

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C Amen.

Holy One,

C we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again

and again and gathers you under wings of love. In ✚
Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys
with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C Amen.

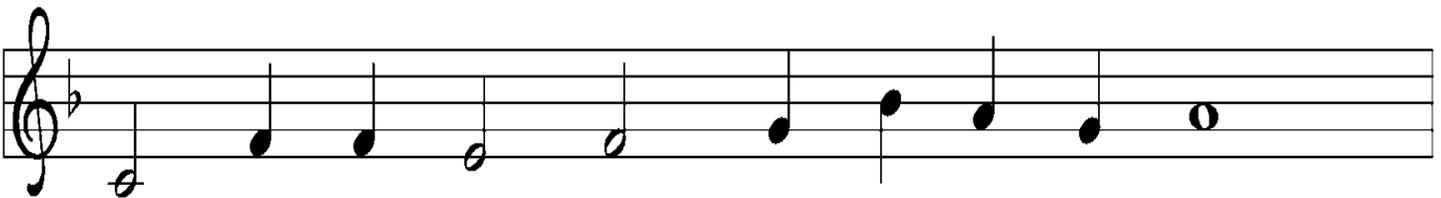
OPENING HYMN *ELW 321* *“Eternal Lord of Love,
Behold Your Church”*



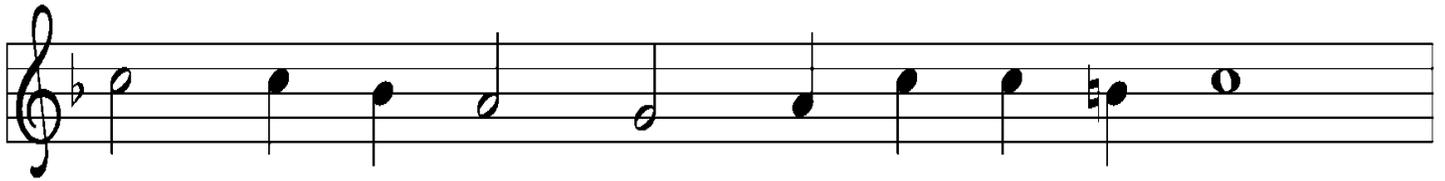
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

REETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey

came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27

(Refrain: In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter.)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C ²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

C ⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple. *(Refrain)*

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

C ⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

C ⁸My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek. *(Refrain)*

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

C ¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

C ¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

C ¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD! (*Refrain*)**

(Refrain: In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter.)

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*2 measures*)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

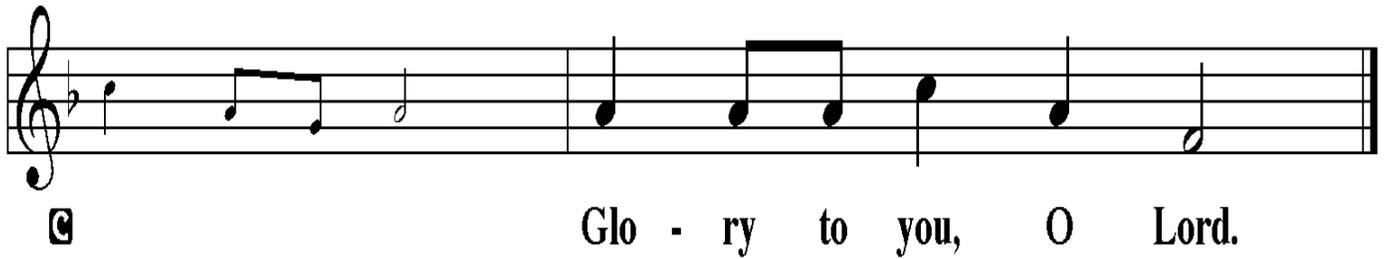


mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35



³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY *WOV 741 "Thy Holy Wings"*

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving. *(We pray especially for K.R. Cave, Melanie Freyberger, Eugene Keller, Dee Leinenbach, Sue Neukam, Kayden Parker, Andrea Rose, Glen Schmitt, Pauline Schnarr, Leroy Seitz, Dana Senninger, Theo & Parents, Sissi & Joe and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Luke Himsel, Joshua Hoffman and Nathan Humbert.)* Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the nearby tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

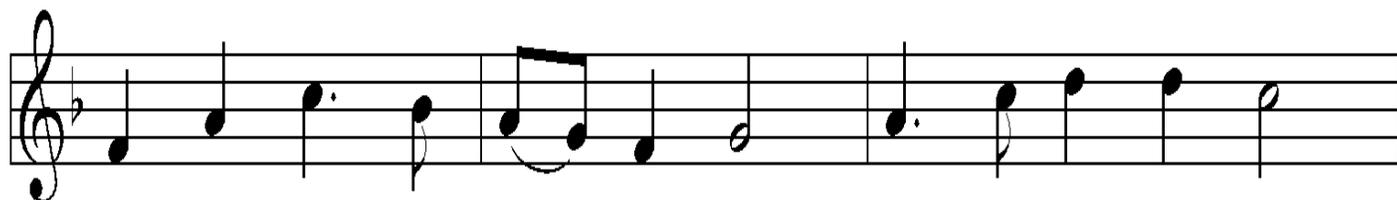
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy

for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

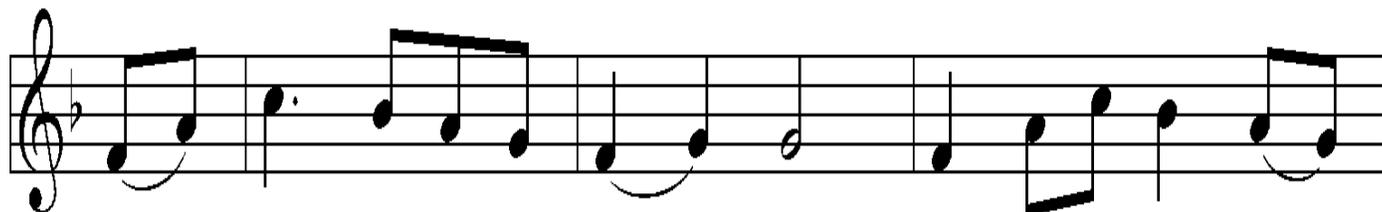
SANCTUS



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

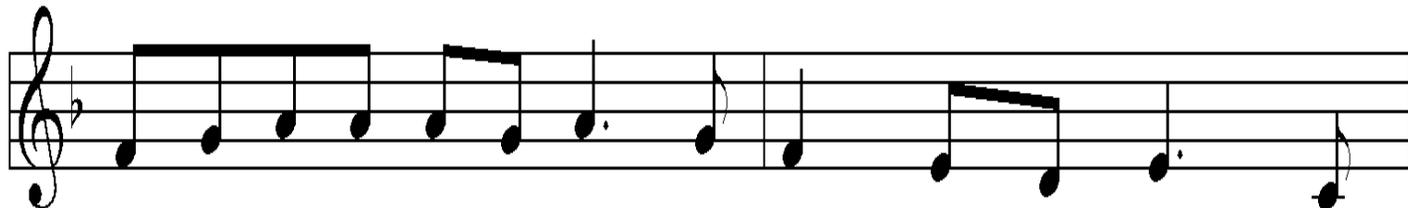
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

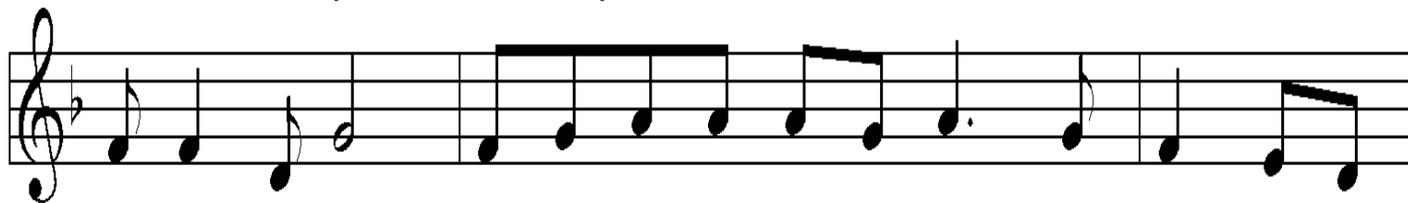
The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

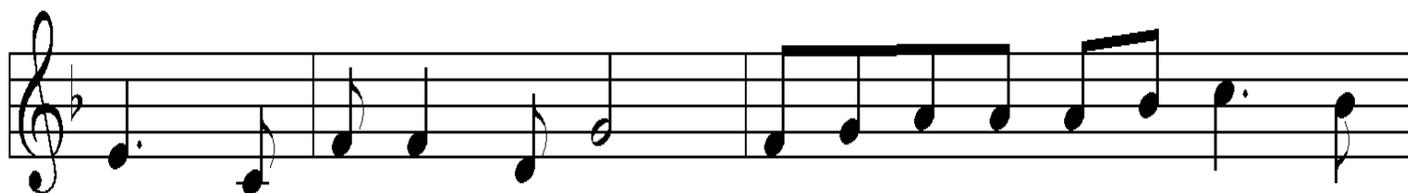
LAMB OF GOD



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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 801 *"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"*

LBW 496 *"Around You, O Lord Jesus"*

LBW 215 *"O Lord, We Praise You"*

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(vs. 1 only)*



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the Gen - tiles un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen

BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us in favor and give us peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *LBW 290* *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Doris Salmon & Charlene Rasche
Comm. Asst: Todd Popp
Video: JoAn Breitwieser
Organist: Arlene Vonderheide
Lay Reader: Jeff Schmitt
Audio: Bryan Buchta
Acolytes: Dax Smith & Mackenzie Walsh
Altar Guild: Donna Rasche & Shirley Stallwood

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: **SS:**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Mar. 13th - Mar. 20th, 2022

Sun. Mar. 13 th	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – “The Chosen”
Wed. Mar. 16 th	5:30 PM	Lenten Meal by W&M
	6:30 PM	Lenten Service
Sun. Mar. 20 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – “The Chosen”

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Holt will be on vacation Mar. 16th to Mar. 22nd. Tim Padgett will be leading worship on Mar. 20th so there will be no communion.

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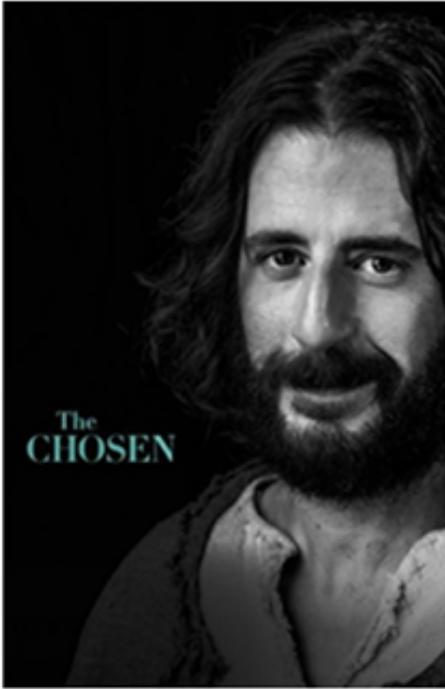
Lilies for the Easter service will be available for purchase on Sunday, March 6th and March 13th. Orders have to be turned in Monday, March 14th. Cost of Lilies this year will be \$12.00 each. There will be a table set-up in the welcome area to place your orders. Payment is due at time of order. There will also be a sign-up sheet for those who wish to bring your own lily or Easter flower. The flowers will need to be at church by Friday, April 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Linda or Christine Popp.

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Any high school senior who is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church may apply for the \$500 Scholarship, sponsored by Glenn & Marie Neukam. Applications are available on the welcome center desk and should be turned into the church office. **Deadline for scholarship applications will be Sunday, March 20th.**

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Study – The Chosen – Season 1



As we ready our hearts for the Lenten season, we are excited to offer an opportunity for an adult study/discussion group centered on the life of Jesus based on the video series “The Chosen”. Whether you are familiar with this video series or have never seen it, please join us, you will not be disappointed. The scriptwriters have worked hard to figure out how they can fill in the details that the gospel leaves out when describing Jesus’ life and ministry while striving to be faithful to what the gospels do include. This makes Jesus and the disciples feel more like real people. The group will be meeting on Sunday evenings beginning March 6th for 8 weeks (we will skip Easter Sunday) and ending May 1. The group will meet at 7:00 pm for approximately one hour depending on the length and depth of discussion after a video presentation. Members will be given a selection of short scripture readings each week to prepare for the upcoming episode the following week. Contact JoAn Breitwieser at tjb1988@live.com if interested in joining the group.

SEASON OF HOPE 2021

Starting on Ash Wednesday and during the Lenten season, we will be collecting personal care kit items that will be shipped to *Lutheran World Relief* later this year. Please help WELCA help those less fortunate. There will be flyers available for you in the welcome center by the display. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Rasche.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:



x1

One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended



x2

Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping



x1

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*



x1

One sturdy comb, remove packaging



x1

One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

Christian Education

Pastor will hold First Communion instruction on Sunday, April 3rd and 10th at 8:00 AM with First Communion taking place on Maundy Thursday, April 14th, at the 6:30 PM service. Additionally, 1st grade devotionals and 4th grade bibles will be distributed on May 1st during the Sunday morning worship service. A letter regarding these events will be sent to the parents of the children involved. Last day of Sunday School will be May 1st.

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In Service to Our Country

AM-1 Luke Himsel
Joshua Hoffman
Maj. Nathan Humbert

Virginia Beach, VA
Washington (*State*)
West Point, NY