

If anyone serves me,  
let him follow me.  
And where I am,  
there my servant will  
be also. If anyone  
serves me, the Father  
will honor him.



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Parents of Young Children: *There are busy bags for your children to use during church on the table with the bulletins. Please take the bag and its contents home with you.*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please remember the following things when you come to church:

Masks are required: *If you don't have a mask, we have disposable and re-usable available*

Please socially distance in the sanctuary: *Families can sit together with no restrictions; Please sit every other pew (sit where there are no chairs) & stay six feet apart*

Offerings: *Leave your offering in the plates at the end of the aisle*

Please use the hand sanitizer when you enter the building and whenever you touch any commonly touched surface

Wash your hands with soap and water frequently and try to not touch your face

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PLEASE NOTE: Beginning March 1st, all Thursday night services will begin at 6:30 pm.



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## Service of the Word

The readings this Sunday tie Lent together with both Epiphany and Easter. In them Jesus shows his glory as a saving glory but a glory that is hidden under a blanket of suffering and a veil of humiliation.

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### HYMN 387

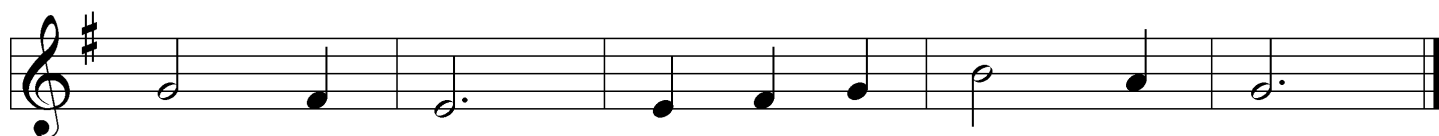
### *"Drawn to the Cross"*



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing  
2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my  
bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928, alt.

Tune: JUST AS I AM (888 6) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

## STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

- M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C:** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C:** Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

- M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



# OH, TASTE AND SEE



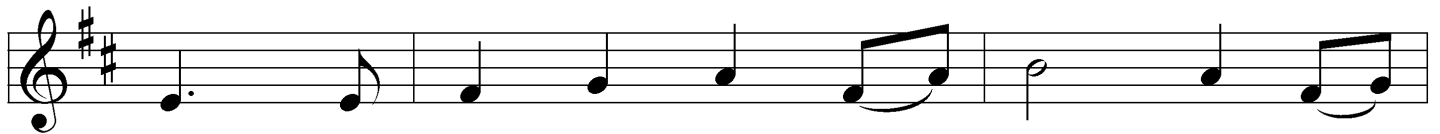
C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



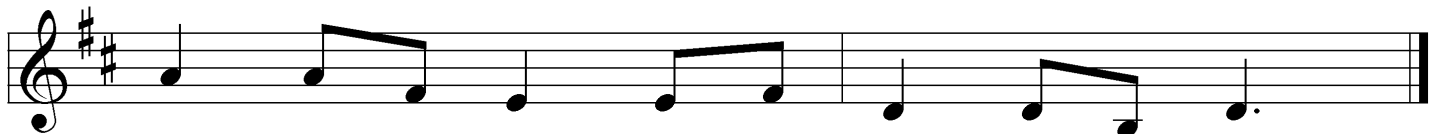
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Let us pray: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON    Jeremiah 31:31-34

*Nothing that Jesus suffers in his Passion is because of his own guilt. God gave Israel and Judah everything by grace alone and they threw it all away. So what did God do? He establishes a new covenant by forgiving wickedness, even deliberate sins, and remembering all of their sins no more! Do not turn aside from the covenant by which God judged and condemned his Son just for you. Rather follow after him and embrace him in this new covenant in these remaining days of his Passion!*

Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will each one teach his neighbor, or each one teach his brother, saying, "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 guilt, and I will remember their sins no more.



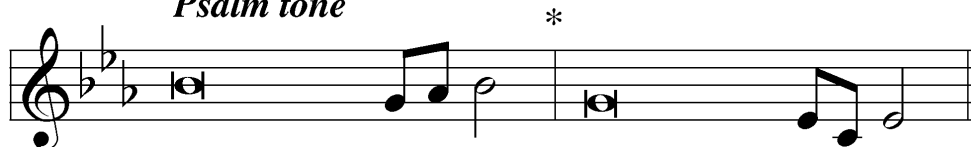
## PSALM 143

### *Refrain*



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

### *Psalm tone*



O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;<sup>\*</sup>  
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,<sup>\*</sup>  
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;<sup>\*</sup>  
my heart within me is dismayed.

### *Refrain*

Answer me quickly, O LORD;<sup>\*</sup>  
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,<sup>\*</sup>  
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;<sup>\*</sup>  
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son<sup>\*</sup> and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,<sup>\*</sup> is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### *Refrain*

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## SECOND LESSON     Hebrews 5:7-10

*Forever and ever as our Great High Priest Jesus holds before his Father his all sufficient sacrifice for our salvation. Forever and ever the Father accepts and is pleased with his priestly Son, and therefore on his account he is pleased with and accepts us.*

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. <sup>9</sup> After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him, <sup>10</sup> because he was designated by God as a high priest, like Melchizedek.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45 cf. NIV)



## STAND

## GOSPEL     John 12:20-33

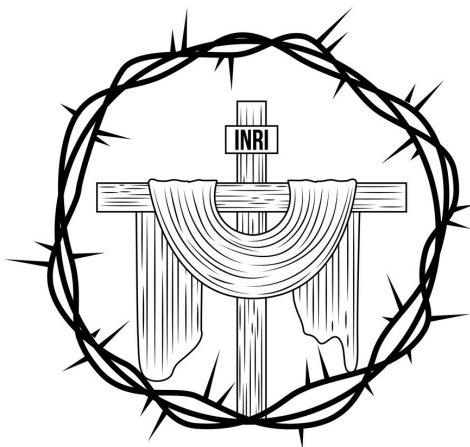
*Jesus makes these astonishing declarations: He sees his glory as beginning with his ultimate humiliation. He has come to suffer. He has come to die. As horrible as that will be, and as deeply as he will feel it all, he looks ahead to the fruit of his Passion.*

*Traditionally one of the names for this Sunday is Passion Sunday. And what is the fruit of his Passion? It is that by his cross he may draw us to himself! That is his glory! Can you think of anything more worthy of your attention this week?*

<sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus."

<sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus.





<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

<sup>24</sup> Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life.

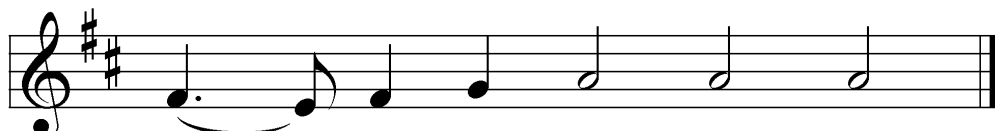
<sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup> "Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!"

A voice came from heaven: "I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again."

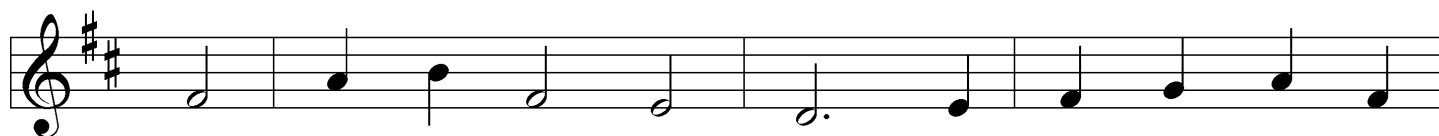
<sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "This voice was not for my sake but for yours.

<sup>31</sup> "Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

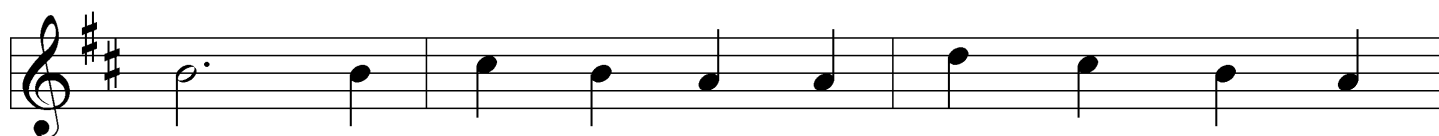


**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

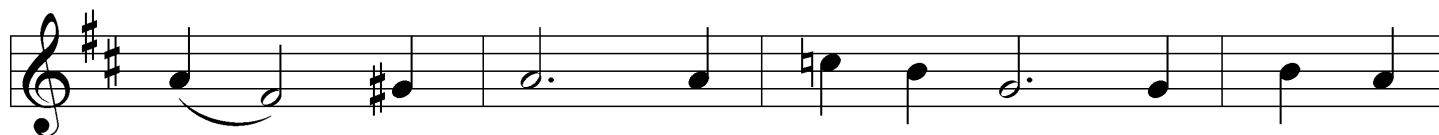
**BE SEATED**



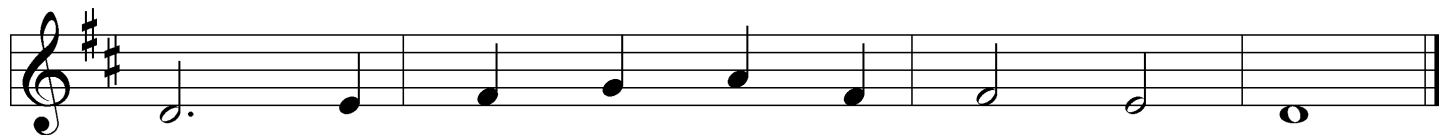
1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es  
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might  
 stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for  
 sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas  
 spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the  
 way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my  
 Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -  
 to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their  
 blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at  
 life they slay. Yet cheer-ful he To suff'r-ing



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 deed, Who at my need His life did spend!  
 breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.  
 these Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.  
 goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
 My Lord on earth might have;  
 In death no friendly tomb  
 But what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heav'n was his home  
 But mine the tomb  
 Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;  
 No story so divine,  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 Never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend,  
 In whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 Could gladly spend!

# SERMON

## STAND

### APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Amen.



# THANKSGIVING

## OFFERING

*We are not passing the plate due to COVID-19. Please leave your offering in either plate at the end of the aisle.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**We confess that without your love we are lost.**

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

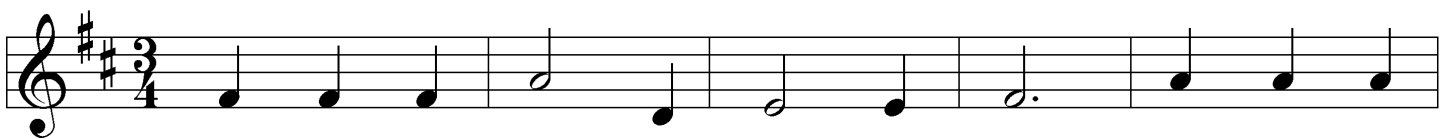
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

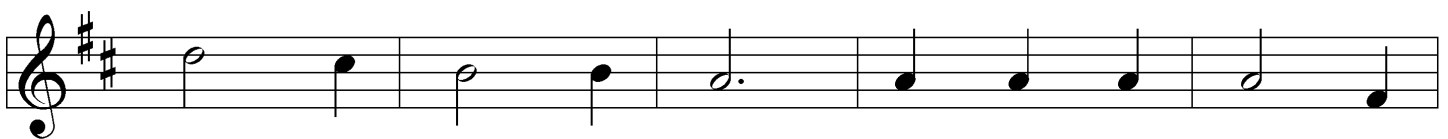
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## HYMN 376

*"Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"*



1	Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness	My beau - ty
2	Bold shall I stand in that great day—	Who can a
3	Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood,	Which at the
4	Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more	Than sands up -
5	When from the dust of death I rise	To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress;	Mid flam - ing worlds, in
word a - gainst me say?	Ful - ly through you ab -
ver - y throne of God	For - ev - er will for
on the o - cean shore,	You have for all a
man - sion in the skies,	E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
 solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 sin - ners plead, For me— e'en for my soul— was shed.  
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.  
 all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!  
 Your boundless mercy has for me,  
 For me and all your hands have made,  
 An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.  
 Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

## PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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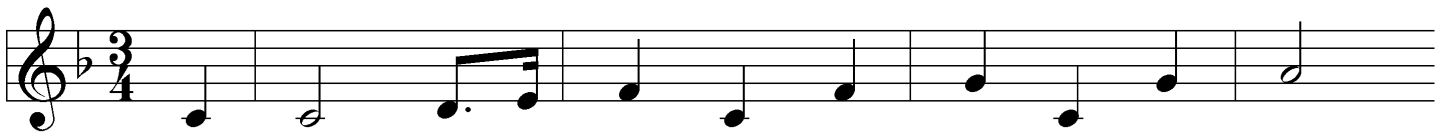
## BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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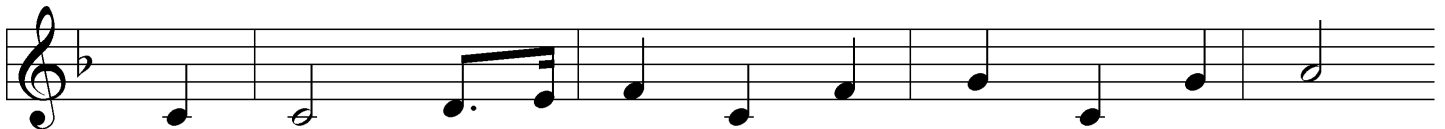
## CLOSING HYMN 399 *"To God Be the Glory"*



1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,  
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;  
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin  
The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,  
But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!



Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son



And give him the glory—great things he has done!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, alt.

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY (11 11 11 11 with Refrain) William H. Doane, 1832–1915.





## Calendar

SUN 3/21	<b>Worship</b> 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am
TUES 3/23	Bible Class 9 am Heartland House Chapel 2:45 pm <i>Church office is closed today</i>
WED 3/24	Catechism 6 pm
THURS 3/25	Midweek Lenten <b>Worship</b> w/ Communion 6:30 pm
SUN 3/28	Palm Sunday <b>Worship</b> w/ communion 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Pioneers 11:30 am

If you wish to donate flowers to beautify the altar on Sundays or Thursdays, please use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to Pastor's office.



**If you want to bring spring flowers/plants** to beautify the altar for Easter Sunday, please bring your flowers/plants to the church kitchen on Saturday, April 3, between 9-10 am.

Please call Doreen Walton at 920- 647-0682 with questions.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 7 12-5:30 pm

Sign up by calling 800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

*We need volunteers to man the registration table! If you would like to help for an hour or the entire afternoon, please see Christine in the office.*

**Sunday School Parents:** Please have your children to church by 8:30 am next Sunday, March 28. We will meet in the Sunday School room. After we sing at the beginning of the worship service, your children will be able to sit their family for the rest of the service. Please contact your child's Sunday School teacher or more information.

### **We're Live!**

If you can't make it church for worship, you now have the option of joining us LIVE every Sunday on our Facebook page! We are able to live stream and will do so every Sunday at 9 am. If you miss it, you can always go back and watch later!



Be sure to "like" our Facebook page and start watching live!  
Please see Kevin Bohn with any questions or concerns!



**To everyone who has donated to the Peace Pantry:**  
**THANK YOU!** Your support of our pantry makes such a difference to our community! We are still accepting donations. You can place donations on the table next to the refrigerator in the fellowship hall.

To protect our membership and the community, if you are in need of food or items from the pantry, please call the church office to arrange a time to pick up a pre-packed bag/box. ***The Peace Pantry is open during regular office hours during the week and by appointment.***

Christian Stewardship means sharing God's gifts and talents that were given to us— sharing our time, talents, and treasures!

The Stewardship Committee, together with the Building Grounds Committee, is starting a campaign to raise funds to re-pave our parking lot. Together we can raise enough money to beautify and most importantly provide a safe parking lot for our congregation and visitors. Prayerfully consider making an offering to this important fund! Be sure to mark your offering "Parking Lot Fund" to ensure it gets to the right place. Please see Fred Bohlmann (414-975-2651) for more information.

at-home

# Easter for Kids

Because we can't have an in-person Easter for Kids event, we have put together a fun bag that families will be able to do with at home to reinforce the reason we celebrate Easter!

**We will hand out bags after Sunday School on March 28.**

*Every Sunday School and Pioneers family will receive a bag. If you know of any family that would benefit from receiving an at-home Easter for Kids bag, please see Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146), Outreach Chair.*



## 2021 Virtual Men of His Word Conference Saturday, April 17



Even though we can't meet together in person, we invite you to join up to 500 other men for a virtual Men of His Word Conference. Our keynote and two presenters will remind us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35) which also binds us to one another.

The Virtual MOHW Conference will be held online, with the theme, "Separated Yet United". Additional details and online registration (\$15) are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org).

Please join us for a day of virtual fellowship in God's Word!

# Jesus Is Our High Priest Who Offers Himself

**God's Word for Today** *Before Jesus was born, believers had to regularly offer up sacrifices for sin. Only the High Priest could go before God with the blood and prayers of the people. These sacrifices would go on and on for the entire life of the Old Testament believer as a vivid reminder that someday God would send a Savior who would be sacrificed in place of all people. Today we read in the Word of God that Jesus, our High Priest, would sacrifice himself and bring a new covenant of life that would last forever.*

## **First Lesson (Jeremiah 31:31-34)**

1. What is the old covenant that the Lord had made with Israel when he took them out of Egypt?
2. What would be the new covenant that the Lord would make?

## **Second Lesson (Hebrews 5:7-10)**

3. How did Jesus show "reverent submission" when he prayed with "loud cries and tears"?
4. Does verse 9 mean that only those who perfectly obey Jesus can be saved?

## **Gospel (John 12:20-33)**

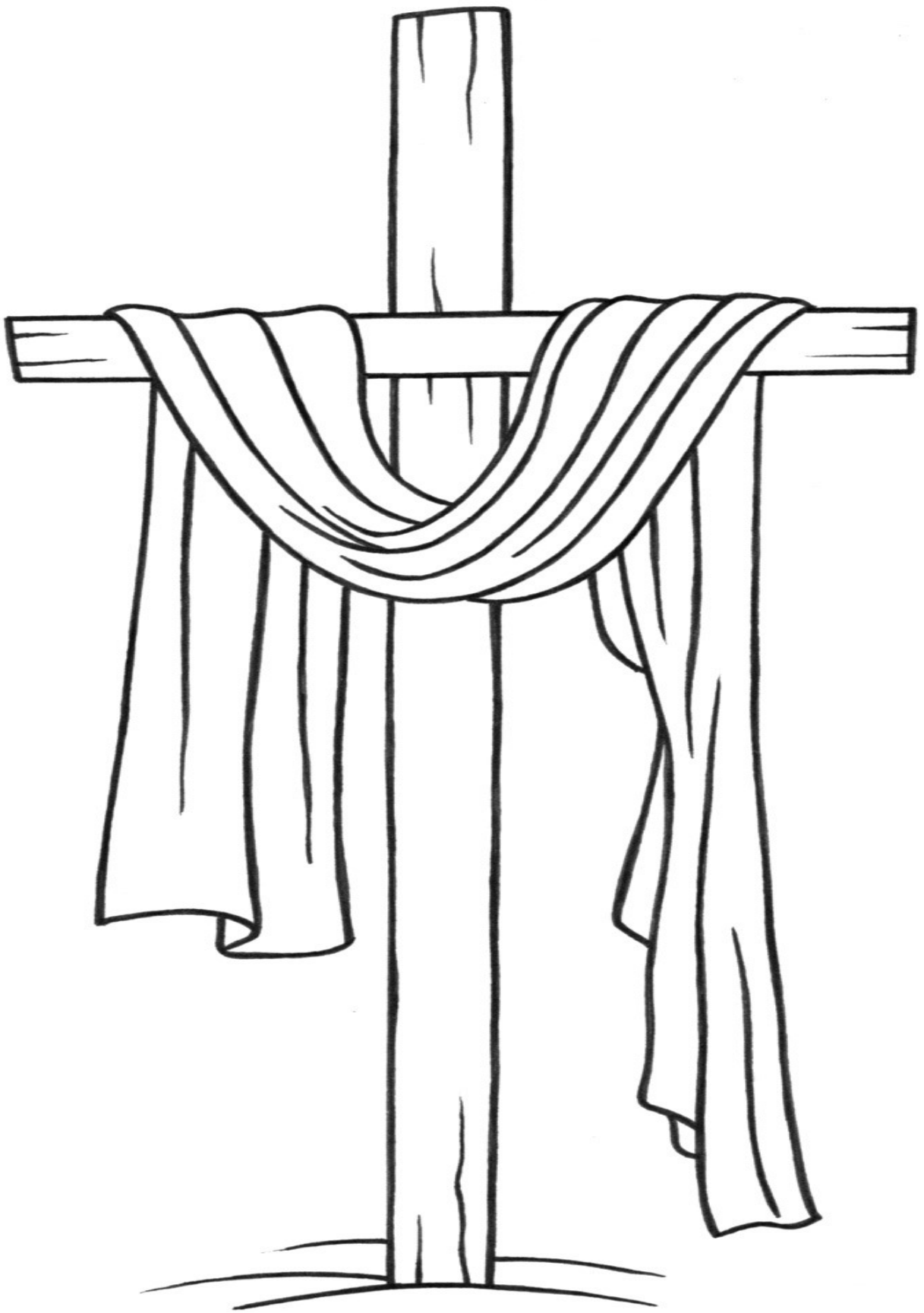
5. How would the death of Jesus be judgment for the world?
6. Who is the prince of the world that would be driven out of his position of power?



## Answers:

1. The old covenant the Lord revealed to the children of Israel in the desert was a covenant that regulated everything the children of Israel did. They had laws of what to eat, how to clean, what to touch and not touch. They had Sabbath laws. God required animal sacrifices for many reasons; some happened daily.
2. The Lord says the new covenant "will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers." It would not contain any laws, rules, or regulations that have to be kept, or symbolic, repeated sacrifices. Jesus would fulfill all of God's demands. Jesus would keep all the laws and rules for all people. Jesus' death would be the only sacrifice that would finally pay for the sins of the whole world. Jesus' death would open the way to God; the veil in the temple was torn in two. Instead of a covenant of "You must do this and not do that," Jesus' new covenant comes through the assurance, "It is finished." All of Jesus' work is bestowed to us as the Holy Spirit uses the Word and Sacraments to create and sustain faith in our hearts.
3. Jesus' "reverent submission" is seen clearly in the agony of his prayers in Gethsemane the night before his death. There he said, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."
4. No. The Apostle John writes, "We obey his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ." (1 John 3:22-23) Faith is obedience to God and is worked in the individual by God's grace through the Word and Sacraments.
5. Jesus paid for the sins of the whole world at the cross. Those who reject this truth will be judged and condemned. Those through faith who believe Jesus' sacrifice was good for all eternity will enjoy heavenly bliss for all eternity.
6. Satan is the prince of the world. Jesus defeated him by apparent surrender to death.





God tells us:

Everyone will know me, from the least of them to the greatest. I will forgive them and not remember their sins.