

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 27 & 30, 2025

** All who are able please stand* *L: Leader; P: People*
Prelude Accompanists: Terri Wilke & Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Have you come far to be here today?

P: You enlarge our gathering: welcome!

L: Have you come from around the corner?

P: You anchor our gathering: welcome!

L: Do you seek sanctuary? Do you seek inspiration?

P: May this worship meet you.

L: Do you come with purpose? Do you come with questions?

P: We welcome you as you are!

All: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN:** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" R272/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Holy One, we come into your presence and the presence of this fellowship. We are seeking a little light, some hope, healing. Open us to know you, to receive you and find here your transforming love. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas A. Dorsey**
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,
I am weak, I am worn, Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Joshua 5:9-12

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 32

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: In every time, prophets and apostles have come to call the people of God to repentance and newness of life. We too are called to admit our sin and to commit ourselves anew to follow in God's way.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you that we have sinned; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us.

Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Do not fear. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has made you free. Anyone who is in Christ Jesus is a new creation; the old has passed away. Behold, the new has come.

P: Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

A TIME OF LEARNING: "Lent Ideas for Kids" Projected

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Adaptation of Colossians 1:15-20 Projected

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

SPECIAL MUSIC: "There is a Balm in Gilead" with Barb Stracy & Nicole Burdick

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN: "Forgive Us" with the Many Projected

MEDITATION: "Who Should We Be?" Rev. Mundell

*HYMN: "Were You There" R223/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: Remembering the gifts we have received, let us make our offerings to God's work through this church.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: Gracious God, bless these gifts and our lives to your service. Amen.

*BENEDICTION: "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.

*Postlude



We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online.

Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 10:50 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please let the Church Office know.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is also a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open.

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Jay Rasmussen March 31, Aaliyah Wilson Apr 1, David Dolske, Kelly Mundell, and Thomas Widlake Apr 2, Boni Jensen Apr 3

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Wednesday:	In-Person: 7	Livestream: 217	Total: 224
Thursday:	In-Person: 6	Livestream: 60	Total: 66
Sunday:	In-Person: 74	Livestream: 95	Total: 169

General Fund: \$1,184.00 OCWM: \$70.50 Capital Improvements: \$35.50

Thank you so much for your continued support of in-person, mailed in, and online contributions.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Phil Manthei **Liturgist:** Kelly Mundell **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

SUNDAY LENTEN LEARNING

The Called to Care committee invites you to the Lenten Learning event, held during Coffee Hour in the East Narthex. Sara Heyn, a licensed Social Worker, will be leading a valuable discussion on how to have important conversations with your family about future health care choices. She has excellent handouts to share, and encourages you to bring questions for her also. See you there!

CHOIR FUND DONATION

We appreciate the recent donation to the Choir Fund in Memory of Fred Lehman by Ellen and Larry McNally. Thank you very much!

2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The 2025 Scholarship applications are available in the East Narthex by the presentation monitor, in the church office, or at the countertop directly across from the church office door. The deadline for submission is April 1, 2025. Applications can be mailed or dropped off at the church office.

LENTEN OFFERING INITIATIVE

Thank you to all who have already donated to help us meet our goal of \$2,500 to become the 4th sponsor for the Ripon Area Food for Thought Program! You can keep track of our progress on the posters located in key spots around the church. Thank you for your caring generosity!

RASD BASIC NEEDS FOR CHILDREN

The Missions Committee is hosting a drive to help the Ripon Area School District restock their Student Needs Closet for Elementary and Middle Schoolers. Specific items requested are deodorant, hand and body lotion. Also needed are socks and underwear for elementary age children, as well as pants (sweatpants or leggings) in sizes 5T-14. The donation box is in the East Narthex. This collection goes through March 31st. Thank you!

APRIL IS UNDIE SUNDAY MONTH

April 6th will be our first “Undie Sunday” of the month. As talked about in the Messenger, this is a day that you don’t come to church in just your undies, but instead you bring in packages of new undies and socks for Elementary school girls and boys, sizes 5T - 14. There will be mini laundry baskets near each entrance to the Sanctuary to put your donations in. Thank you!

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items for March are:

Oatmeal; breakfast bars; pancake mix; pancake syrup; single serve cereals (used in emergency food bags); canned meats such as SPAM, tuna, or chicken; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; Rice a Roni; shelf stable milk; flour; baking soda; brown and white sugar.



The Ripon Community Food Pantry is accepting donations of toilet paper; paper towels; tissues; shampoo; conditioner; deodorant; bath soap and laundry soap. They also have a pending grant to meet their 2025 goal of providing fresh milk, eggs, and butter to pantry clients.



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Sandra Badtke, Jim Clausen, Cattibree Dailey, Tara Koller, Sue Meyer, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, Tom Stellmacher, Ron Triemstra, Chris Wiegand, and 10 Unspoken.

UPCOMING VACATION

Rev. Kevin and Kelly Mundell will be on vacation From Wednesday, April 2 through Monday, April 7. Keith Mulder will fill in for the 3 services and you can let a Church Council member know if you have an emergency while the Pastor is out of town. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	Mar. 30	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:00 am - Lenten Learning with Sara Heyn - East Narthex 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Education 10:50 am - Radio Broadcast of Worship Service on WRPN, AM 1600
Mon.	Mar. 31	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Apr. 1	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Our Saviour's UCC 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Pack Meeting
Wed.	Apr. 2	6:30 pm - Midweek Lenten Worship in the Sanctuary
Thur.	Apr. 3	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	Apr. 6	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion 10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Education 10:50 am - Radio Broadcast of Worship Service on WRPN, AM 1600
Mon.	April 7	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Apr. 8	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Grace Lutheran 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting
Wed.	Apr. 9	6:30 pm - Midweek Lenten Worship in the Sanctuary
Thur.	Apr. 10	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion



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