

April 2nd, 2015
Maundy Thursday

THE PARABLES OF LENT

RECEIVE THE MEAL

THE PARABLE *of*
the GREAT BANQUET



The Federated Church of Paxton
6:30 p.m. Worship Service



*Opening Hymn

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.
He who his saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Lord's Supper Litany

One: In this Holy Week the Son of God prepares a great banquet for all people.

All: This banquet features his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

One: In this banquet the sacrifice is remembered.

All: In this banquet the sacrifice is received.

One: In this banquet we have life.

All: In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.

One: Jesus said, "But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

All: In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.

One: Jesus said, "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

All: In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.

One: Jesus said, "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'"

**All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

All: Grant me your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

***Confession and Absolution**

One: In our sin and sinfulness we make excuses, squandering and taking for granted the grace of God and the banquet he so freely gives.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful.

We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. It is natural for us to make excuses when you present your gifts to us. Because of our selfishness, we deserve to be shut out of the banquet. Though you are generous in your love, we deserve only your wrath. Forgive us, most holy God.

One: On this day, the Lord Jesus institutes a new banquet for you. With his broken body and shed blood he creates a meal that fills you with forgiveness, love and life. Jesus honors you at his banquet. Because of his perfect sacrifice, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

***Gospel Reading** Luke 22:14-23

Mundy Thursday Reflection

Petitions *Let each petition end with the following response:*

One: Master of the feast,

All: feed us with your love and forgiveness.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

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***Benediction**

You have received the body and the blood of Christ Jesus through this Holy Meal, ordained by God. Receive now His blessing: The God who prepares for you the banquet that leads to Eternal Life, strengthen you in your faith and grant you the forgiveness of sins as you are seated in the place of honor at His special invitation. AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, April 2nd

Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30pm
(Elder, Jim Niewold)

Friday, April 3rd

Federated Sanctuary Open for Prayer,
Noon - 3:00pm

Community Good Friday Service,
Paxton Church of Christ, 7:00pm

Sunday, April 5th
Easter

Easter Sunday Breakfast, 8:30am
Worship, 10:00am (Elder, Kammy)

Monday, April 6th

PC Off

Tuesday, April 7th

PC on Sabbath

Wednesday, April 8th

PC on Sabbath
Choir Practice, 7:00pm

April

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4th - Vicki Cole

13th - Larry Clampitt

19th - Larry & Debbie Sexton Ann.

20th - Elizabeth Satterlee

26th - Jalen Kaiser

29th - Doug Niewold

30th - Lou Lateer



Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders

April - Taylors

May - Goudys

June - Roy & Lawrence

***Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing and faith
for these friends and family members***

Janet Goudy, David Clampitt, Kevin Rossler, Mike Johnsen,
Gayle Dunahee, Matthew Swearingen, Barb Legener, Ann Cofel

Homebound or in Adult Health Care Facilities

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

**For the month of April, please bring peanut butter, hamburger helper
& apple sauce for the Food Pantry.**

As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.

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