

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Linda Montgomery Family,
Fred Will (knee pain), Kathy Schutz
Matt & Daisa (family of Gary & Deb Smidt),
Kristy Miranda (Keven Schutz's sister),
Denny Lange, and Marjorie Hultquist.
Happy Birthday to Laci Loseke, Lisa Maulsby, Karen Smith,
Reed Danielson, John Finkner, and Darin Fischer.
Happy Anniversary to Ray & Karli Havens—14 years.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#94

Offertory Prayer

We offer to you our offerings, O God, and ask that you would receive them as tokens of our offering ourselves to your service. As these gifts are used in sharing your gospel may we be loving, serving signs of your presence in this world. Amen.

Closing Song "Hope of the Nations"

Benediction

Fix your eyes on the Lord. Place your hand in His Hand, trusting in his guiding and comfort. Go into this world, that needs so much the words of healing love, and bring the good news of God's absolute love and presence to all people. Go in peace. AMEN.

Vision for 2021:

Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13 NIV)

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FIFTH SUNDAY
in
LENT

**Order of Worship
March 21, 2021**

Welcome and Announcements

1. Please put your names on either YouTube or Facebook. If you have celebrations and concerns, please share with us on either one.
2. Please keep following the Lenten practices for the Lenten season.
3. The Easter Cards are ready at the entrance of the sanctuary. Each card is only one dollar, and we will use the funds for the ministry of the church.
4. We will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, March 28 as children wave branches of palm trees. Please bring your kids to join this special celebration.
5. Holy Week and Easter Service.
 - 1) Maundy Devotion: we will upload a video through Facebook and YouTube at 7:00pm.
 - 2) Good Friday Service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary and online.
 - 3) Easter Service: We are fully open for everyone (Wearing a mask is still required). Please invite and bring as many people as possible and then, let us celebrate the resurrection of Jesus altogether so that God's house will be full.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$1,645. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: God invites us to greatness.

P: We are ready to go.

L: God calls us greatness through following in the footsteps of Jesus.

P: We will follow Jesus into the greatness of his reign.

L: God calls us to serve the poor, the rejected, and the outcasts.

P: They are children of God and we will serve them gladly.

Opening Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus,
open us to the wonder of your amazing grace,
show us the fullness of your salvation,
grant us the peace that passes all understanding.
We place ourselves in your care
and yield our lives to your touch.
Speak to us today in word and silence.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Opening Song "You Never Let Go"

Children's Message

Scriptures

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Dawn Moyer

John 12:20-33

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"The Life of a Seed"

Pastor Peter Choi

