

GATHERING**PRELUDE** *The Palms* – Stuart Wallace and Ben Seguin, trumpets**WELCOME** *Pr. Sarah*

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream and through our Listen to Church service.
- 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.
- A special word of welcome and thanks to all who are leading worship this morning, our trumpeters, Stuart Wallace and Ben Seguin; the OSL Choir, and our HS students
- Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Let enter now into the heart of our Christian calendar, in the name of the triune God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. I invite you to wave your palm branches as we sing our processional hymn:

For the processional: Acolytes to process in and light candles; choir to follow; following the choir Kate Schofield will carry the cross; Madi Place will carry the word; Cross and word process in half-way; Sarah to meet cross and word in the middle of the aisle

PROCESSIONAL HYMN **All Glory Laud and Honor** 344:1, 3, 4*Refrain*

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| <p>All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.</p> | <p>3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. <i>Refrain</i></p> |

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

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL **Matthew 21:1-11** *Pr. Sarah*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

Pr. Sarah

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.**

Finish processional; Cross and word lead, Sarah to follow

PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory Laud and Honor 344:5

Refrain

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

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY *Kyah Barnhart*

Please stand as you are able.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us pray,

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC Hosannah in the Highest – OSL Choir, with Stuart Wallace, trumpet

WORD

EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:5-11 *Maddie Horvath*

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ. A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ 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.

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY Prepare the Royal Highway 264:1, 2, 4

1 Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

2 God's people, see him coming:

your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

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APOSTLES' CREED *Kyah Barnhart*

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 *Lily Horvath*

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss and all who are sick (*especially Judy Kirk, Carla Murray, Jed Madsen, Rich Moen, Bill Miller, Jan Krueger and Erica Peterson*). Draw near to those who are dying and comfort the grieving, especially Mary Dodge at the death of her mother, Esma. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy, especially Esma. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *Pr. Sarah*

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS *Pr. Sarah*

- Holy Week worship schedule: Maundy Thursday at 6:30pm, with Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar, on Good Friday at 6:30pm around the cross. Easter Sunday morning three worship services: 7am sunrise service, and 9,11am Easter worship. Our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and 9am Easter Sunday worship services will be livestreamed.
- Join us for brunch downstairs
- Last day to order Easter flowers

MEAL

OFFERING *Prayer of St. Gregory* **Stuart Wallace, trumpet**

OFFERTORY **Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless** 357:1,3

1 Lamb of God, pure and sinless,
once on the cross an offering,
patient, lowly, guiltless,
forsaken in your suffering:
from sin's grasp you have torn us,
from gloom to hope have borne us.
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus.

3 Lamb of God, pure and sinless,
once on the cross an offering,
patient, lowly, guiltless,
forsaken in your suffering:
from sin's grasp you have torn us,
from gloom to hope have borne us.
Your peace be with us, O Jesus. Amen.

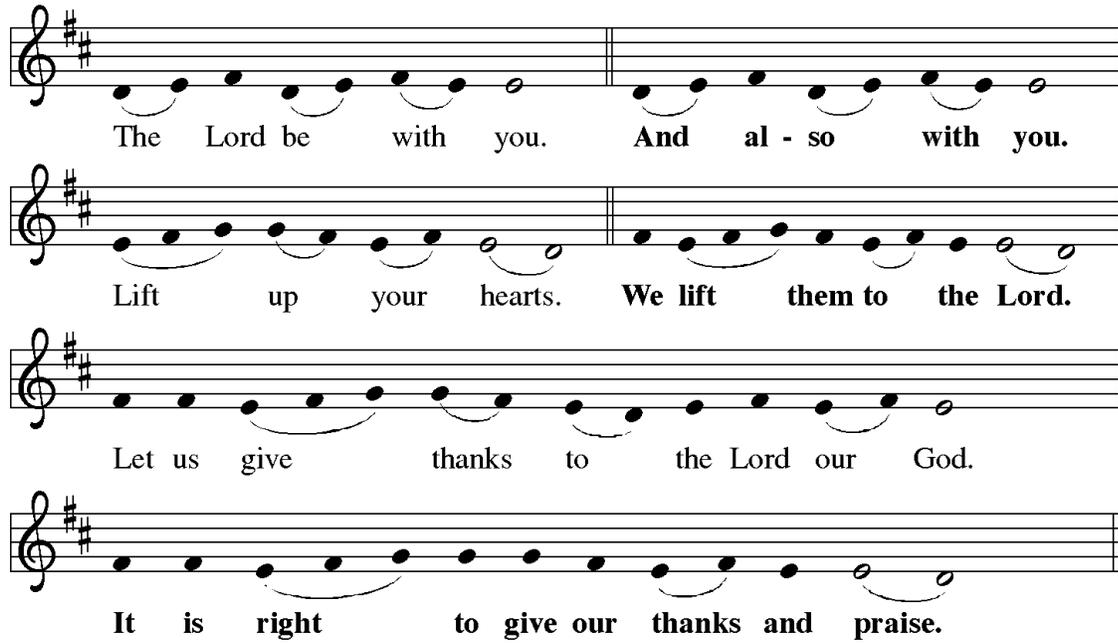
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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.

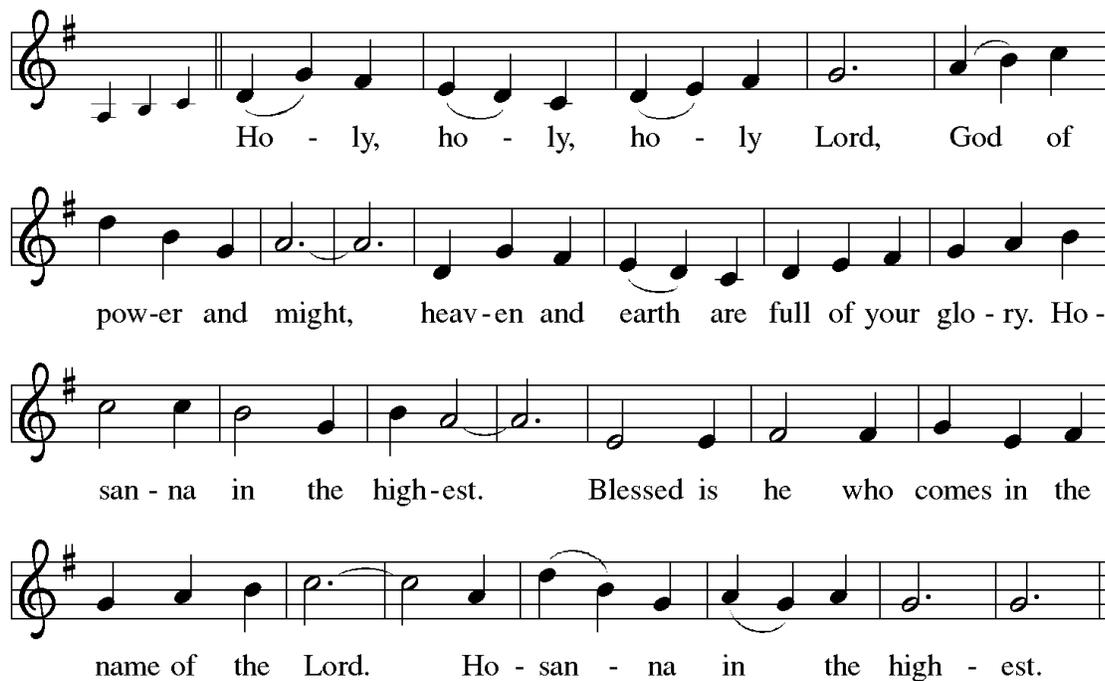
The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.", "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs and ties.

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, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In the fullness of time you sent your chosen servant to preach the good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcasts and the despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

*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.*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With your holy ones of all times and places, we praise 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Lily Horvath, Maddie Horvath, Madi Place, Kyah Barnhart*
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, grant us peace.

What Wondrous Love Is This 666

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| <p>1 What wondrous love is this,
 O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this
 that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse
 for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?</p> <p>2 When I was sinking down,
 sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down
 beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown
 for my soul, for my soul,</p> | <p>Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.</p> <p>3 To God and to the Lamb
 I will sing, I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb,
 who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme,
 I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.</p> <p>4 And when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing God's love for me,</p> |
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and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

and through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 803

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| <p>1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.</p> <p>2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.</p> | <p>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?</p> <p>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.</p> |
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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,

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Go to Dark Gethsemane 347:1-3

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| <p>1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.</p> <p>2 Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!</p> | <p>Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.</p> <p>3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.</p> |
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Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

TABLE GRACE *Pr. Sarah*

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS

Judy Kirk, Carla Murray (friend of Jean Enyeart), Jed Madsen, Rich Moen (Becky Behren's father), Bill Miller (Glen Miller's brother), Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother), Erica Peterson (Granddaughter of Cheryl Merrill)

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

IN SYMPATHY

To Mary Dodge and family at the death of Mary's mother, Esma Dzikonski.

No Sunday School on the following dates:
March 29 and April 5

Attention High School students—Saturday, April 4th, head over to Autumn Village at 1:30pm to assist with the 2:00pm bingo. Lunch nearby for some fellowship fun!

National Youth Gathering informational meeting: Wednesday, April 8th in the Friendship room.

SAY CHEESE! If your smiling face isn't yet in our church directory, we've got the perfect chance to fix that! Sunday, April 19th, right after worship, we will have a photographer on hand to snap photos.

New Member Class If you are interested in becoming a member of OSL, join us April 19th in the conference room following worship for a new member class and a chance to learn more about OSL. Then join us in worship on Sunday, April 26th, as we formally welcome you to the congregation!

Easter Sanctuary Flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. Order forms still available (must be turned in by April 29th).

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday Worship, 9:00am Palm Sunday Brunch, 10:15am No Sunday School Palm Sunday Path event, 3:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Eau Claire
Monday, March 30	Women in Action, 8:00am
Tuesday, March 31	Bell Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Wednesday, April 1	No Worship Service No Confirmation Choir, 7:00pm
Thursday, April 2	AM'ers, 9:00am Vibrant Voices, 1:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30pm
Friday, April 3	Good Friday Worship, 6:30pm
Saturday, April 4	High School Students at Autumn Village, 1:30pm

Thank you to the OSL Choir and Stuart Wallace and Ben Seguin, trumpet players, for sharing your gifts and enlivening our worship. Thank you to the High School youth for helping to lead the Worship service today.



Palm Sunday Brunch

Join us after worship for egg dishes, an oatmeal bar, sausage links and dessert bars. Free will offering.

Holy Week Schedule

*Maundy Thursday- April 2: 6:30pm**
*Good Friday—April 3: 6:30pm**
Easter Sunday—April 5: Sunrise, 7:00am
*Easter Sunday—April 5: 9:00am**
Easter Sunday—April 5: 11:00am

There is a Palm Sunday Path event at Trinity Lutheran Church in Eau Claire today at 3:00pm. See the newsletter or Pastor Sarah for details.

Little Free Pantry is looking for small jars of peanut butter and facial tissues.

Funds collected this month in our Little church will go to support the Menomonie area School Lunch Angel Fund.

COUNCIL MEMBER ON DUTY

Bob Dodge

USHERS <i>Sarah Place</i> <i>Nick Place</i>	ACOLYTES <i>Eleanor Enyeart</i> <i>Abby Anderson</i>
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POWER POINT <i>Jeff Vick</i>	

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Mar - Feb	February
Income	\$400,825.54	\$36,786.15
Expenses	\$337,548.82	\$27,790.08
Over/short	\$63,276.72	\$8,996.07

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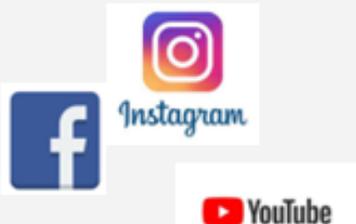
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