

## Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

In Person worship, 7 pm

In Person worship, Saturday, 5 pm and Sunday at 6 am and 10:30 am

Sunday service will be livestream on Facebook at 10:30 am

### GATHERING

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

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

*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 end 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.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The presiding minister invites the assembly into the confession.*

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.

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.**

### 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.**

*Sit*

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14

*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: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>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.

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

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.  
<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**  
<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me | from my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**  
<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,  
<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

### **SECOND LESSON: 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.*

<sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>For 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, 31b-35**

*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.*

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to John, Chapter 13  
**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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*The gospel concludes:*  
The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY - "Where Charity and Love Prevail" ELW #359**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world.  
Let us pray.

*A brief silence.*

You call your people to share what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service, that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

*Stand*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** – *to be spoken softly*

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.**

### **PREFACE**

*The presiding minister continues:*

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:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus 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.  
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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **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.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond* **Amen.**

#### **TABLE BLESSING**

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

#### **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.**

*The assembly sits or kneels. The candles are extinguished and the lights dimmed.*

### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space with the help of all Altar Guild Members.*

**Psalm 22** – to be read by the Director of Music

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me,  
so far from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;  
by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued them.

<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

<sup>8</sup>"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

<sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a slashing and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

<sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers  
circles round me;

they pierce my hands and my feet.

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones

- while they stare at me and gloat.
- <sup>18</sup>They divide my garments among them;  
for my clothing, they cast lots.
- <sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.
- <sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.
- <sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- <sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
- <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise!  
All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- <sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who  
fear the LORD.
- <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!  
May your hearts live forever!
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn  
to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.
- <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,  
shall kneel before the LORD.
- <sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

*The blessing and dismissal are omitted. All depart in silence following the recession of the pastor.*

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**Prayer Requests** – Please email, text, or call Pastor Kathy with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. Please direct Pastoral care requests in the same way.

We will meet again tomorrow, Good Friday 7:00 pm for the Tenebrae service and Holy Communion on Saturday evening with Easter Vigil readings.

Bulletins last week were dedicated in memory Earl Sholl presented by his daughters Faye Williams and Helen Miller and their families.



Bulletins this week are dedicated in remembrance of Grandparents Dutch and Idaâs birthdays by their family.

Two vases of altar flowers have been placed in remembrance of Grandparents Dutch and Idaâs birthdays by their family.

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**In Home Holy Communion kits** for April are available in the church Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to pick up a kit but want one or have not been on the list, please call the church office. Remember to return your kit and remaining supplies from the previous month. Some of you may still have ample supplies and might only need a handful of wafers. If you need only wafers or prefer not to have a bag prepared for you this month, please let us know.

**Easter Home Communion**s – For those who are homebound and are not able to see the Facebook live service, Pastor will bring home communion to them in an outdoor setting such a porch or deck. The person can even remain inside by the door, if necessary. (Can you tell we are hoping for warmer weather?!) All covid safety guidelines will be followed. Please call the church office to arrange a visit.

**Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!** Your participation in our Lenten ministry project to assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief was simply awesome! On Palm Sunday we blessed 131 kits (a record) around the cross. We also had additional items donated that day. Our goal is to have 150 completed kits for LWR and we have several people who have volunteered to help us reach that goal. These kits will be sent with other Parish projects of our Jolly Quilters to the June Ingathering for LWR. Each box of Personal Care Kits will have a tracking code so we may follow where these kits will travel to share the love of God with others in need. Thank you again for your generous support.

**The Annual Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by the Christian Education Committee was held last Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. We had 19 children participate. Because of Covid restrictions each family had their own socially distanced table to work on crafts and then the children gathered in 3 groups for the egg hunt. The rain held off long enough for the oldest group to hunt outside. Many thanks to Reba and the Christian Education Committee for being creative in these times and to our youth Kylie, Carly, Aiden, and Logan who hid the eggs.

**Online Bible Study** meets Thursday nights at 7 pm using ZOOM. We are currently studying the book of Job. Contact Charles Hawk or Pastor Kathy for the information to connect with the group. Please join us!

**Attendance for March 28, 2021:** 62 physically present, 610 virtual views, 10 shares as of 3/29/21. Thank you to everyone who joins us virtually and shares our service!

**Sponsoring bulletins and flowers** is a great way to honor a special event in your loved ones' lives or to remember a loved one who has died. (Please only two vases of flowers per week.) If flowers are not sponsored, this is an added cost to the church. Many dates are available in 2021. **Weekly mailings may also be sponsored.**

**The statements for 2020 are available.** In order to limit the number of hands touching the statements and offering envelopes for 2021, Eva will have statements and/or offering envelopes available at the door, if you are signed up to attend an in-person service. If you are not attending an in-person service,

please call the office to make arrangements to pick-up your statement and/or offering envelopes. Consider requesting statements and/or envelopes for other members of your family.

**Student Loan Applications** will be available the beginning of April for the 2021-22 school year. Student Loan Applications may be picked up on the table in the narthex, from a Student Loan Committee member, or by downloading the application from the website. Student Loan Committee members include Jeff Freeman, Charlene Egan, Marlene Troxell, Trish Krause and Mike Troxell. Completed Student Loan Applications should be returned to a committee member no later than 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 25, 2021.

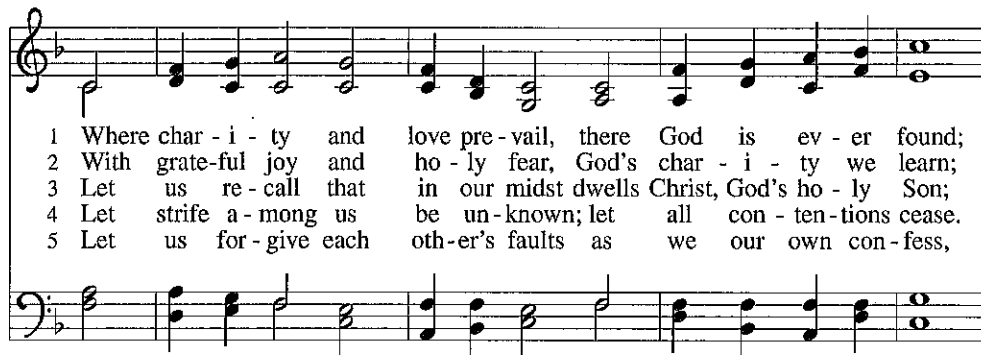
**Calling all graduates!** We will be honoring all our graduates at the worship services on the weekend of June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office with name of your graduate by May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please include where they are graduating from and their future plans.

May /June newsletter articles are due April 15<sup>th</sup>.

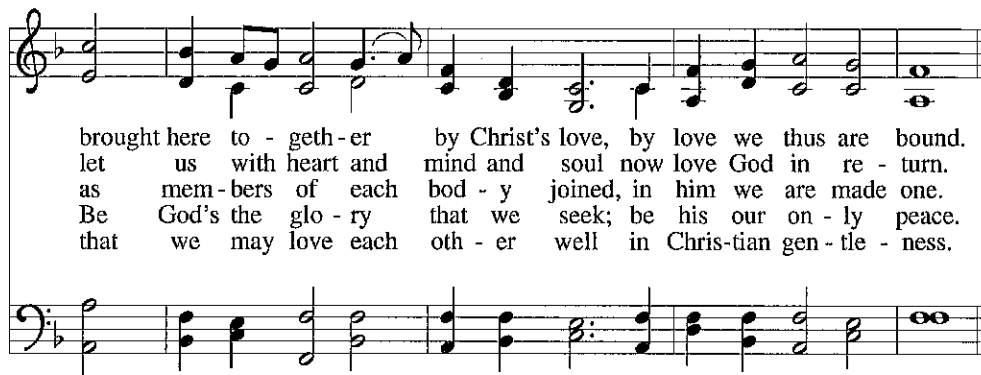
Pastor will be on vacation next week, so there will be communion offered next weekend, April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Keep in your prayers:** Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Gary & Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Barbara Pennypacker, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Eleanor Jamison, Adam Brink, Glenn & Linda Curtis, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Pat Stevens, Lawrence Latsko, Rosemary Meade, Tyler Boland, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Connie Klinger, Stacey Rao, Betty Strauch and John Strauch, Sr., Helen & Glenn Miller, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tom Leganza, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, and Brad Renninger

## 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.

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