

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3 & 6, 2025

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: With our ancestors we recall God's great works

P: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

L: With our ancestors we pray

P: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

L: With our ancestors we rejoice

P: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

All: Let us worship God, in this community and in the company of our ancestors.

***HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

R129/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Holy One, whether we are eager to draw near to you, or we are cautious, whether we are certain of your guidance, or we are unsure how you call to us, you are present. Open our senses and open our hearts to experience your fullness. 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

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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: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of

judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

***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: Philippians 3:4b-14

GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:1-8

A TIME OF LEARNING: “Walking with Jesus in Lent” Projected
With Bible Kids Song

***STATEMENT OF FAITH:** The Apostle’s Creed (old language) 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: “” with the Senior Choir

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: “In Christ Alone” with Keith & Kristyn Getty Projected

MEDITATION: “Extravagant Love” Keith Mulder

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: As we determine how to use our resources, let us consider what we have received and how sharing both supports others and enlarges us. Let us offer our tithes and offerings to God through the work of 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: Holy One, bless these gifts and our lives, that we and our offerings may serve your purposes. Amen.

*HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together" vs. 1&2

R210/Projected

LITANY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert/Projected

(Rev. Mundell blessed the elements before leaving on his trip)

*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

LITANY OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

L: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

P: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

L: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

P: Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!

L: Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

P: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

L: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

L: Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

[Rev. Mundell with the help of the Alter Guild has blessed all the elements for the Thursday and Sunday services in his absence.]

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

L: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

P: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

L: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Let us pray.

ALL: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.



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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***Ruby Brunet, David Cluppert, Lyndon Luker, and Terri Schwandt Apr 8,
Danielle Baker and Nancy Roehl Apr 9***

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Wednesday:	In-Person: 16	Livestream: 173	Total: 189
Thursday:	In-Person: 7	Livestream: 133	Total: 140
Sunday:	In-Person: 56	Livestream: 151	Total: 207

General Fund: \$1,325.00

OCWM: \$184.50

Capital Improvements: \$234.50

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Phil Manthei

Liturgist: Jamie Prellwitz

Musician: Nicole Burdick

ON VACATION

Rev. Kevin and Kelly Mundell are 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!

LENTEN LEARNING

The Called to Care committee thanks all who attended last Sunday's event with Sara Heyn and hopes the information and discussions were helpful to everyone. We do have more of the handouts for those who are interested but weren't able to attend. See Nurse Emily or Jane in the church office.

APRIL IS UNDIE SUNDAY MONTH

April 6th is our first official "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.

This project will run the entire month of April and can be a fun one for our families with kids. Your kids can get involved by picking out the new socks and undies that will help other kids in need within our own community. There are mini laundry baskets near each entrance to the Sanctuary to put your donations in. Thank you to those who started "feeding" the baskets early!

LENTEN OFFERING INITIATIVE - RIPON AREA FOOD FOR THOUGHT PROGRAM

Oh my goodness, stop and take a look at the funding level we are at with this initiative! Wow! It's pretty wonderful to see how close we are getting to our goal of \$2,500, thanks to your caring generosity. Thank you so much! You can continue to keep track of our progress on the posters located in key spots around the church. It will be exciting to see where we are at after this Sunday!

MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Suggested items for April are:



Peanut butter; oatmeal; 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; mayonnaise; salad dressings; BBQ sauce; mustard; toilet paper; paper towels; tissues; shampoo; conditioner; deodorant; bath soap; laundry soap; fabric softener; antibacterial multi-surface liquid cleaners.

RASD BASIC NEEDS FOR CHILDREN

The Missions Committee thanks all those who donated to this project during the month of March!



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, Chris Wiegand, and 10 Unspoken.*

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Evangelism Committee is very excited to announce that they've authorized the subscription to a software package called "Instant Church Directory" and our configuration is well underway. This software will give us the ability to provide our members with secure online access to a real-time church directory, as well as the ability to provide printed directory copies for those members who prefer to have that. We'll need fresh member photos, so you'll have the option to give us a current candid photo or have one of our fun volunteer photographers take a few for you to pick from. Committees and groups will also have their photos taken. Stay tuned for more details on upcoming photo shoot scheduling and project updates very shortly!

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	Apr. 13	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 am - Sunday School and Altar Guild Meeting 10:30 am - Adult Education 10:50 am - Radio Broadcast of Worship Service on WRPN, AM 1600
Mon.	April 14	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
Tues.	Apr. 15	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Immanuel U Methodist 5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting
Thur.	Apr. 17	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 18	6:30 pm - Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Grace Lutheran



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