

Welcome

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF SERVICE - SETTING ONE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Taste and See* arr. Childs

Please stand as you are able.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

HYMN *In Christ There is No East or West* LBW 359

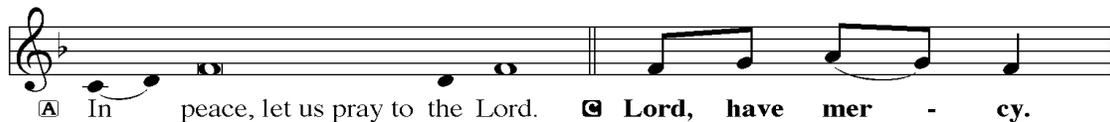
APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

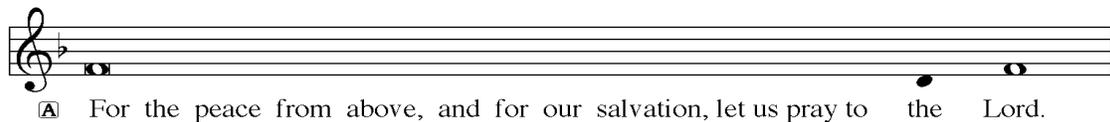
C **And also with you.**

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green book)
WOV = With One Voice (blue book)

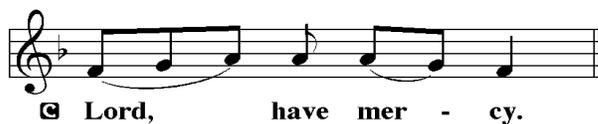
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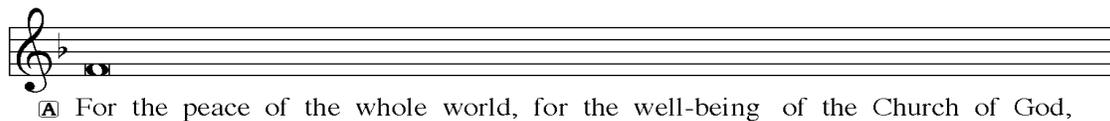
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



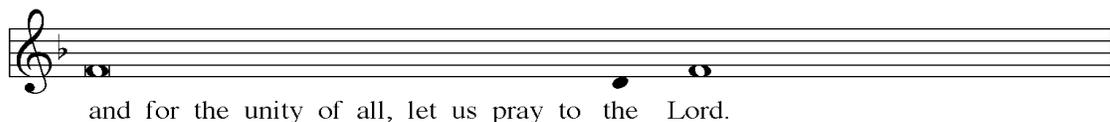
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



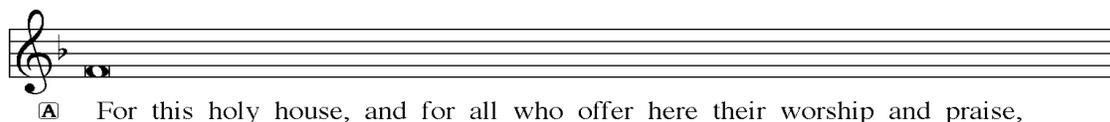
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



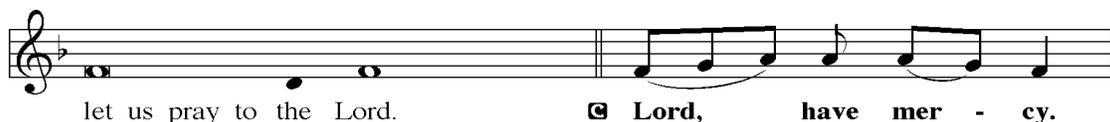
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE IS OMITTED DURING LENT

THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 95:1-9 (read in unison)

¹Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

³For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

⁴In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

⁶Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
⁸Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
⁹They put me to the test,
though they had seen my works.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 4th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 4:5-26 [27-30, 39-42]

⁵So {Jesus} came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." [²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."]

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LBW 499

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE PEACE

In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Page

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN OFFERTORY



☩ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will



of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,

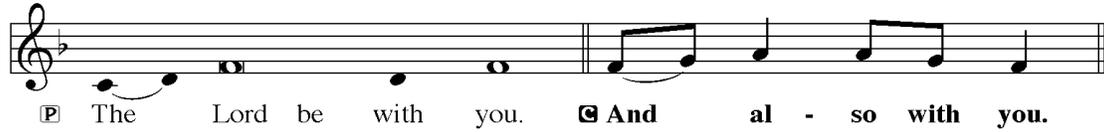


in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

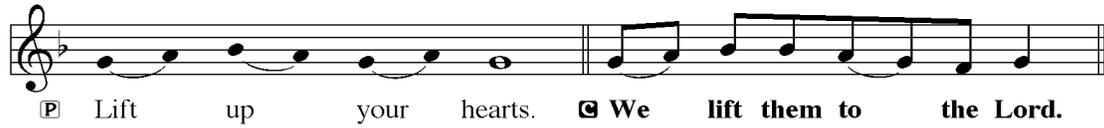
P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

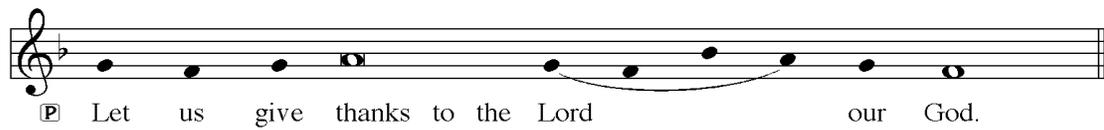
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



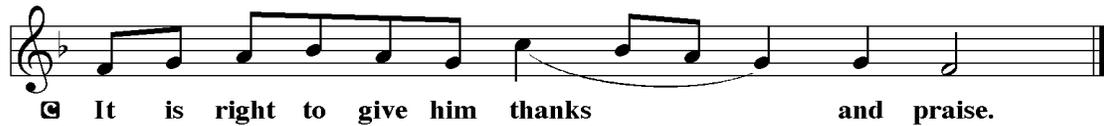
P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



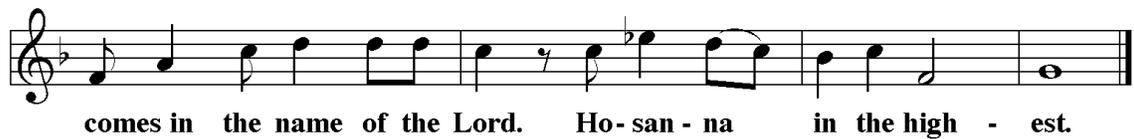
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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**

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized and believe Christ is truly present within the elements of the bread and wine are welcome to God's table. Today we receive the sacrament by way of "intinction." After receiving the wafer, dip it into the wine. Grape juice is provided for anyone who is not able to receive the wine.

LAMB OF GOD

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" LBW 327

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen**

LENTEN POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☩ Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre- pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re- veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

P Let us pray
Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those
whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BLESSING

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

C **Amen**

HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

LBW 343

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, Jane Peeler, and Zarah Plyler (Autumn Care), Betty Herion and Jean Ray (Brookdale), Bob Wilhelm (The Meadows-Rockwell), Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Mary Brady, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Gladys Morgan, Frances Norris, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Bill Broadway, Rev. Tom Corbell, Kiki Deaton, Glenn Eagle, Ruth Goodman Bob Goodwin, Linda Hartley, Tommy Kerns, Teresa Kesler, Pat Kluttz, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Harold Miller, Grace Morgan, Ruth Myers, Karen Plyler, Larry Shepherd, Effie Vellines, and Ronald Vellines

Continual Prayer - Vonnie Agner, Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Jim Byrd, Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Donna Collins (friend of Sharon Leazer), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan), Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, Teresa Frank (Pam Vellines cousin), Marie Gorapic (sister of Linda Spencer), Tamara Honeycutt, Edna & John McCollough (friends of Jennifer & Scott Curlee), Shelia Mulkey, Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Jamie Troutman (son of Joan Troutman), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen)

Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!

During the month of March the **loose offering** will be given to the Social Ministry Fund (3/1), Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund (3/8), Building and Repair Fund (3/15), and Lutheridge Scholarship Fund (3/22), and Mission Church or Special Offering (3/29).



The weekly *Messenger*

Today's Activities (March 15):

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Our youth will be returning from the Carolinas Youth Retreat at SeaBrook, SC

During Lent, instead of flowers on the Altar bare branches are given to the Glory of God in observance of the Lenten season.

This Week's Activities:

Tues, Mar 17

St. Patrick's Day

Wed, Mar 18

6:00 p.m. Bells and Beaus

7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers (see back page)

7:00 p.m. Scouts

7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Fri, Mar 20

5:00 p.m. Game Night

Next Sunday's Activities (March 22):

9:30 a.m. Sunday School including two new Sunday School Classes (see article below)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Little Lutherans and Quest Youth at Salem

Newsletter articles are due to the church office on Sunday, March 22.

Two new Sunday School Classes are being launched during Sunday School. One focuses on our Junior and High Schoolers and the other class on Parenting!

Attention all **Junior and Senior High Schoolers** this announcement is for you! It's ok to be different—come and see why. Join us at **9:30 a.m. on March 22** for a **4 week series, in a new gathering space**. Jan and Vicki, the **JV Team** can't wait to see you, next Sunday, March 22!

In the midst of folding laundry, coordinating carpool schedules, and breaking up fights, fulfilling job obligations, many **PARENTS** get lost. Feeling pressure to do everything "right" and raise up "good" children is a real thing. Join **Pastor Heidi** at **9:30 a.m., in her study**, for a **4 week series** that will help us rediscover the big-picture view of God's plan for us as parents. Freed from the burden of trying to manufacture life-change in our children's hearts, we can embrace a grand perspective of parenting overflowing with vision, purpose, and joy. Please join Pastor Heidi, in her study, next Sunday, March 22, at 9:30 a.m.!

Lessons for Next Week:

Isaiah 42:14-21; Psalm 142; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Those Serving in March:

Acolytes: Felisaty and Dusty Morgan

Altar Guild: Vivian Sprinkle and Patsy Lyerly

Communion Assistants: Tara Davis and Vivian Sprinkle

Lay Readers: Dusty Morgan Family

Ushers: Mike Cauble, Phil Cauble (HU), Elbert Kluttz, and Ronald Vellines

If you are interested in joining a Safety & Security Team, please contact Pete Nguyen (704) 223-2270.

ALL ARE INVITED TO MEET FOR AN **INITIAL MEETING OF BRAINSTORMING AND DISCERNMENT ON THE EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY OF UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH AT 6:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 26.**

Genevieve Baker, Staff Support, will be out of the office from March 18-March 20. She will be working remotely from home and checking email regularly.

The Worship & Music Committee invites you to help us bring spring in the Sanctuary this Easter. As we make our way through Lent to the glory of Easter morning we look forward to a bright and colorful display of **Gerbers**. The cost per 1.5 gallon planter flower is **\$10**. Please make checks payable to **Union Lutheran Church** and at the memo line mark **Flowers**.

Please return your form to the church office, drop off in the mail or offering plate, by **Wednesday, April 1**.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

By _____

How many flowers? _____

Amount \$ _____

Deadline is Wednesday, April 1.

LENT 2020 “BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED”

March 4-April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The innocent Son of God had no sins of his own for which he deserved to die, yet his enemies falsely accused him of violating every commandment of God. In each service in this series we will see that it was our sin, our disobedience, that Jesus bore in his body on the cross. The Lord laid on him “the iniquity of us all.” Jesus suffered the penalty of death in our place, and “by his wounds we are healed.”

WEEK 1: THE WOUNDS OF VIOLATING THE SABBATH (March 4)

In this service for Week 1 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of violating the Sabbath we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

WEEK 2: THE WOUNDS OF DISHONORING AUTHORITY (March 11)

In this service for Week 2 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of dishonoring authority we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

WEEK 3: THE WOUNDS OF MURDER (March 18)

In this service for Week 3 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of murder and violence we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

WEEK 4: THE WOUNDS OF ADULTERY (March 25)

In this service for Week 4 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of adultery and unfaithfulness we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

WEEK 5: THE WOUNDS OF STEALING (April 1)

In this service for Week 5 of Lent, we remember that the wounds of stealing and dishonesty we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

*Please note the following change: there will be **no** Mid-Week Lenten Suppers prior to Vespers.*