**Study for MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**\*“I am the bread of life”, Jesus told them. “He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never be thirsty”** *(John 6:35).*

**\*“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people”** *(Mark 10:45; cf. Isa. 53:10-12).*

**\*“This is my blood, which seals God’s covenant, my blood poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins”** *(Matt. 26:28; cf. Jer. 31:31; Isa. 53:12).*

**\*“You call me Teacher and Lord, and it right that you do so, because that is what I am. I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another’s feet. I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you....** **And now I give you a new commandment: love one another.** **As I have loved you, so you must love one another**” *(John 13:13-15, 34).*

DVD Spot: **John DVD on chapter 13**

Discussion Questions

1) Have you ever gone travelling long distances with young children in your car? How did it go?

Did you need regular meal and snack stops?

Share with one another about your experiences.

2) Do we as God’s children also need regular food stops, *so to speak,* along the journey of life? How does God

feed us?

3) When you read God’s Word, in what ways does Jesus encourage you on your journey of life? What does Jesus tell you about God? About himself? About how God wants us to live our life as His children?

Share with one another your answers, plus talk about passages from the Gospels which mean a lot to you, and encourage you in your journey of life.

4) What are you and your family doing to spend time with God in this Corona Virus lock down time? What times mean the most to you?

5) Do you miss being fed by Jesus in the Lord’s Supper?

What do you miss most?

Are you looking forward to returning to the Lord’s Supper when the Corona Virus pandemic is over? Why?

Quotes:

The following is are quotes from Maundy Thursday’s message on the theme: “Strength for the journey ahead”.

**\*In the same way, we who are God’s children through our baptism and our faith in Jesus as our Saviour need regular meal and snack times, so to speak, when we receive strength for the journey ahead. We need to allow Jesus to feed us regularly so that we remain strong in our faith as we journey on in life, and so that we have the strength to follow Jesus in the way that we live our life.**

**And how does Jesus feed us? He feeds us through his words** *(hold up my Bible)*, **and through his sacrament** *(point to the altar).*

**\*Jesus feeds us and strengthens us for our life as God’s children in the first instance through his words,** which are found in the New Testament *and in particularly in the Gospels.* **Jesus’ words feed us in two main ways, I think.**

**Firstly, they encourage us in our faith.** Through his words to us in the Bible, Jesus reminds us of the precious things that we’ve learnt over the years from him. **He reminds us, for example, that we are loved and valued by God**….

**And as we allow Jesus to feed us with his words to us, he also reminds us that he is our Saviour, and that we are God’s forgiven children as we trust in him as our Saviour….**

\*So as we allow Jesus to feed us with his words, he reminds us of all sorts of things that we have discovered through meeting him: **that we are loved by God; that we have a Saviour, that we are forgiven by God; that we are headed home to be with him and our dear Father in heaven; *and much, much more.***

**\*And as we allow Jesus to feed us through his words** *(hold up my Bible),***Jesus reminds us of how God wants us to live as His children. I love the Bible reading for tonight for this reason. Here Jesus shows us and tells uswhat life as God’s child is all about: it’s all about being a loving servant of one another and others** *(John 13:13-15, 34).*

\*To be fed and strengthened with food, on our journey home from South Australia to Geelong by car, *back in our Victorian days,* we had to do certain things. For example, we had to stop the car, go into the bakery, and buy the pies and pasties. It is the same thing when it comes to being fed with Jesus’ words**. We have to do certain things, so that we can be fed, *things like:***

**\*opening our Bible and reading it**

**\*organise family devotions**

\***organise a Bible study group online**

\***having worship together on Sundays using online resources provided at our Glynde Lutheran church website**

**\*Normally, it is not only through his words to us that Jesus feeds us and gives us strength for the journey ahead....** **Usually he also feeds us when we come to his table** *(point to the altar).* **This is a meal “with” Jesus, our Saviour and our Lord, and a meal at which we feed “on” Jesus.**

**\*We need to allow Jesus, “the bread of life”, to feed us regularly so that we remain strong in our faith as we journey on in life, *and so that we have the strength to follow Jesus in the way that we live our life.***

**And Jesus does this through his words** *(hold up my Bible),* **and through his sacrament** *(point to the altar).*

**May God bless us as we allow Jesus, His Son, to feed us regularly with his words and *later on with* his meal.**