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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we are headed to the cross on our Lenten journey, we have come to see that God's grace is truly amazing. Hearing about the lives of Biblical characters, we see how God has worked in and through these individuals. I hope that this series of "Amazing Grace" has brought home to you the fact that our gracious God has tremendous love for each one of us.

On Palm Sunday, April 2nd, our Holy Week journey comes ever closer to the cross as we will hear about the apostle Peter and his relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Maundy Thursday will highlight the disciple John as he and his brother seek to place themselves above others in Jesus' kingdom. Good Friday we will hear the request of the penitent thief that realizes that Jesus is his King, before he dies on a cross next to Jesus. Mary Magdalene will come to the tomb of Jesus in a darkness that shrouds the place where they laid her Savior. Her joy returns as she hears Jesus call her name and sees him alive. As the first witness to the resurrection, Mary is filled with His "Amazing Grace".

God's amazing grace has taken hold in the stories of all these people. Through your hearing I pray that you too will be able to recognize God's continuous love in your walk through this life and beyond. The gracious gifts of forgiveness, abundant and eternal life are ours through Jesus Christ. Let us never forget to say, "Thanks be to God, He is Risen, Indeed".

In the Joy of the Resurrection,

Pastor Gwen





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Pastor Gwen's April Office Hours:

Monday 1-4PM Wednesday 2-5:00PM

No Office hours on April 10th.





April Bible Readings

April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

First Lesson Zechariah 9:9-12 Epistle Reading 1 Peter 1:13-21 Gospel Luke 22:31-34

April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday

First Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Gospel John 20:1-18

April 16, 2023 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

First Lesson Acts 2:14a, 23-32

Psalm 16

Second Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9 Gospel John 20:19-31

April 23, 2023 – 3rd Sunday Of Easter

First Lesson Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

Second Lesson 1 Peter 1:17-23 Gospel Luke 24:13-35

April 30, 2023 – 4th Sunday of Easter

First Lesson Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

Second Lesson 1 Peter 2:19-25 Gospel John 10:1-10

~Christians Serving God By Serving Others~



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Woman's Group meets every Tuesday from 10AM -2PM.

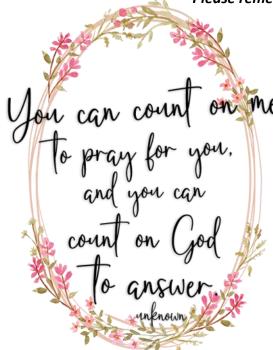


Men's Group will meet Saturday, April 8th at 8AM.





Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.



Health/Concerns: Liz, Craig, Marty, Jim, Mary, Olivia, Stephanie, Carrie, Meg, Allen, Ruth, Leigh, and Fred,

Military: Anton, Allesa Marrie, Ryan, Josh, Autumn, and Natalie.

CTS Church Council, WELCA, Quilting Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, AIDS orphans in Malawi, Hunger and poverty in the world, Ukrainian people and those struggling with the Coronavirus.



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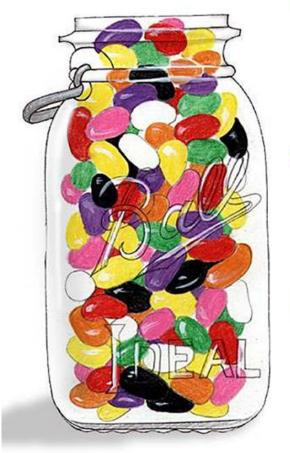
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GREEN IS FOR THE PALMS THEY WAVED AT HIM AS HE ENTERED INTO JERUSALEM.

PURPLE IS FOR THE WINE HE POURED AND BLESSED BEFORE HE FACED HIS FINAL TEST.

RED IS FOR THE PRECIOUS BLOOD HE SHED FROM THE CROWN OF THORNS PLACED ON HIS HEAD.

BLACK IS FOR THE SKY AS HE DIED ON THE CROSS, SUFFERING TO REDEEM OUR LOSS.

PINK, YELLOW, AND ORANGE ARE FOR THE DAWN THAT MORN WHEN THE TOMB WAS EMPTY AND HOPE WAS REBORN.

WHITE IS FOR THE DAZZLING LIGHT THAT AWED ALL WHO SAW HIM ARESEN - SON OF GOD.



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Opportunities: Share your talents and sign up to be an assisting minister or usher or assist with altar guild or hosting coffee and fellowship after service. For those interested and not yet trained, please see Pastor Gwen. Generously give of yourself, and find yourself not only blessed on Sunday mornings, you will be creating a meaningful service for all.

Men's Group: Men's group will be meeting on April 8th at 8:00 AM. The topic of study is Book of James. See Pastor or Scott Carpenter for a study guide. All men are welcome to and encouraged to come!

Bible Study: Join us for Bible Study on April 2nd, 23rd and 30th after Coffee Half Hour.

Easter Sunday: Remember that on Easter Sunday we will be sharing a pot luck meal after worship. If you want to bring something, please sign up on the board next to the office.

Holy Week Services

PALM SUNDAY - PETER SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023 AT 9:30AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION - JOHN THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2023 AT 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE - PENITENT THIEF FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2023 AT 6:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY - MARY MAGDALENE WORSHIP - SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023 AT 9:30AM





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Volunteer Schedule April & May 2023

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Ushers
April 2nd Palm Sunday	Barb Schindhelm			Dave Shaw Mary Rusch
April 6th Maundy Thursday	Kurt Wolff		None Needed	
April 7th Good Friday		None Needed	None Needed	
April 9th Easter Sunday			Easter Sunday Potluck Brunch	
April 16th				
April 23rd				
April 30th				
May 7th				
May 14th				
May 21st				
May 28th				