



*St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran
Church
Paulding, Ohio
Sunday, March 28, 2021
Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m.*

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

**please stand*



PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

The congregation is invited to gather in the narthex for the opening of the service.

***GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***ACCLAMATION**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

***PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

Mark 11:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the eleventh first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus enters Jerusalem

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

***BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

***PROCESSION**

Let us go forth in peace **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

The congregation follows the minister around the church while singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" until everyone has taken their places.

***HYMN**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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Refrain **All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.** *Refrain*

**The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.** *Refrain*

**The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.** *Refrain*

**To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.** *Refrain*

**Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king.** *Refrain*

The procession concludes as worshippers return to their seats.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being

born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK 14:1-15:47

The congregation remains seated for the dramatic reading of the Gospel. Congregational lines will appear on the screens at the appropriate times.

PASTOR: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

PASTOR: The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So, the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said,

CONGREGATION: "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."

PASTOR: When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant.

CONGREGATION: "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor."

PASTOR: They were infuriated with her. Jesus said,

MEN: "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel

is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

PASTOR: Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him, they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him,

WOMEN: “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

PASTOR: He sent two of his disciples and said to them,

MEN: “Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there.”

PASTOR: The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said,

MEN: “Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

PASTOR: They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one,

WOMEN: “Surely it is not I?”

PASTOR: He said to them,

MEN: “One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.”

PASTOR: While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said,

MEN: “Take it; this is my body.”

PASTOR: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them,

MEN: “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

PASTOR: Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them,

MEN: “All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: *I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed.* But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee.”

PASTOR: Peter said to him,

WOMEN: “Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be.”

PASTOR: Then Jesus said to him,

MEN: “Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times.”

PASTOR: But he vehemently replied,

WOMEN: “Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you.”

PASTOR: And they all spoke similarly. Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

MEN: “Sit here while I pray.”

PASTOR: He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them,

MEN: “My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch.”

PASTOR: He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said,

MEN: “Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.”

PASTOR: When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter,

MEN: “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.”

PASTOR: Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open and did not know what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to them,

MEN: “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

PASTOR: Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying,

WOMEN: “The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely.”

PASTOR: He came and immediately went over to him and said,

WOMEN: “Rabbi.”

PASTOR: And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest’s servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply,

MEN: “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.”

PASTOR: And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked.

They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together.

Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest’s courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging,

CONGREGATION: “We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'”

PASTOR: Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying,

WOMEN: “Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?”

PASTOR: But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him,

WOMEN: “Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?”

PASTOR: Then Jesus answered,

MEN: “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

PASTOR: At that the high priest tore his garments and said,

WOMEN: “what further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

PASTOR: They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him,

CONGREGATION: “Prophecy!”

PASTOR: And the guards greeted him with blows.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest’s maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said,

CONGREGATION: “You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus.”

PASTOR: But he denied it saying,

WOMEN: “I neither know nor understand what you are talking about.”

PASTOR: So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,

CONGREGATION: “This man is one of them.”

PASTOR: Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more,

CONGREGATION: “Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean.”

PASTOR: He began to curse and to swear,

WOMEN: “I do not know this man about whom you are talking.”

PASTOR: And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times.” He broke down and wept.

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

WOMEN: “Are you the king of the Jews?”

PASTOR: He said to him in reply,

MEN: “You say so.”

PASTOR: The chief priests accused him of many things. Again, Pilate questioned him,

WOMEN: “Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of.”

PASTOR: Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered,

WOMEN: “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?”

PASTOR: For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead.

Pilate again said to them in reply,

WOMEN: “Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?”

PASTOR: They shouted again,

CONGREGATION: “Crucify him.”

PASTOR: Pilate said to them,

WOMEN: “Why? What evil has he done?”

PASTOR: They only shouted the louder,

CONGREGATION: “Crucify him.”

PASTOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and,

weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with,

CONGREGATION: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

PASTOR: and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passerby, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha

— which is translated Place of the Skull. They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it.

Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

CONGREGATION: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross."

PASTOR: Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said,

CONGREGATION: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."

PASTOR: Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

MEN: "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*"

PASTOR: which is translated,

MEN: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

PASTOR: Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

CONGREGATION: “Look, he is calling Elijah.”

PASTOR: One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying,

WOMEN: “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

PASTOR: Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

PASTOR: The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

WOMEN: “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

PASTOR: There were also women looking on from a distance.

Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched where he was laid.

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

The reading concludes with the following hymn:

(verses 5-7)

They rise, and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The prince of life they slay.
 Yet cheeful he to suff'ring goes,
 That he his foes from thence might free;
 That he his foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death, no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
 But mine the tomb wherein he lay;
 By mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing—
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!
 I all my days could gladly spend!

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With faith in God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God.

Each petition concludes: "Hear us, O God.,"

The congregation responds: "Your mercy is great."

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change, grant relief from natural disasters, and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer especially Carol Flint, Elaine Sierer, Betty Blockberger, Mary & Steve Clark, Pat Ross, Lynn Conrad, Bud Cotterman, Betty Smalley, Jared DeLong, Sam Clippinger, Burl Barnes, and Ivan Aldred. Our friends Nick Bostelman, Alice Hunt, George Hunt, Roberta, Tom Zuber, Mick & Romaine Boundy, Josh Webb, Joey DenHerder, Kyle Schlatter, Brianna Rupp, Linda Girod and Nancy Kuns, grant respite and renewal. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, our military personnel Jordan Phlipot, Taylor Hatcher, Jared DeLong, Miah Coil, Brad Crawford, Adam Deatricks, Adriana Gonzales, Ian Munger, Brendon Lothamer, Suzanne Laney, Grace Basson, Westen Phlipot and Macy Iler that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

***OFFERING CANTICLE**

"Give Thanks"

W&P 41

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**

"Holy, holy, holy..."

ELW pg. 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

***THE 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.**

MEAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

***THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Go Now In Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

***POSTLUDE**



Birthdays:

Storm Dunakin.....March 30

WHEN YOU PRAY, REMEMBER.....

Carol Flint, Elaine Sierer, Betty Blockberger, Mary & Steve Clark, Pat Ross, Lynn Conrad, Bud Cotterman, Betty Smalley, Jared DeLong, Sam Clipping, Burl Barnes, and Ivan Aldred. Our friends Nick Bostelman, Alice Hunt, George Hunt, Roberta, Tom Zuber, Mick & Romaine Boundy, Josh Webb, Joey DenHerder, Kyle Schlatter, Brianna Rupp and Nancy Kuns.

Those Serving In The United States Military: Jordan Phlipot, Taylor Hatcher, Jared DeLong, Miah Coil, Brad Crawford, Adam Deatrick, Adriana Gonzales, Ian Munger, Brendon Lothamer, Suzanne Laney, Grace Basson, Westen Phlipot and Macy Iler.

Child Fund Orphans: Andre & Ana

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021:

OFFERING March 21: \$ 1846

NEEDED WEEKLY: \$3006

The flowers adorning our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by the Dachenhaus Family.

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY, March 28, 2021:

Pastor.....Pastor Clyde Singh
Pianist.....Bill Brune
Reader.....Doug Burtch
Communion Assistants.....Tim & Renee Boss
Usher.....Sandra Harper
Money Counters.....C.W., Sandra and Cindy
A/V Tech.....Jon Rhodes

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY, April 4, 2021:

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Pianist.....Bill Brune
Reader.....Mary Clark
Communion Assistants.....Tim & Renee Boss
Usher.....Dan Wilder & Dave Burtch
Money Counters.....Dennis, Cheryl, & Sue Beck
A/V Tech.....Dan Wilder

2021 Year of Generosity memory verse:

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

This week's Bible readings:

Monday, March 29, 2021.....	Mark 12
Tuesday, March 30, 2021.....	Mark 13
Wednesday, March 31, 2021.....	Mark 14:1-11
Thursday, April 1, 2021.....	Mark 14:12-72
Friday, April 2, 2021.....	Mark 15:1-41
Saturday, April 3, 2021.....	Mark 15:42-47
Sunday, April 4, 2021.....	Mark 16:1-8