and merciful God,

☑ **I, a troubled and penitent sinner,
confess to you all my sins and iniquities
with which I have offended you
and for which I justly deserve your punishment.**

**I am sorry for them and repent of them
and pray for your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ,
be gracious and merciful to me,**

a poor, sinful being;

forgive my sins,

give me your Holy Spirit

for the amendment of my sinful life,

and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated. Individuals are welcome to come forward for personal absolution.

When all who so desire such absolution have received it, please stand as able and the Presiding Minister pronounces the absolution:

P In the mercy of Almighty God...in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P Having been reconciled to God, let us be reconciled to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

We share a greeting of peace with one another. Please be mindful of touch.

This hymn creates an entry into the sensory immersion of Holy Week, when worshiping communities move in real time through the last moments of Jesus' life. The text alludes to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil and affirms the uniquely intimate and mysterious qualities of this central time of the liturgical year. As congregations observe the Three Days together, they encounter Christ transformed as he moves from the upper room to the cross to the tomb. In awe, singers proclaim with hymnwriter Delores Dufner: "You are the Lord of all. Amen."

GATHERING HYMN

ACS 930

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you



feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in



life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

☞ **Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. “Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. “This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the deities of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. “This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Refrain: (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



I will lift the cup of sal - va - tion_____ and call on the name of the Lord.

¹ I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

² for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.

¹² How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³ I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord. **R**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵ Precious in your sight, O Lord,
is the death of your servants.

¹⁶ O Lord, truly I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. ►

- 17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 18 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,
- 19 in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. **R**

SECOND READING: I Corinthians 11:23-26

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, 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." 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For Jesus knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. "Now the Son-of-Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in God's own self and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. ►

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

Pastor Jay

The origin of this Latin antiphon is uncertain but is believed to date back to Charlemagne or possibly earlier. For many years before Vatican II, it was the appointed hymn during the washing of the feet on Maundy Thursday’s communion service.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 359

Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God’s char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God’s ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er’s faults as we our own con - fess,



- brought here to - geth - er by Christ’s love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God’s the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- ☐ Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- ☐ You make a new covenant with your people. Gather your church around word and table in love and promise as these three holy days enfold us. Open us to behold the mystery of our salvation. Merciful God,

☑ **receive our prayer.**

- ☐ You give us our daily bread, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Bless those who labor and tend to their crops and those who prepare our meals. Strengthen us to advocate for food justice and a fair distribution of resources. Merciful God,

☑ **receive our prayer.**

- ☐ You, our Savior and Teacher, stoop down to us in servant love. Inspire national and local leaders with a renewed sense of public service. Increase in them a humility to serve with equity and fairness. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

☑ **receive our prayer.**



A You incline your ear to us in every need. Befriend all who are lonely. Comfort those who grieve. Soothe any who are anxious. Console all who are distressed. Graciously tend to the hurts of your children who suffer in body, mind, and spirit in particular those whose names and needs we lift up now: *here, you may lift up those dearest to you.* Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You inspire your people to praise in word, song, and art. We give thanks for artists especially Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald, and Lucas Cranach whose gifts enrich the church's worship. Kindle in us appreciation for all who beautify our worship space throughout the changing seasons. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Precious in your sight is the death of your faithful ones. We remember and give thanks for the those who have died. With them, we trust your promise to love your own until the end. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

ANTHEM – “I Give You a New Commandment”

Peter Nardone

(John 13:34-35 & Ubi Caritas)

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

[Where charity is true, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be glad in him.

Let us fear and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.]

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** God of good gifts,
 receive these and all our offerings
 as we present them in faithful service
 for the sake of your gospel.
 Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
 as you pour out your very presence
 through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
- C** Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| P The Lord be with you. | C And also with you. |
| P Lift up your hearts. | C We lift them to the Lord. |
| P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | C It is right to give our thanks and praise. |
- P** It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gives salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on each and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: ▶

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** Blessed are you, O living God, sovereign of time and space.
 You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
 Your word leads us across the waters to freedom,
 passing over with us from death to life.
 Blessed be God forever!
- C** **Blessed be God forever!**
- P** Blessed are you, O living God, for your glory revealed in Jesus Christ.
 He is the Lamb, whose blood saves us from sin.
 He is your Servant, who washes our feet with mercy.
 He is himself our Food, the bread and cup of salvation.
 Blessed be God forever!
- C** **Blessed be God forever!**
- P** *On the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks,
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.*
- P** *Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 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.*
- P** Blessed be God forever!
- C** **Blessed be God forever!**
- P** Blessed are you, O living God, for your Spirit of love.
 Feed us at this table with the body and blood of your Son.
 Make us servants of one another and of everyone in need.
 Bring us with all your people to the joy of the resurrection.
 Blessed be God forever!
- C** **Blessed be God forever!**
- P** Amen, amen.
- C** **Amen, amen.**



- ☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- ☑ **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.**

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

- ☐ This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which the eternal God became incarnate. This is the table not of the church, but of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come—not because the Church invites you— It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.
- ☑ **Amen. We come.**

COMMUNION

This is Christ's Table and Christ himself is present when we share this Meal. All Christians are welcomed to receive the Bread and Wine, Christ's Body and Blood given and shed for the sake of the world. Communion is by pouring chalice. As you come forward, take a small cup from the front of the aisle, and proceed to the Presiding Minister. Receive the bread in your open palm. Then, please hold your cup steadily for the assisting minister to pour into. You may then drink. When you return to your seat, please dispose of the cup in the trays at the side aisles. For those who cannot receive alcoholized wine, white grape juice is available in the pre-filled cups in the trays. For those who so desire, gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate such desire to the Presiding Minister. All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper this night; if you who would like to participate, but not to receive the Bread and Wine, please come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms in front of you. If you are unable to come forward and would like Communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

The First Communion class and their families will receive first. Please remain seated until the ministers invite you forward.

*Martin Luther entered the University of Erfurt in 1501 and became an Augustinian monk in 1505.
 He was an ordained priest, appointed Professor at the University of Wittenberg,
 and published his 95 Theses. From 1521-1534 he translated the Bible into German.
 Luther had a huge influence on German hymnody.*

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 499

O Lord, We Praise You



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to
 3 Lord God, be - stow on us your grace and fa - vor, that we



giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
 win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
 love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of
 geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
 Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; by this



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
 blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;
 ho - ly ban - quet re - make us. Give your church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483-1546, sts. 2-3; tr. composite
 Music: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

When the author of this hymn became an invalid and grew depressed over her inability to lead a more active life, she wrote this hymn, which helped both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth. It has ever since served as a source of solace for many. The tune, from the pen of a well-known composer, was written for a different hymn, but the composer later adapted it to the current text.

ELW 592

Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871
 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament
 you strengthen us with the saving power
 of your suffering, death, and resurrection.
 May this sacrament of your body and blood
 so work in us that the fruits of your redemption
 will show forth in the way we live,
 for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

After the Meal, Jesus was arrested, stripped, mocked, and jailed before the trials of Good Friday. The Altar and entire Chancel are stripped of all adornment and will stand bare until the celebration of Easter. The bareness of the Altar, the Chancel, and the entire worship space is a reminder of Jesus' emptying in death for us.

ANTHEM – "When Twilight Comes"

(Barb Moore, flute; Jonathan Gaber, cello)

*When twilight comes and the sun sets, mother hen prepares for night's rest.
As her brood shelters under her wings, she gives the love of God to her nest.*

*Oh! what joy to feel her warm heartbeat and be near her all night long;
So the young can find repose, then renew tomorrow's song.*

*One day the Rabbi, Lord Jesus, called the twelve to share his last meal.
As the hen tends her young, so for them he spent himself to seek and to heal.*

*Oh! what joy to be with Christ Jesus, hear his voice, oh! sheer delight,
And receive his servant care: all before the coming night.*

*So gather round once again, friends, touched by fading glow of sun's gold,
and recount all our frail human hopes: the dreams of young and stories of old.*

*Oh! what joy to pray close together, kneeling as one family,
By a mother's love embraced in the blessed Trinity.*

AFTER THE ALTAR AND CHANCEL HAVE BEEN STRIPPED AND THE FONT IS SEALED,
THE ASSEMBLY MAY DEPART IN SILENCE OR REMAIN FOR PRAYER.

AS WE REMAIN IN PRAYER, WE REMEMBER JESUS' INVITATION TO HIS DISCIPLES:
STAY HERE A WHILE AND PRAY WITH ME.

THERE WILL BE A SERVICE OF COMPLINE AT 11:30PM.

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell
ACOLYTES – Kara Partusch & Krista Partusch
ASSISTANT MINISTER – Michael Snider
LECTOR – Les Fobes
BREAD & WINE – First Holy Communion Students
COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Ann Flick



Our students who will partake of their First Holy Communion this evening are:

TESSA JEANNE BARTLETT
GRANT DAVID STELMACK

MICHAEL RICHARD HEINTZEL
CECILIA ROSE ULRICH

This evening's worship continues tomorrow evening at 7:00pm for our worship on Good Friday. We gather in a service that centralizes the saving acts of God in the Passion of Jesus. The Lutheran witness calls on us to see the work of God in the cross. Luther calls this *The Theology of the Cross*—finding God at work in the last place we would reasonably look. We remember and, indeed, celebrate that God has conquered the everlasting power of death by Jesus' own death. As we gather and hear again how God's ultimate power is shown forth in Jesus' ultimate weakness, we extinguish candles remembering how Jesus was emptied out for us. We will also *light* candles around the cross with our own prayers, offering ourselves and the needs of our weary and wounded world before the Throne of Mercy, the Cross. This year's service will weave together many traditions of the observation of this most solemn and holy day.

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Cathy & Don MacGregor
Paul Meucci
Lynnette Gustafson

C. Noelle Partusch
Dave Birkner

Chickie Braine
Torsten Carlson

Mike Daniels
Julie Sturm

Friends and Family:

Dennis & Lori Sander
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie
Karen Dahlstrand
Jessica & Damian Ream
Austin Coverdale
Baby Archer Bardwell
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon
Megan Bruno

Elayne Morphy
Mary Correll
Nichole Jones
Elise VanDamia
Kevin
Curtis Krick
Debbie
Barbara Dennison

June Madurski
Judy Skoog
Bob Guenther
Gary Flick
Tom Wilson
Tom Braendel
Caitlyn Kessler
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