



Maundy Thursday Service

Trinity Lutheran Church

6:30 pm

Thursday, March 28th, 2024

Pastor Grant Fischer

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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With nightfall 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. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

GATHERING

BELL

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 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.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from Exodus chapter 12, verses 1-14. Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

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. 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. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods 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 our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 11, verses 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.

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

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. 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 the table, 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 he 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 returned to the table, 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, servants 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 himself 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 Jews 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.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Grant Fischer

HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW #612

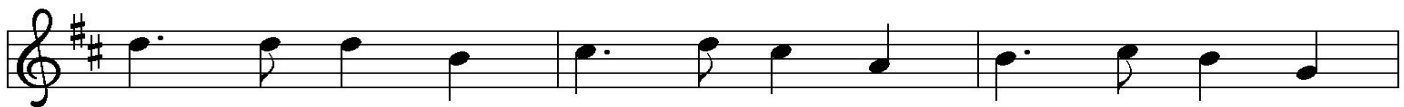
Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

SERVICE OF HEALING

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction. Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety. Mercifully grant strength to the weak and comfort to those who suffer, that their sickness and pain may be turned into health. God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes. Jesus prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity. Mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world. Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed. Heal the pain of all who grieve. Gracious God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Receive this oil as a sign of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon all your servants, drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver them from the power of evil; preserve and strengthen them in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore. **Amen**

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

OFFERING

We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW 686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

COMMUNION WELCOME

All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Trinity. You are well prepared and worthy if by faith you believe these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin". Welcome to the Lord's Table. Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

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.**

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 gave 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 earth 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION Come for all things are now ready. Taste and See that the Lord is good.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

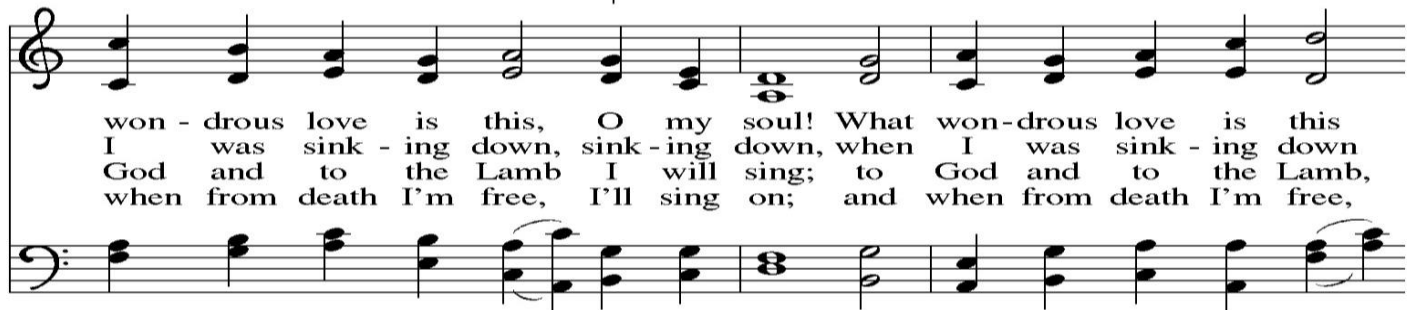
HYMN

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

ELW #666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

SENDING

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22 IS READ AS LIGHTS ARE SLOWLY DIMMED.

All Depart in Silence as you are dismissed by the Ushers.



Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

	6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship	6:30 pm Good Friday Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	Mary Mulry
Acolytes	Kayden Braun	Gavin Fischer
Readers	Darlene Brummund	*****
Communion Assistant	Lee Johnson	*****
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Connie Johnson	Connie Johnson
Ushers	Isaac Johnson & Darlene Brummund	Mark Miller & Lee Johnson
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner	



HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

GOOD FRIDAY AT 6:30 PM

EASTER MORNING SERVICE TIMES

6:30 & 9:00 AM



Please return your quarter folders and canisters this week. Time & Talent are now due, so please turn them in as well. Extra copies are available on the table in the Narthex. Thank You!



MEALS THAT MATTER

With the delicious meals available in the freezer located in room 109 just off the dining room we now need your help. The meals are to be given to people who are experiencing some sort of life changing event, be it a new baby, illness, a death in the family, or anyone you think would benefit from a tasty, ready made dinner. Remember, you are the hands of Jesus in our world.

Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!

The well enjoyed Progressive Supper is BACK! Please mark your calendars for Sunday April 28th, to join in an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and great food. **Please sign up by April 14th.** We are in need of 4 hosts to open their homes for this event. Please contact Ashley Fischer at 507-766-2647 if you are willing to be a host. Watch for more details on time and cost in future church publications. A sign-up sheet is in the church office.

What is the Progressive Supper? Attendees will travel by car to enjoy each course of the meal at 4 different homes. Attendees will be asked to provide a dish for one of the four courses.



Lent is a time for humble service of others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes his disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1-19:42	The sufferings and death of Jesus
Saturday	Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24	In God I hope
Sunday	Mark 16:1-8	Christ is risen!

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He appeared as a man. He came down to the lowest level. He obeyed God completely, even though it led to his death. In fact, he died on a cross.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Who is the most "important" person you have met? How did you feel when you met that person?
- Jesus, who is King of kings and Lord of lords, "came down to the lowest level" for us. In what ways has Jesus been our humble servant?
- In what ways can you follow Jesus' example this Holy Week?

DEVOTIONS

Good Friday is a special day for contemplation upon Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. Introduce these practices into your home life to make your Holy Week a more meaningful experience.

- Simplify your day. Attend church together as a household. Spend quiet time at home, without use of the TV, radio, video games, CDs or computer. Make the hours of noon to 3 p.m. (the hours when Jesus was crucified) a particular "low time" (you may wish to darken your home during these hours by drawing your curtains).
- Look together at a Bible storybook of Jesus' passion, or watch a video of Jesus' life.
- Simplify your meals. Minimize snack foods.
- Perform an act of service together as a household, such as clean up a community area, visit a lonely person, or prepare something to give away.

SERVICE

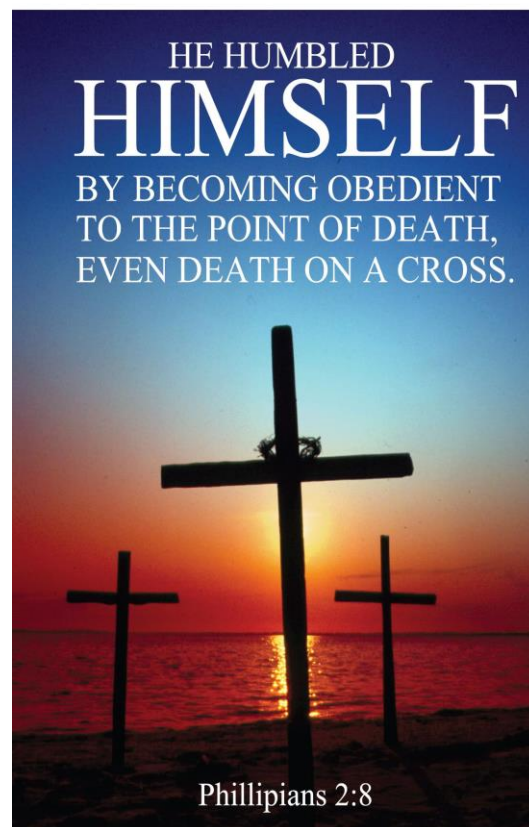
Do you know someone who will spend Easter alone? Share your resurrection joy by inviting that person to lunch or dinner next Sunday.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

On Palm Sunday light all six purple candles on your "crown of thorns" wreath. Read Philippians 2:8 and then extinguish one candle. Say this prayer together: Lord Jesus, thank you for coming down to our level so that we could be lifted up to yours. Thank you for being our humble servant by dying on the cross. Amen. In the following five days of Holy Week, follow the same pattern – light all six candles, read a Bible verse, extinguish candles (one more each day) and say the prayer together:

Friday Read Isaiah 53:8 Extinguish 6 candles together.

On Saturday, don't light any candles. Read Isaiah 53:9 and say the prayer



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Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyeonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give. Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	130
Bible Studies Attendance: - +3+4=	7
Weekly Giving:	Not Available
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$68,760.00
2024 Budget	\$298,000.00



THE LAST SUPPER

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for Trinity...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Wade, Krista, Nicole, Trisha, Jan, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Sarah, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones... especially Karen Beltz in the loss of her daughter, **Sally Foster**.....that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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It is the
PASSOVER
of the **LORD.**

Exodus 12:11

