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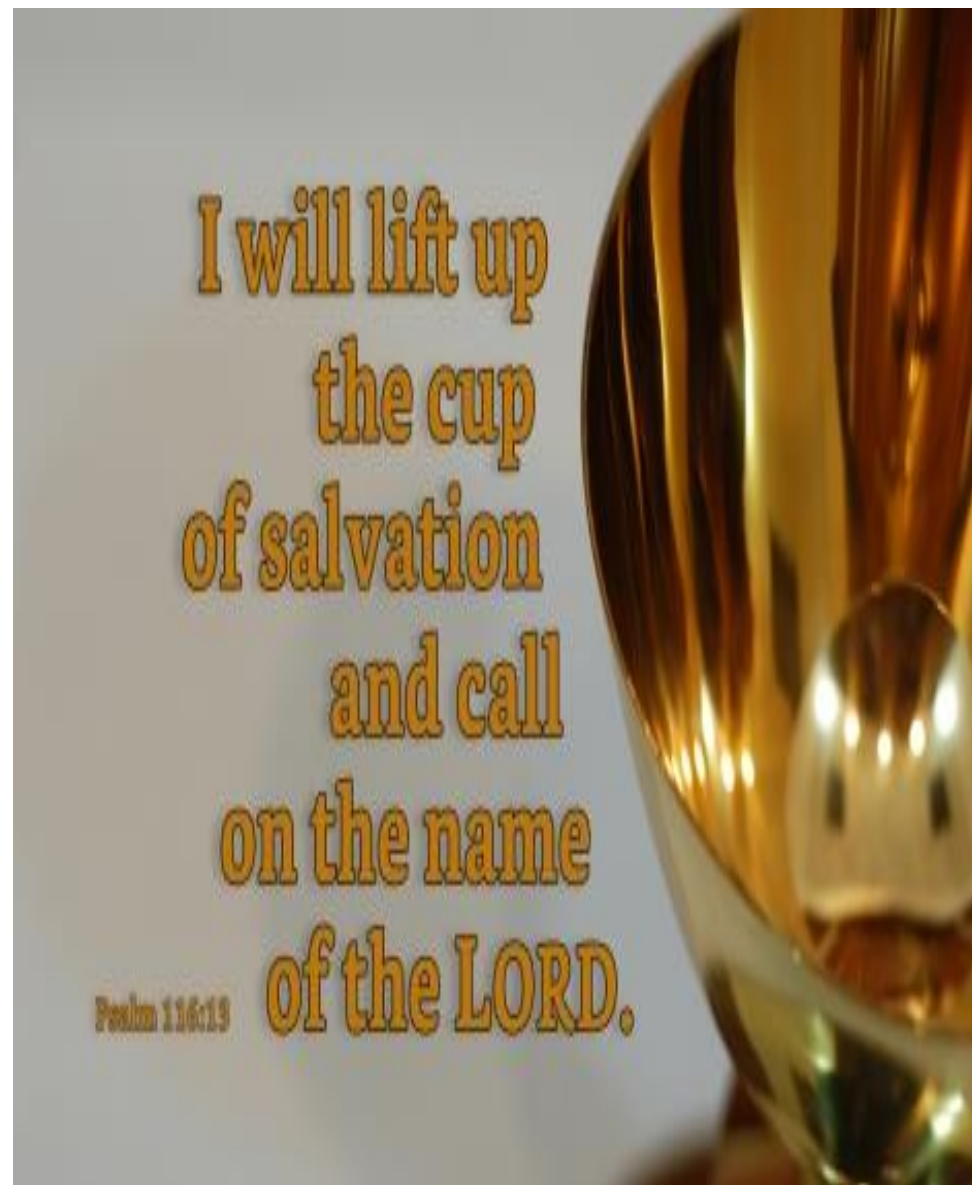
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PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Ken Cook, grandfather to Reagan & Delaney Cook, died suddenly.
- Ben Blobaum & family as he prays for his 1st call to a church and to become ordained.
- Don Peterson, Louise Hoffman's brother has been ill.
- Eddie Young, Charmaine Massey's sons heart procedure went well, however, Dr's have found something else.
- Pastor Ian Griffith, LCMC pastor serving Zion Lutheran Church in La Moille, Illinois. He has had two surgeries to remove a cancerous lump from his jaw. He will hopefully be in rehab soon.
- Jason Gorski's cancer isn't responding to the new chemo medication. Jason is 42 years old, married with two children.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 – 7:00PM

Welcome! Tonight, we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice or water, the rest, wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

The stripping of the altar at the conclusion of our Communion service is a liturgical practice used to show the connection between Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, between the institution of the Lord's Supper, and the death of our Lord on the cross. For it was "in the night in which He was betrayed" that our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and wine and instituted this means of grace, this Holy Sacrament.

LBW-green hymnal **Please stand as able.*

Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

*Invocation

*Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you left to us a wonderful Sacrament, a memorial of your passion. Grant, we beseech you, that we may so partake of this Sacrament of your body and blood that the fruits of your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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The Absolution: Those who desire individual absolution with laying on of hands, please come forward and kneel before the altar.

Psalm 116:12-17 (responsively by whole verse)

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First Reading (*pew Bible p. 69*)

Exodus 24:3-11

Second Reading (*pew Bible p.1096*)

Hebrews 9:11-22

*Gospel (*pew Bible p. 906*)

Matthew 26:17-30

Sermon: **"THE UPPER ROOM"**

*Hymn of the Day: "O Living Bread from Heaven"

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*The Nicene Creed

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*The Prayers of the Church

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*Sharing of the Peace

Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart

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*Offertory Prayer

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*The Great Thanksgiving

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*The Words of Institution

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*Lord's Prayer

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Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Closing Hymn: "Abide with Me"

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The Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22 is read by the Lay Reader. Jesus cried out the first verse of this Psalm from the cross.

PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 7:00 p.m.: Good Friday Tenebrae (darkness) service. (Please drop off breakfast donations at this time.)

PRAYER VIGIL: The prayer vigil will begin after the Good Friday Service. Many half-hour time slots are still left, offering you private time in the sanctuary for prayer and reflection. Devotional materials will be provided. Sign up in the narthex at the Prayer Vigil cross to reserve your time slot.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 There is no Saturday service. Participation in the Prayer Vigil is a meaningful alternative.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Service.

8:00 a.m.: Easter Breakfast served by the church youth. Free-will offering.

9:30 a.m.: Easter Festival Communion Service continues the Good