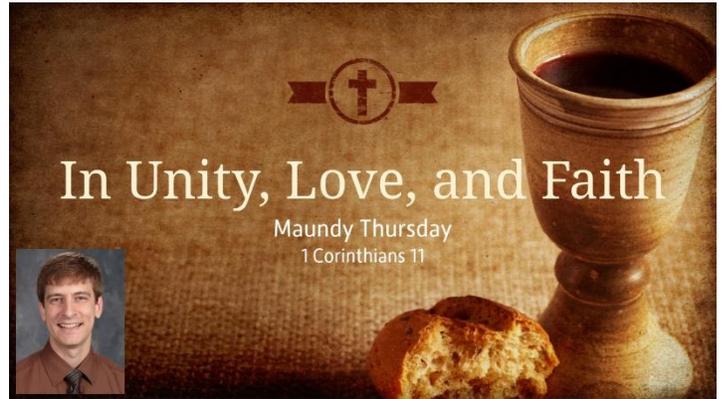


“In Unity, Love, and Faith”

~ 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.

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

³⁸ *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.

¹ *"I ... urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called..., ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ 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.