

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: The Stratford and District Council of Churches has produced a series of Lenten sermons focused on the theme “*Aspects of Love*”. The series includes pastors from congregations in our community and are available every Wednesday on the YouTube page of Bethel Penecostal Church: “*Bethel Stratford YouTube: Videos*” or you can follow this link which should take you directly to the youtube video for this final week 7: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIQakqdeCqk>



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Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022

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**Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal,
Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he
loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us
the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm: 116:1-2, 12-19

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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Depart in Silence

With nightfall, our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus’ commandment to love one another. We are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord’s table we remember Jesus’ sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves, in love for the life of the world. May it be so!

At the conclusion of this evening’s liturgy, the altar and chancel furnishings are removed, preparing the worship space for Good Friday. Through this stark ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. We depart in silence, ready to continue the celebration of the Three Days on Good Friday.

To mark **Good Friday**, we gather at 10:00 A.M. for solemn worship. Come and worship!

You are invited to join us for the celebration of our Lord’s resurrection on **Easter Sunday** at 10:00 A.M.