

Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship this day.** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **Our Liturgist on this day is Steve Kappes.**
- ✓ **A Birthday Reception** is being held in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Rosemary McMahon's 102nd birthday. All are invited.
- ✓ **Our Lenten Study continues** Wednesday, April 9th. We are reading Meeting Jesus at the Table by Cynthia Campbell. We are discussing chapters –"A meal of memories". Join us in the Comfort Room at 7pm.
- ✓ **Maundy Thursday Communion Worship** is this Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- ✓ **Good Friday worship** is this Friday at 12:15 pm. All are welcome as we remember the sacrifice of our Lord.
- ✓ **Black Hills Association meeting is coming up.** We will gather at Custer UCC on April 24th at 2 pm. Please RSVP with the pastor so we can have meals prepared.
- ✓ **Thank YOU!** Our workday yesterday was a great success because of our wonderful volunteers. We are ready for the coming of Spring, thanks to you.

Please pray:

- **For Livestock Veterinarians.** May God bless those who care for cows, horses, and donkeys—like the one that Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Amen.
 - **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
 - **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders.
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“✠” *Invites all to stand in body or in spirit*

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**) Cf. Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Let us worship God.

✠ HYMN

CH #192

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the tomb.

Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

OLDER TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

CHILDREN’S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:28-40

MESSAGE

Rev. C. Aurand

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

[see insert]

✠ HYMN

CH #191 vss. 1-3

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

A TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CH #306

***Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline your ear to us,
and grant us thy peace.***

A TIME OF OFFERING

✠ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ HYMN

CH #197

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

✠ BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

Affirmation of Faith
(based on Philippians 2:5-11)

**We trust in God, the source of all hope,
Even as we call on God to meet us in places of
hopelessness.**

**We commit to be disciples of Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to
be exploited, but emptied himself and was born in
human likeness. He humbled himself and became
obedient to the point of death – even death on a
cross.**

**Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name.
So that at the name of Jesus, ever 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. Amen.**



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