

Thursday, April 1 – **Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday**

Stewardship Principle

Readings: Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Prayer: *Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*<sup>76</sup>

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**Contribute regularly**

means practicing our stewardship on a daily basis. By doing so this becomes a lifestyle. Paul instructs us:

**“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn.”**  
1 Corinthians 16:2

Focal Verse: “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, 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.” 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.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reflection:

To be regular in giving means to establish a pattern in your giving, and to follow that pattern. Paul puts it this way in 1 Corinthians 16:2, “On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come.” Paul’s prescribed regular patten for giving is each week.

In our day, to be regular in giving means that whenever you receive income, and however you receive income, you give according to your predetermined plan. Obviously, there is a strong connection between intentional giving and regular giving. To be intentional means that you develop a plan for your giving. To be regular means that you follow that plan, according to your own specific way of receiving income.<sup>77</sup>

What do you hear?

How does it make you feel?

Toward what are you being drawn?

What do you sense you should do?

<sup>76</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Worship

<sup>77</sup> Charles Lane, Ask, Thank, Tell, © 2006, Augsburg Fortress, p. 47-8.