

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Were You There"

ELW #353

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH L) Lord in your Mercy C) **Hear our Prayer**

SHARING THE PEACE: L) *"The peace of Christ be with you all"* C) **And also with you.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

"Come To The Table"

ELW #481

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

HOLY COMMUNION (At the Rail)

✠ Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

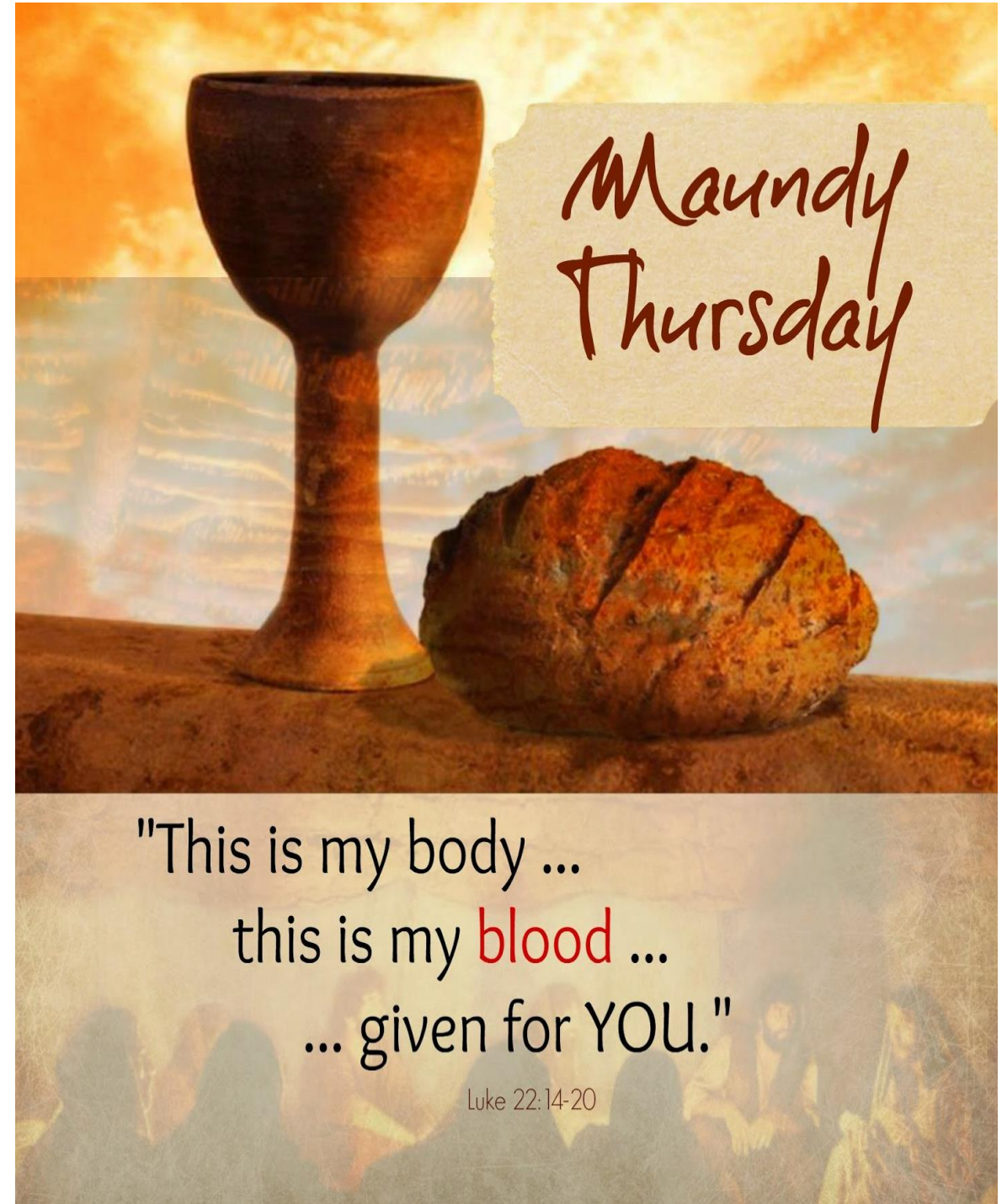
✠ Distribution Hymns: "What Feast of Love" ELW #487

"Lamb of God" ELW #336

✠ Blessing & Benediction

PSALM 22 *Stripping of the Altar*

(Worship ends in Silence)



Benton & Willow Creek Lutheran Churches

Maundy Thursday – March 28th, 2024
Guest Pastor: Kent Stillson Organist: Haley Dahl

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Abide with Me”

ELW #629

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me!

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

CONFESSION & PRAYER OF HOPE

L: Let us pray.

C: God of grace, you have come to us in our Savior Jesus, but we have ignored him, denied him, even betrayed him. We have not faithfully followed his commandment to love one another as he loved us. Have mercy on us.

L: Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.”

C: This Jesus said to his disciples, after washing their feet and having supper with him.

L: Tonight, we remember that night and those words.

C: Above all, we remember Jesus breaking the bread and pouring the wine, pointing to his imminent death.

L: O God, let this service of remembrance sober us of any illusions we may have about our own courage and faithfulness.

C: Help us realize our entire dependence on his courage, his faithfulness, his forgiveness.

L: With repentant hearts, let us hail the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

C: Through Jesus’ sacrifice, we are pardoned and healed. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 11:23–28

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. ²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. *L) Word of God, Word of Life. All) Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Jesus Remember Me”

ELW #616

GOSPEL John 13: 1-17, 34

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. ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. *L) Word of God, Word of Life. All) Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

“The Christian Mandate”

Pastor Kent Stillson