

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 22, 2026

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*We Gather in God's Name . . .*

## PRELUDE

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Jesus, lead us to your glory that we may see the calming, peaceful beauty you spread before us and before our enemies if only we would open our eyes to your Way. Enable us to share the light of your grace with strangers and friends and create in us the desire to open our hearts, our minds and our doors to those we blindly label as “other.” Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God summons us to wake up and see. God’s light has come to lead us back to our true shepherd.

**All: Our eyes have been opened to God’s goodness. We seek to live as children of the light.**

One: God listens to all who worship sincerely. Praise God with openness and obedience.

**All: We seek to know and follow God’s will. This is a day to live in God.**

\*OPENING HYMN “O God of Every Nation” #289

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

We close our eyes to the people and circumstances that we do not want to see. We have entrenched ideas of what a true and Godly leader looks and sounds like. Open our minds to receive your picture of strength, courage, and perseverance. We silently pray that you will forgive our blindness and teach us to include among our personal heroes, those we wrongly think of as unfit.

\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS “I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry” #362

**Singing:** I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
And pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise,  
I’ll hasten to God’s throne.  
I love the Lord, who heard my cry  
And chased my grief away.  
O let my heart no more despair  
While I have breath to pray.

### \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*. . . to Proclaim God’s Word*

FIRST READING Psalm 23 p. 551

SECOND READING 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 p. 259

ANTHEM “Speak, O Lord” Choir

GOSPEL READING John 9: 1-41 p. 102

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Open Hearts, Open Minds...” Pastor Judy Sibley

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Open My Eyes That I May See” #324

*. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .*

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

### THE OFFERTORY

\*OFFERING RESPONSE  
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

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

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, we share your love through our tithes and offerings, our investment of time and energy in tasks to which You call us. All this we offer now for your blessing, for apart from you, the light goes out of our lives, and we slip into a listless existence. Help us to serve you with joy wherever we go. Amen.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

One: Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*. . . and to Be Sent in God’s Name*

\*CLOSING HYMN “O Jesus, I have Promised” #338

## BENEDICTION

### RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” #538  
*(verse 1)*

**Singing:** Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon. March 23	Easy Does It Exercise Handbells	10:00 AM 6:00 PM
Wed. March 25	Easy Does It Exercise Learn 2 Sew Class Wednesday Night Adult Class Children/Youth Group Program	10:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM
Thurs. March 26	Deacons Easter Cards Lenten Luncheons Choir	10:00 AM 12:00 PM 7:00 PM
Fri. March 27	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
Sun. March 29	Bible Study Palm Sunday Brunch	10:00 AM After Worship

*Welcome* to worship this morning! If you have small children, you're welcome to keep them in worship or take them into the quiet room.

**Our thanks** go to our lay reader Della Kellogg, the choir, and pianist Dave Thomas.

You will find **prayer request cards** in the backs of the church pews that you may fill out and drop in the offering plate as needed.

For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-450-5295.

**Lenten Luncheons** conclude this coming Thursday, **March 26<sup>th</sup>** with **Pondera Valley Lutheran Church** hosting. Soup will be served at 12:00PM and a short talk by one of the pastors or priest with the event being done by 12:50PM. This year's topic will be on Henri Nouwen's book, "*The Prodigal Son*". Participants get to pick from several hearty soups and bread. A free will offering will be taken and will be given to one or more of our local charities. The community is invited to attend!

**Scholarships** are available for **Glacier Camp** for this coming Summer. Please contact Jane Arends for more information at 406-450-4163.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Deacons** will be making Easter cards **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in Room #3**. All materials will be provided, and anyone interested is encouraged to join in.

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, our children and Youth will be joining David Arends as he preaches next Sunday, with songs, Bible readings, and a sketch in honor of Palm Sunday. Please come support our Youth. After the service, our Youth Group will serve Tacos in a Bag for lunch. Meals are by donation. Please join us whether you can give or not. Any funds raised will help us get kids to Glacier Camp this summer.

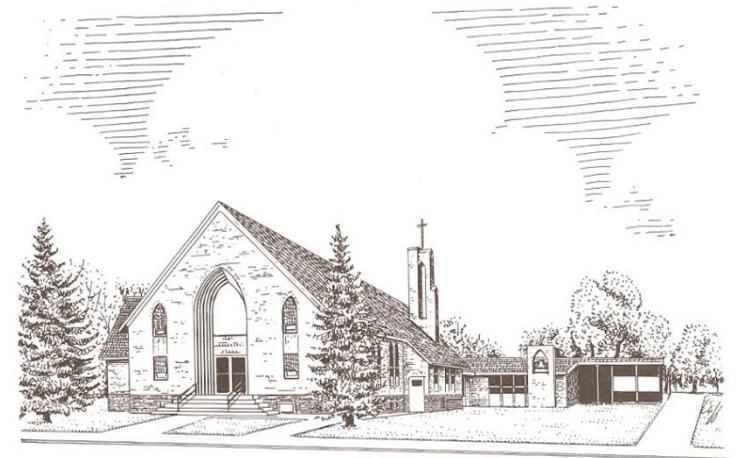
**Easter Sunday Meal April 5<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a lunch provided after church on Easter Sunday for anyone who doesn't have a place to go. If you don't have a family gathering to attend, then come join your church family. We're sure there will be Chocolate!

If you have any articles to contribute to the **May Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than **Thursday morning, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, which should provide enough time for article placement and proofreading if all articles are received by the due date. The newsletter will be printed and mailed out the following week, providing enough time for the newsletter to be delivered with time sensitive articles.

Last week, the combined giving was **\$970.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$3,104.00** per week.

**Please remember to pray for** Family & Friends of JoAnn Sanders, Jean Baringer, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Amy Zimelman, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Dave Perry, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

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