

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream, welcome to those joining us through our Listen to Church service.
- Welcome Sara McCullough and LCM!
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,  
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* (335)

- 1 Jesus, keep me near the cross, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream *Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain*

4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. *Refrain*

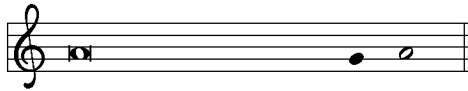
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### **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

### **KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



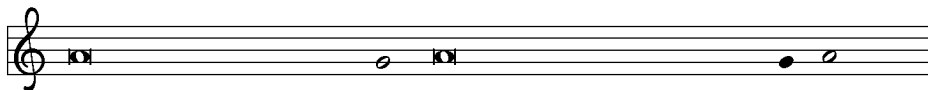
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



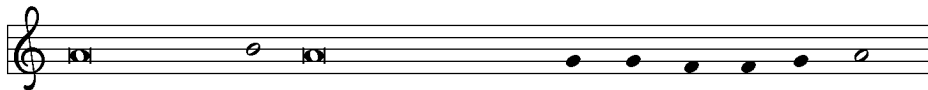
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray,

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

### Philippians 3:4b-14

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values. A reading from Phillippians.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALMODY

### Psalm 126

*Our Psalm this morning is Psalm 126. We read together responsively by whole verse.*

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
 then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
 and we are glad indeed.

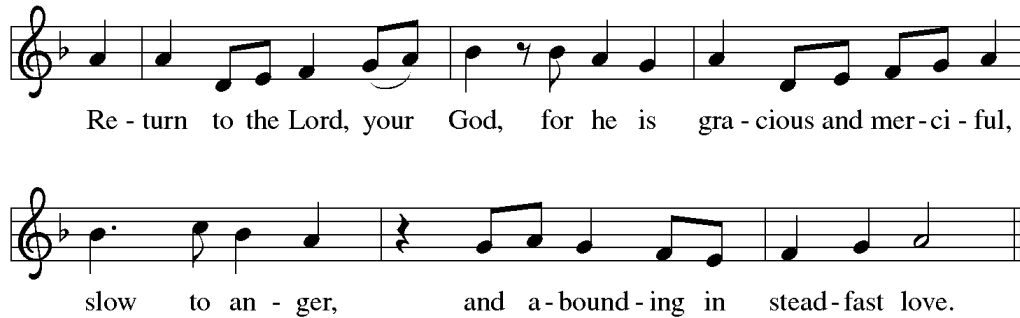
<sup>4</sup> **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
 like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
 will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Word of God. Word of Life.  
Thanks be to God.

### 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.

### GOSPEL

**John 12:1-8**

The holy Gospel according to John.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

### SERMON

Sara McCullough, Director of Lutheran Campus Ministry

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*     (803)

### APOSTLES' CREED

*Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

**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**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

The church declares your praise, O God. We thank you for Lutheran Campus Ministry at UW-Stout. Support and inspire students in their studies, be present with them in times of loneliness or distress, help them to practice kindness and patience with each other. Bless the work of Sara McCullough and the LCM board in their works with students.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, or divorce. Hold in your mercy all those impacted by the hit and run accident last weekend. May your grace and love abound through this difficult situation. Bring healing to those in need *especially Mary Olson, Ted Watland, Jan Krueger, Carol Evans, Jo Johnson, Johnny Foster, Char Ovren, Rich Ebbinga and Erica Peterson*. Comfort all who grieve, *especially the families of Bruce Peterson and Rolf Tiedemann*. May all who weep now sing songs of joy again.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel .  
 Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died  
*especially Bruce and Rolf*, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our  
 crucified and risen Savior.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus,  
 who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

#### **BRIEFING THE MINISTERS**

### **MEAL**

**OFFERING**

*Marcia Funebre* by F. David

**Henry Miller, trombone**

**OFFERTORY**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart* (186)



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

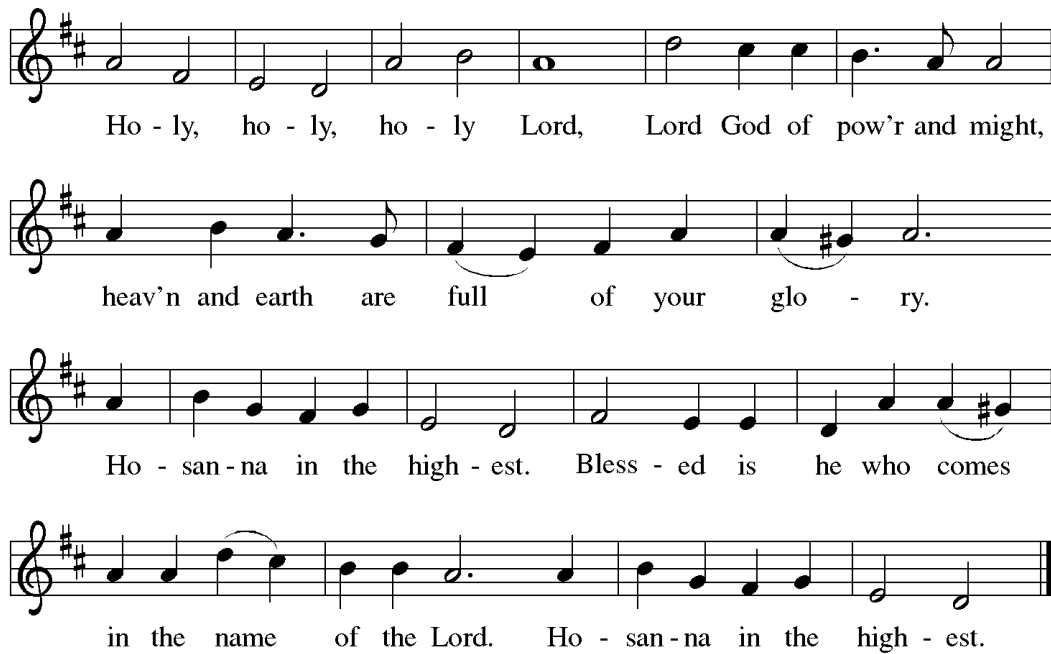
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the  
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,  
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 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.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

*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.*

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

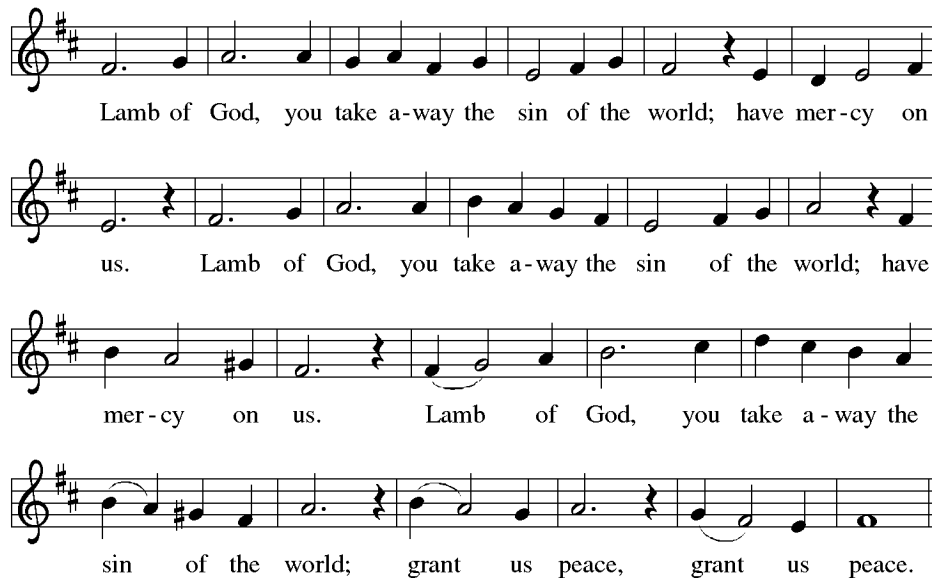
### LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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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, grant us peace.

*By Your Hand You Feed Your People* (469)

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| <p>1 By your hand you feed your people,<br/>food of angels, heaven's bread.<br/>For these gifts we did not labor,<br/>by your grace have we been fed:</p> | <p>2 In this meal we taste your sweetness,<br/>bread for hunger, wine of peace.<br/>Holy word and holy wisdom<br/>satisfy our deepest needs. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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*Refrain*

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,  
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,  
given as a living token  
of your world redeemed, restored.

- 3 Send us now with faith and courage  
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.  
In our living and our dying,  
we become what we receive: *Refrain*

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

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*Jesus, the Very Thought of You* (754)

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| <p>1 Jesus, the very thought of you<br/>fills us with sweet delight;<br/>but sweeter far your face to view<br/>and rest within your light.</p> | <p>2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame,<br/>nor can the mind recall<br/>a sweeter sound than your blest name,<br/>O Savior of us all!</p> |
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3 O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,  
O joy of all the meek,  
how kind you are to those who fall!  
How good to those who seek!

4 O Jesus, be our joy today;  
help us to prize your love;  
grant us at last to hear you say:  
"Come, share my home above."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

Let us pray,

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

#### *Restore in Us, O God* (328)

1 Restore in us, O God,  
the splendor of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts,  
and all our sins remove.

3 Bring us, O Christ, to share  
the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life  
that death cannot destroy.

2 O Spirit, wake in us  
the wonder of your pow'r;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives  
like springtime bud and flow'r.

4 Three-personed God, fulfill  
the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends,  
may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Allegro Maestoso* by F. David

Henry Miller, trombone

Use the QR code for giving:



| FINANCIAL UPDATE |              |              |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                  | Mar - Feb    | February '25 |
| Income           | \$383,446.63 | \$35,758.43  |
| Expenses         | \$367,322.67 | \$33,220.50  |
| Over/short       | \$16,123.96  | \$2,537.93   |

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Mary Olson;  
 Ted Watland (Glen Miller's brother-in-law);  
 Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother);  
 Carol Evans (Jean Conklin's sister-in-law);  
 Jo Johnson (Kim Fruit's sister);  
 Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother);  
 Char Ovren; Rich Ebbinga;  
 Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter)

**SYMPATHY**

The family of Rolf Tiedemann (Martha Bauer's brother); and  
 the family of Jen Lotze on the death of her father, Bruce Peterson (friend of the Schofield & Slinden families)

**IN SUPPORT**

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke,  
 missionaries in Japan  
 Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

**THIS WEEK AT OSL**

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| Sunday, Apr. 6  | Worship, 9am<br>Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am<br>Sunday School, 10:15am                         |
| Monday, Apr. 7  | Quilters/Crafters, 9am<br>Finance meeting, 6pm   |
| Tuesday, Apr. 8 | Church Council, 6pm  |
| Wed., Apr. 9    | Lenten supper, 5:15pm<br>Lenten Service, 6:30pm<br>Choir rehearsal, 7pm<br>Confirmation, 7pm |
| Thurs., Apr. 10 | Menomonie Singers rehearsal, 6:30pm  |
| Sat., April 12  | Menomonie Art Music Society Recital, 2pm   |

*Thank you to Sara McCullough, LCM Director and LCM students for helping lead worship this morning!*

*Thank you to Henry Miller for providing special music during worship!*

**Midweek Lenten schedule at OSL**  
 Lenten Supper: 5:15-6pm  
 Worship 6:30pm  
 with Holden Evening Prayer

**Holy Week Schedule**

*Maundy Thursday*  
 Worship 6:30pm (livestreamed)

*Good Friday*  
 Worship 6:30pm (livestreamed)

*Easter Sunday*  
 Sunrise Worship, 7am,  
 confirmation led  
 Worship, 9am (livestreamed)  
 Worship, 11am

**Hanging Basket Gift Card Sale**  
 Today thru May 4th. \$38/basket. Farmstead Greenhouse is our partner again this year.

**Little Free Pantry**  
 Throughout the season of Lent, we are collecting donations in our Little Church, as well as, needed items for our Little Free Pantry. Items can be dropped off in the Friendship Room.

**Palm Sunday Brunch**

Join us after worship for egg dishes, an oatmeal bar, pancakes, and more. Free will offering.

Help is needed on Saturday to help prep dishes and set up; and on Sunday morning to bake the dishes, serve, and clean up. A sign-up sheet is under the skylight. Contact Denise Vick.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church



# Easter Flowers

2025

We will once again be adorning our sanctuary for Easter with tulips and lilies. You are invited to purchase a plant in memory of, or honor of a loved one.

The cost of each plant is \$15.00. Include payment with order form. Orders must be received by: April 13, 2025.

The proceeds will go to Stepping Stones.

Plants will be available for pickup on a first come, first served basis the week following Easter, during office hours, Mon, Tue, & Thurs, 8am-3pm; Wed 1-5pm.

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