



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SHORTCUTS ARE CRUSHED BY DETERMINATION

Last week we talked about temptation. This week we see what is at the center of every temptation: a promise of a shortcut to glory. Even in a world as sharply divided as ours, there is near universal agreement that the preferred path to glory is the shortest and easiest. To walk the path our Savior puts us on, one on which the cross comes before the crown, puts us out of step with the world. Thankfully, the determination required to walk this path starts with our Savior and not with us. Because of his determination, we are offered a glory far superior to anything the world can offer.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Micah Vanderhoof

The Service, Setting Two

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

CW 916



- 1 To - day your mer - cy calls us to wash a - way our sin.
- 2 To - day your gate is o - pen, and all who en - ter in
- 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us, his Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
- 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, what - ev - er we have been,
shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come and par - don for their sin.
his bless - ed an - gels gath - er a - round the heav'n - ly gates.
what should we do with - out you when heart and eye run o'er?



how - ev - er long from mer - cy our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, a pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us how of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, to drive us to de - spair,



your pre - cious blood can wash us and make us clean to - day.
a fu - ture grace be prom - ised, a glo - rious crown in heav'n.
al - though we oft have wan - dered, it is our Fa - ther's home.
we know one gate is o - pen, one ear will hear our prayer.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

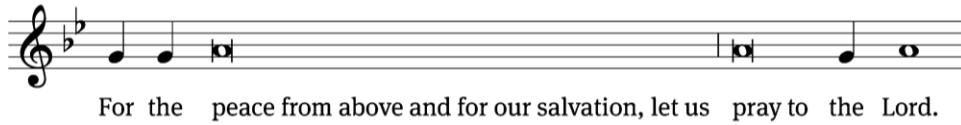
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174



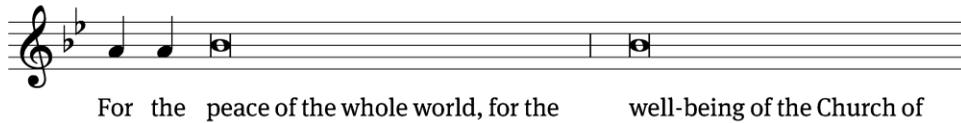
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



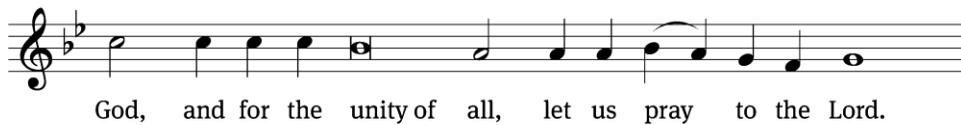
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



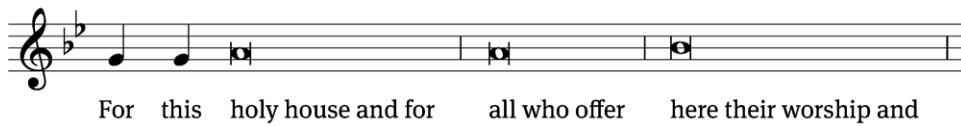
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



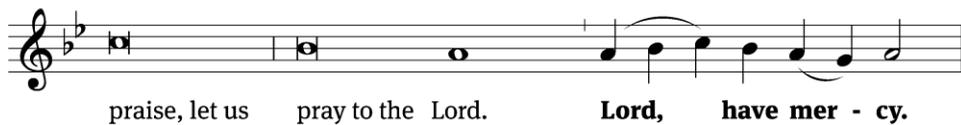
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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

Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 12

¹In that day you will say:

“I will praise you, LORD.

Although you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away
and you have comforted me.

²Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

⁴In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I Turn to You, O LORD

Psalm 32A

Refrain

I turn to you, O LORD, in time of
trou-ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,
whose sins are / covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count a- / gainst them
and in whose spirit is / no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away
through my groaning / all day long.

For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD."
And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain*

You are my / hiding place;
you will protect me from / trouble.

Many are the woes of the / wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Romans 8:1–10

¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:10

Refrain

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

Tone

There is rejoicing in the presence of the an - gels of God

over one sinner who re - pents.

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Gospel

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³Then Jesus told them this parable:

⁴Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²²“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

²⁸“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

³¹“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Amazing Grace

CW 576



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ.
Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a
love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering

The Offering Plate is available on the shelf as you leave. If you wish to give an electronic offering, we have provided a QR code at the end of this worship folder. You can also go to pilgrimcares.org/giving to give your offerings online.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

CW 523

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Stand

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

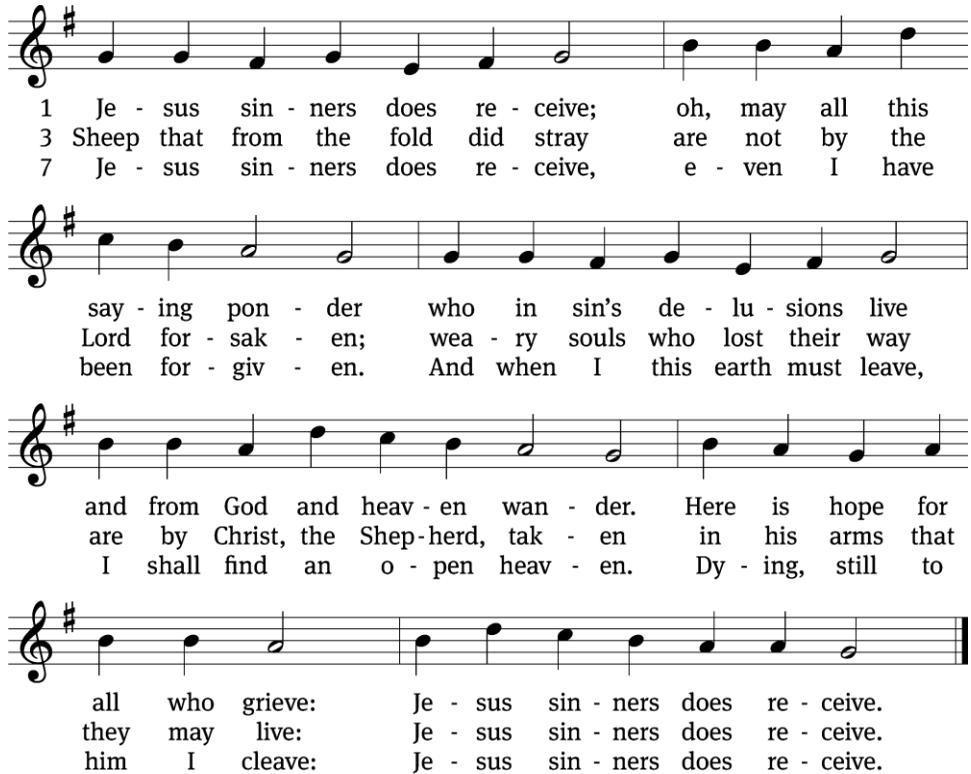
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 654 sts. 1, 3, 7



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the
7 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive, e - ven I have
say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
Lord for - sak - en; wea - ry souls who lost their way
been for - giv - en. And when I this earth must leave,
and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
are by Christ, the Shep - herd, tak - en in his arms that
I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to
all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Parents' Preview for April 3

PURPOSE

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer are that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

Christian Worship 571

1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, your liv - ing
fin - ger nev - er wrote that life should be an aim - less
mote, a death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
Your Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled in splen - dor
through your bro - ken world; ere light a - woke and life be -
gan, you made for us a ho - ly plan.

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News & Notes

Mrs. Bethany Anderson has returned the call she received to be the Director and 4K/5K teacher at Sola Fide Academy in Lawrenceville, Georgia. This means she will continue her ministry at Pilgrim! Please keep Sola Fide Academy in your prayers as they will continue the call process until they have a new director.

New Bible class on Lutheran Theology and Its Relationship to Mental Health starts this week. Mental health needs continue to rise. Does God's Word speak to such challenges? The Christian counseling field is widely dominated by evangelical theology which some would argue leads to bad theology and bad psychology. Some within Lutheran circles have argued that the Lutheran voice has been far too faint in the psychological field. Leaning on the book "Making Christian Counseling More Christ Centered" by Dr. Rick Marrs as well as other resources, this Bible study, led by WLC Campus Pastor Greg Lyon, will give us an opportunity to discuss uniquely Lutheran theology and see its relationship to mental health challenges.

Our next Lent meal will be on April 6th. We will be serving tacos/nachos. Due to the play and gym painting there will be not a meal for the next two weeks. If you would like to sign up to help with the meal or bring a dessert – follow this link or call the office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DA5AA23A0FE3-lenten>

Ladies Book club will meet next on April 7 at 630pm. We will be discussing Chapters 10/11 of A Little Book on Joy,

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt 3 year old children through 6th grade are invited on Palm Sunday, April 10 at 9:15am for an Easter egg hunt and other Easter themed activities in the school gym. Mark your calendars now and watch for more information in the weeks ahead for how to register your children!

Pilgrim Trivia Night & Auction Plan to attend on Saturday, April 23 , starting at 5pm! This adult only event will be an entertaining evening and will offer food/drinks, friendly competition, raffle prizes and incredible auction items. Invitations will be sent out soon! **Kids Auction too!** The much loved kids auction will be returning this year and will take place the week of April 19-22, leading up to the adult Trivia Night event. We are currently accepting donations of new/unused items, services or experiences for the Trivia Night Event. (Ex. Gift cards, electronics, music lessons, tickets, wine bottles for a wine pull, etc.) We are also accepting donations for the Kids Auction of new/unused kids items such as: books, toys, water bottles, art/craft supplies, etc. All donations are greatly appreciated. All donations can be dropped at the school office.

The Tabitha Society is going to the theater! And you are all invited! We will be seeing a performance of the musical comedy "Something Rotten" presented by Sunset Playhouse in Elm Grove. You do not need to be a member of the Tabitha Society to attend. Spouses, friends, and relatives are all welcome. The date is Sunday, April 24, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$21

each. Please sign up by April 1st on the bright gold sheet on the shelf in the narthex. Payments can be given to Chris Bachmann (mailbox #4).

Scrap-a-Thon #32 Please save the dates of May 6-7 for our 32nd Scrap-a-Thon at Pilgrim! Scrap-a-thons are for anyone! Purchase a table for one day or both, bring your crafting projects to work on and enjoy fellowship. Please contact Pat Knack at: bbox2go@yahoo.com or Nancy Abel at: JAbel4826@gmail.com to sign up for a table. The Scrap-a-thon price is always for a cause, and as always, the cause is Pilgrim School's tuition assistance.

WLHS Work Days—Do you have yard work or spring cleaning that needs to get done such as hedge trimming, or window washing? Consider hiring hard-working members of WLHS student council for a few hours for a free-will donation. All money raised will go towards the 2021-22 WLHS mission project to Malawi and Grenada. Work days will be held on any Saturday or Sunday starting April 9 & 10 through May 7 & 8, excluding Easter and Mother's Day Sundays. To request a team, please email workdays@wlhs.org and include your name, address, phone number, the work you need accomplished, and the day(s) this work could be completed.

WLHS Spring Sacred Choral Concert—Wisconsin Lutheran High School Choral Department will present their Spring Sacred Choral Concert on Sunday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. This is a free, general admission event. The concert will feature sacred music by the A Cappella Choir, Freshman Choir, Inspiration Vocal Jazz and Chamber Choir, and Jubilation Handbells.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is hosting its annual "Seminary Scurry" on Saturday, April 30th, 2022. The Scurry has become a tradition to which WELS members are invited from all over the area to come to the Seminary for some family fun. The morning will include a 5k walk/run, 1/2 mile kids Scurry, a bounce house, face painting, tours of the campus and a free lunch for everyone registered. Registration is \$20 for adults and free for everyone 18 and under. Register soon to make sure that we have your t-shirt ready by race day. For more information, visit our Scurry webpage at www.wisluthsem.org/seminary-scurry-2022. We hope to see you there!

The Women's book club is sponsoring a Thai Village Handicraft Display! The Thai Village grew from Kingdom Workers funding and work with WELS Bible Institute Students. Today it is a nonprofit working locally with Thai artisans to support economic self-sufficiency & Christian education. Thai village crafts will be for sale Wednesday April 6 after both services in the church basement and on Palm Sunday in the school gym in between church services. There is a huge assortment of home decor, jewelry, purses, kids items and so much more! Thank you for your support of the Thai Village!

Ushers

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
3-27-22	Matt Lawonn Joe Januzzi	Glen Kuphall Mark Murphy
4-3-22	Bob Schaenzer Keith Gennerman	Bryan Giesenschlag Evan Delvaux

Greeters

3-27-22	Dennis & Joan Schmick	Jim & Peggy Prekop
4-3-22	Irene Lape & Pat Knack	Bill & LaVonne Kirchner

ATTENDANCE – DOES NOT INCLUDE ONLINE WORSHIPPERS

3-20 134 + 100 = 234

3-23 62 + 72 = 134



Visitors! Thank you for visiting today, we'd love to get to know you so we can better serve your spiritual needs. We would really appreciate if you were able to take the time to fill out a short questionnaire about your visit by following this QR code. Thank you, and we hope to see you again soon!

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday (4/14) – 6:30pm with Communion

Good Friday (4/15) – 1:00pm and 6:30pm

Easter Sunday (4/17) – 8:00am and 10:30am

Easter Breakfast served from 8:30am – 10:00am in the School Gym

No Worship Services on Wednesday 4/13 or 4/20

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