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Welcome to Dinner Church! Please prepare your meal ahead of time and join us to eat at 7pm online. We are inviting everyone to make spaghetti so that we are all eating the same thing. You can make it simple or you can add all kinds of things to it! If you need supplies to make spaghetti, let us know. We will also be remembering Communion so have some bread (or crackers), water, a candle, and a Bible nearby. We will enter into breakout rooms and discuss a meaningful meal that you remember or a time that Holy Communion was particularly special for you.

## **WELCOME AND GATHERING**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**

### **READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

<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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR MEAL

As we've learned throughout this last year, time and space cannot come between us and the love we share. While we are gathered in our homes and distanced from one another, we are one in the Spirit and one in Christ Jesus.

**FIRST READING:** "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

*Light the candle.*

**SECOND READING:** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

*Hold the Bible.*

**THIRD READING:** On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'" (John 7:37-38)

*Hold the glass of water in your hands. Drink the water slowly. Feel it flow into your body. Know that God's love is flowing into your body and soul right now.*

**FOURTH READING:** Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

*Take a piece of bread in your hands. Break and eat the piece of bread that you are holding. Remember the times you have received bread in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Remember those who gathered with you. Remember the presence of Christ in that moment. Be assured that Christ is with you in every moment of your life. Sit silently and allow Christ's love to surround you.*

## One Bread, One Body

*Refrain*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of'. The second staff continues with 'bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y'. The third staff concludes with 'through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath - ered to one for all.

*Refrain*

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## BREAKOUT ROOMS WHILE EATING - 15-20 minutes

*Share a story about a meaningful meal that you remember or a time that Holy Communion was particularly special for you as you eat. It can be something simple or something extravagant. Why do you think it sticks in your memory? Is it similar or different from the meal Jesus and his disciples celebrate?*

## GATHER TOGETHER AND REFLECT

*What did you hear in the breakout room? Were there any themes?*

## PRAYERS

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, you speak to us words of life. Call forth in us rivers of living water, and feed our deepest hunger. In trying times, in times of loneliness or confusion, in times we feel most alone, remind us that we are never alone, for you are with us always.

Hear us now, and pray for us in our weakness with sighs too deep for words, as we lift up:

- ❖ Those whom we love – those present with us and those from whom we are separated . . .
- ❖ The prisoners, and those held captive physically, mentally, or spiritually . . .
- ❖ The sick and the suffering . . .
- ❖ Those who care for the sick, both medical caregivers and families who wait and watch with them . . .
- ❖ Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, the loss of freedom, the loss of security, the loss of a livelihood, or the loss of a sense of order and control . . .
- ❖ Those with more questions than answers, and all who long for your guiding light for their path . . .
- ❖ The lonely, the isolated, and those who long for a loving touch . . .
- ❖ Those whose remaining days on this earth are few, and for those walking in the valley of the shadow of death . . .
- ❖ Those whom we too easily forget, and those whose needs are known only to you . . .

Into your hands O Lord we commend all for whom we pray. Trusting in your mercy through your Son Jesus Christ as we pray together as the Lord taught us:

### **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

Finally, remembering Jesus going to his arrest and his death, the events from which all the mercy that fills this night flows, pray this psalm as the altar is stripped.

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### **Holy Week 2021 Schedule**

- Good Friday- A community worship service will be available on Facebook and Zoom at noon.
- Easter Sunday- We will gather at Meyerholtz Park (1799 W Riverview) at 7am for Sunrise Easter Worship including Holy Communion. Bring a chair and dress for the weather.
- Easter Worship will be on Facebook and Zoom at 9am with drive thru communion from 10-11am. Bring your own elements if you would like!

### **Offering**

If you are interested, you may sign up for Simply Giving through Vanco by contacting treasurer Julie Kohout, or send your offering to Emanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 501, Napoleon, OH 43545. **Please do not send cash in the mail!**

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