

*For those wishing to participate in the palm procession, please gather in the Friendship Room prior to worship.*

## GATHERING

### 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 OSL Choir and instrumentalists
- 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.
- We enter into this Holy Week in the name of the Triune God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

### PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

**Luke 19:28-40**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Let us pray...

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with

you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Everyone is invited to wave their palm branches as we process into the sanctuary singing All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

#### *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (344)

*Refrain*

All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

2 The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present. *Refrain*

4 To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

**Nora James Naatz**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### WORD

### SERMON

**Pastor Keith Ruehlow**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### *Rise, Shine, You People* (665)

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord  
has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin  
surrounded,  
with grace unbounded.

2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil  
reeling;  
he brings us freedom, light and life and  
healing.

All men and women, who by guilt are  
driven,  
now are forgiven.

3 Come, celebrate; your banners high  
unfurling,  
your songs and prayers against the  
darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
of Jesus' glory.

4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.

Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
God's new creation.

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### 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.*

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power.

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

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love.

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

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable.

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

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering and all who are sick or in need *especially Ted Watland, Jan Krueger, Carol Evans, Jo Johnson, Johnny Foster, Char Ovren, Rich Ebbinga, and Erica Peterson.*

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

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus.

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

We praise you for the gift of baptism. Nurture *Nora* in her new life of faith. Support her parents and sponsors in their faith that they may help Nora grow and learn to love and follow Jesus. Bless all the baptized as together we share the good news of Jesus in word and deed.

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

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence.

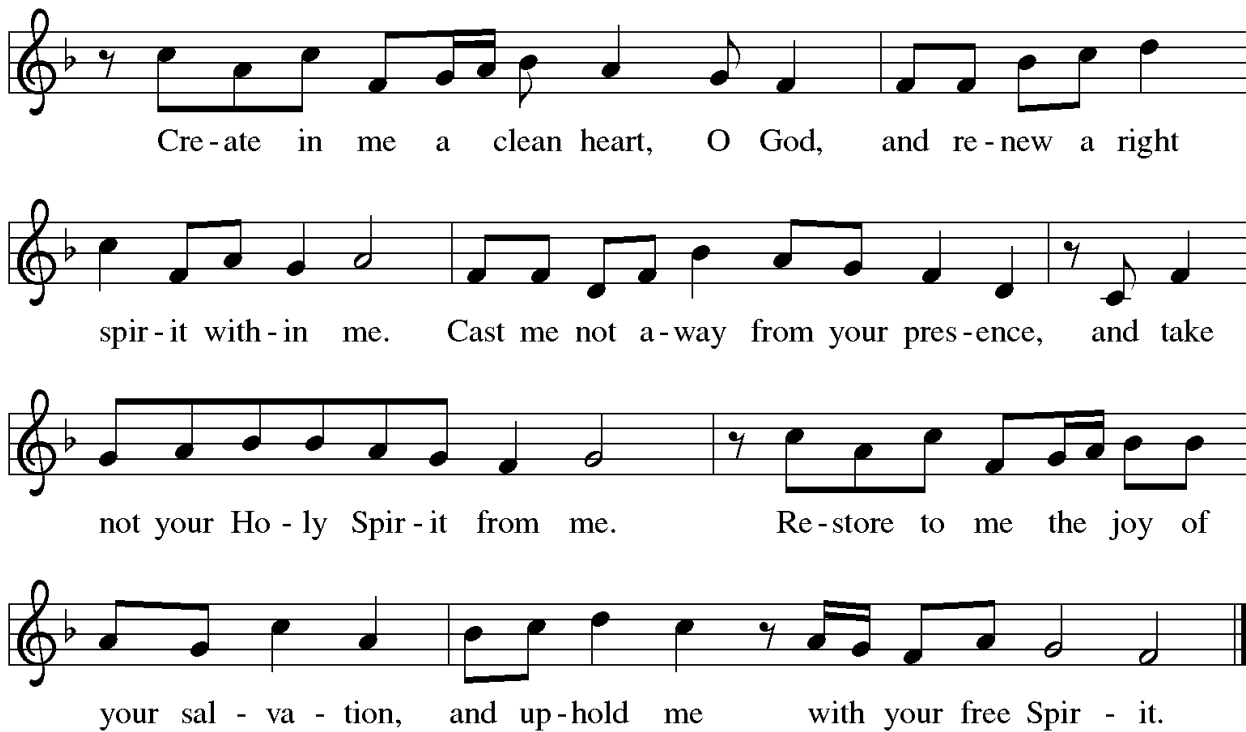
God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

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.**

### **BRIEFING THE MINISTERS**

<b>OFFERING</b>	<b>MEAL</b> <i>Allegra</i>	<i>Brass Quartet</i>
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>Create in Me</i> (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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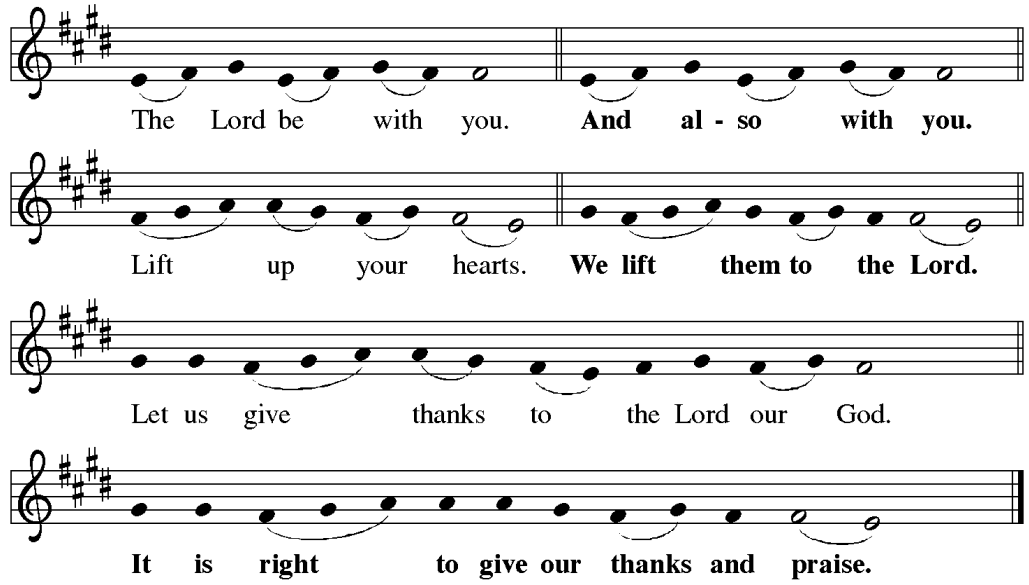
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

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



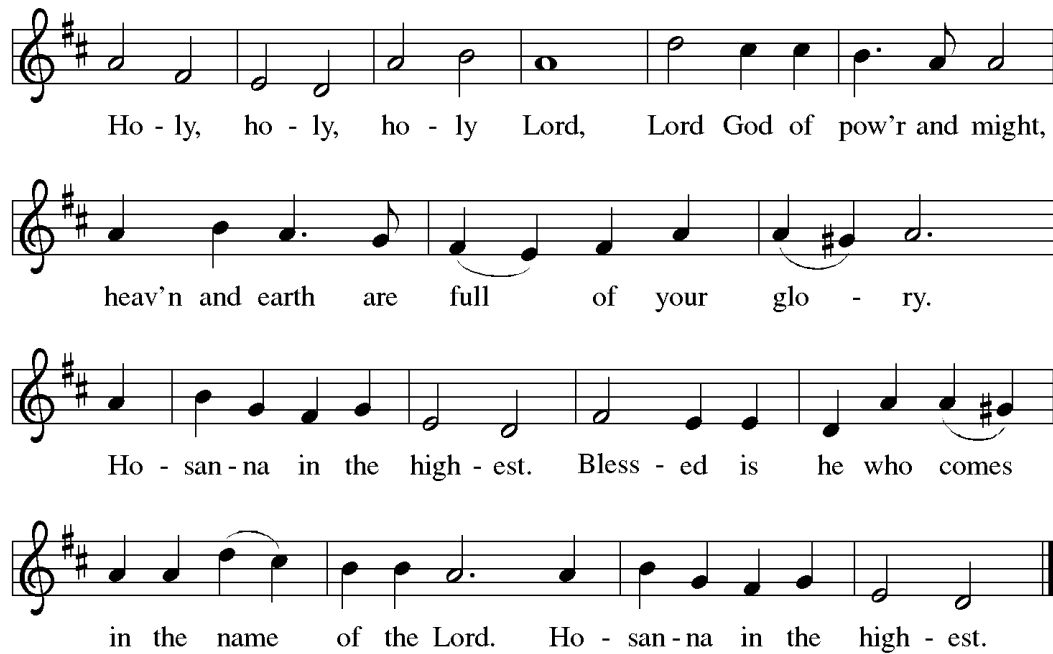
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**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;  
whose suffering and death gave sal - va - tion to all.  
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,  
trans - form - ing death in - to life.  
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

*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.*

### 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.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

#### *Remember and Rejoice* (454)

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| 1 Remember and rejoice,<br>renewed by floods of grace.<br>We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,<br>that time cannot erase. | 2 In life, in death, we trust<br>in God's most holy name,<br>forever traced by water sign, |
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and sealed by Spirit flame.

- 3 We pledge ourselves anew  
to flee the lures of hell,  
to cling to Christ's community,  
in justice, peace to dwell.
- 4 God, bless us by your grace;

remind us of your care.  
Renewing Spirit, fill us now,  
inspire our work, our prayer.

- 5 Remember and rejoice,  
renewed by floods of grace.  
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,  
that time cannot erase.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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***Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*** (808)

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| <p>1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I<br/>journey;<br/>I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:<br/>you alone are our life and our peace and<br/>our love.<br/>Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I<br/>journey.</p> <p>2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I<br/>journey.<br/>May all of my joy be a faithful reflection<br/>of you.<br/>May the earth and the sea and the sky join<br/>my song.<br/>Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I<br/>journey.</p> | <p>3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your<br/>servant,<br/>to carry your cross and to share all your<br/>burdens and tears.<br/>For you saved me by giving your body and<br/>blood.<br/>As long as I live, Jesus, make me your<br/>servant.</p> <p>4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my<br/>journey;<br/>but courage will come with the sound of<br/>your steps by my side.<br/>And with all of the family you saved by<br/>your love,<br/>we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our<br/>journey.</p> |
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***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*** (803)

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| <p>1 When I survey the wondrous cross<br/>on which the prince of glory died,<br/>my richest gain I count but loss<br/>and pour contempt on all my pride.</p> | <p>2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast<br/>save in the death of Christ, my God;<br/>all the vain things that charm me most,<br/>I sacrifice them to his blood.</p> |
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- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

### 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

#### READING

#### Philippians 2:5-11

*As we move from the festive celebration of Palm Sunday we turn to the cross and Jesus' passion. We hear a reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians, that quotes an ancient Christian hymn in praise of Jesus' obedience in his incarnation through to his suffering and death on the cross. A reading from Philippians.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**

God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,  
**so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

and every tongue should confess  
**that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

As you go forth into this Holy Week, in the name of Jesus, may the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord’s face shine upon you in the darkness of Gethsemane and in the shadow of the cross.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*My Song is Love Unknown*  
OSL Choir, Dean Lanby & Levi Freeman

**DISMISSAL**

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

**TABLE GRACE**

Be present at our table Lord,  
Be here and everywhere adored,  
These mercies bless and grant that we  
May strengthened for thy service be.  
**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Gavotte*  
Dean Lanby, violin & Levi Freeman, cello



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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
		March 2025
Income		\$35,236.09
Expenses		\$26,280.69
Over/short		\$8,955.40

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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 Memill's granddaughter)

**IN THANKSGIVING**

For the baptism of Nora James Naatz, daughter of Tyler & Melissa Naatz

**IN SUPPORT**

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

***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.

***Graduation Milestone***

Parents of high school seniors, please email Denise Vick (denise@oslme.com) a baby/toddler photo and a senior photo of your graduate by *May 7th* along with a short sentence about post-graduation plans. We will include these in a slideshow as part of our graduation blessing during worship on May 18th.

**THIS WEEK AT OSL**

Sunday, Apr. 13	Worship w/Naatz Baptism, 9am Palm Sunday Brunch, 10:15am NO Sunday School Troop meeting, 6pm
Monday, Apr. 14	Quilters/Crafters, 9am
Tuesday, Apr. 15	Tuesday's Table, 4:45pm
Wednesday, Apr. 16	Chippewa Valley Writers Group, 1pm Reading Club, 1pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm NO Confirmation
Thursday, Apr. 17	Quilting Queens, 11am Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30pm
Friday, Apr. 18	Good Friday Worship, 6:30pm

*Thank you to all the instrumentalists for sharing your gifts with us in worship this day.*

***Palm Sunday Brunch***

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

On behalf of the Hirsch-Doran families, we would like to thank you, our church family, for your words of concern and encouragement, your support and your prayers. We feel them. We have moved into a rental house while our home gets rebuilt. Sincerely, Hirsch-Doran families

***Volunteers Needed for Tuesday's Table***

Four people are needed for clean-up duties on April 15th from 5:10-6:45pm. Contact Judy Kirk in the office if you can help.

***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.*