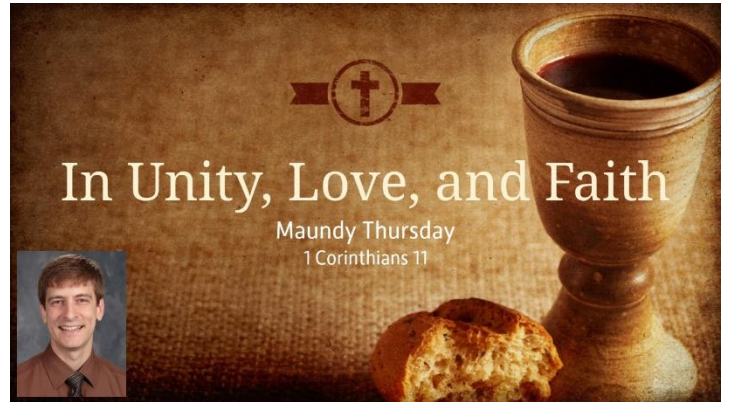


# **“In Unity, Love, and Faith”**

**~ 1 Corinthians 11**

**Sermon Series:  
Maundy Thursday**



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**God gave us this meal as a meal for a reason. We hunger and thirst for Jesus.**

**We abstain from Holy Communion:**

## **1. In UNITY**

*17 “...In the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. 18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you.”*  
(1 Corinthians 11)

*20 “When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. 21 For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. 22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.”*  
(1 Corinthians 11)

## **2. Out of LOVE.**

### 3. In *FAITH*

We certainly do have Jesus' presence.

<sup>20</sup> *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."*  
(Matthew 18)

<sup>38</sup> *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*  
(Romans 8)

We have the Holy Spirit inside each of us, drawing us together, even while we are apart.

<sup>1</sup> *"I ... urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called..., <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."*  
(Romans 8)

**We have the Word—spoken, read, preached, live streamed, recorded... promises too many to number.**