#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Indicates, please stand if able.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022. 9 am.

Liturgist: Tom Epps

# WELCOME, PASSSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: When all we have hoped for and trusted in has let us down;
- P: There is Christ who reaches out to us.
- L: When the world seems dark and despairs threatens to close in upon us;
- P: There is Christ, reaching out for us.
- L: Come and let us worship the Lord who is always ready to reach out to us.
- P: We humbly come before the Lord in hope and faith. AMEN.

### \*OPENING PRAYER

- St. Anselm of Canterbury (1033/4-1109)

O my God, teach my heart where and how to seek You, where and how to find You. You are my God and You are my all and I have never seen You. You have made me and remade me, You have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, Still I do not know You. I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek You. I cannot seek You unless You teach me or find You unless You show Yourself to me. Let me seek You in my desire, let me desire You in my seeking. Let me find You by loving You, let me love You when I find You. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

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**FAMILY BLESSING TIME** 

The Kaphengst Family

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** 

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things which happen in our lives. We hear the words "if only" and wonder why things didn't happen differently for us. Too often we want you to be a "magic" presence which will, with the wave of a wand, cure our ills, give us success and happiness; but we don't necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions. Life is. Things happen which we didn't plan for and events swirl around us over which we have no control. But to place blame and not to find ways in which we can work through the situations is detrimental to everyone, especially ourselves. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don't recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost. Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and

enable us to be part of that ministry. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let go of your fears. God has forgiven you and offered to you God's healing love. Accept this free gift, for it is given for you through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Shon

# THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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. Amen.

## BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure...running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Now is the time to present our gifts and offerings to God with praise and thanks.

SPECIA	AL MUSIC	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," By Joel Raney	JuBellation Choir
*DOXO	LOGY	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	#95
*OFFE	RTORY PRAYER	2	Rev. Shon
SCRIP	TURE READING		Psalms 23:1-6
MESSA	GE	"From the Stressed to the Blessed"	Rev. Shon
HYMN	OF PRAISE	"Time Now to Gather"	#2265
HOLY (	COMMUNION		#13-15
*CLOSI	NG HYMN	"God Will Take Care of You"	#130
*BENEI	DICTION		Rev. Shon
POSTL	UDE	ŀ	Kathleen Peterson

# Today's Verse: Romans 8:32

"He who did not spare His own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will He not also, long with him, graciously give us all things?"

## SCRIPTURE: Psalms 23:1-6 (NIV)

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup>he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PRAYER FAMILIES:** As a praying church family, we are invited to include in our daily prayers the families of our worshiping community. This week you are invited to pray for Dan, Lisa, Henry, James, Lily and Wesley McCullough; Mark & Kay Simonson; Randy & Pamela Bjerke and Mary Gjerseth. Also remember to pray those in the military especially those in the military from our church family. These include: Jaryd Baily, Will Burruss, Ross Laubach, Jackson Perry, Ben Simonson, Edward Brauner II, Deborah Brauner-Kienzle, Rich Kienzle, Evan Lane and Alex Mamokonian. (Call the office if any of your family members are in the military.)

**LENT DEVOTIONAL TIME:** Every Wednesday 6 pm. "Vincent Van Gogh and the Beauty of Lent" **TRANFORMATION SMALL GROUP:** 10:30am each Sunday during Lent

**EASTER BLOOMS:** Easter Blooms orders will be taken through next Sunday, Sign up-in the foyer. The last day to purchase Easter Blooms will be Palm Sunday, April 10.

**AED TRAINING:** AED training will take place on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. *Please sign up in advance*. **SCRIP CARDS:** When you are thinking of ideas for gift giving or personal use, consider Scrip cards. Stop at the gathering area on Sundays or call Marcia at 715-284-3346 and see if we can help.

**SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE:** April 23, Sat. 9 am – 3 pm, at ELC. Please sign up and help.

PALM SUNDAY: April 10. GOOD FRIDAY: 6pm, April 15.

**EASTER:** April 17.

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THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH: W	ednesday:	Prayer Meeting	10:00am
		Spirit! Rehearsal	5:00pm
		Bells Rehearsal	6:30pm
		Pre-Con	5:00pm
		Lent Devotional Time	6:00pm
		The Youth	6:00pm
		Confirmation Class	7:00pm
$\mathbf{T}$	hursday:	Iovful Noise Choir	5:30nm

# Black River Falls United Methodist Church



"The Sower" by Vincent Van Gogh (1888)

#### **`Mission statement:**

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world."

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