

**WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP.**

We hope you will find the service meaningful and our fellowship friendly.  
If you are a guest, please sign the guest book in the narthex.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

PRESIDING MINISTER..... Rev. Emma Grinde  
ACOLYTE AT MINDORO ..... Grace Lundt  
LECTORS ..... Dave/Becky Whalen, Diana Hansen  
ORGANIST ..... Sharon Pfaff  
AV VOLUNTEERS ..... Jason Knipe, Russell Van Riper  
..... Becky Whalen, Lara Hines, Kay Pfaff, Crystal Sbraggia  
HEAD USHERS ..... Jerome Nelson, Russell Van Riper, Dave Whalen  
..... Bill Cox  
USHERS ..... Brian Haag, Bill Timm, Mike Jostad, Aaron Opland  
COMMUNION HELPERS..... no communion  
FELLOWSHIP HOST ..... Potluck at LV, Bill & Rita Cox  
COUNTERS..... Karen Knutson, Becky Whalen, Alice Baumer, Sandy Stetzer



There will be a Potluck  
at each of the churches  
after worship on their  
Annual Meeting Sunday -  
today at Lewis Valley and  
next Sunday at Mindoro.

**"CANCELLATION OF CHURCH SERVICES" POLICY**

1. If you question whether church has been cancelled or not, call the church office (857-3474) and the recording on the machine will let you know if services have been cancelled.

**CHECK BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME!**

2. It will be on Facebook
3. Check 99.7 radio station
- 4.. People scheduled to help with worship will be called.

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**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 3pm**



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:30AM MINDORO

JANUARY 28, 2024

10:00AM LEWIS VALLEY

AND LIVE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGES

Please stand as able at parts marked \*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING AT MLC

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN ..... *Healer of Our Every Ill*..... **612**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, **you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 111 *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's  
praise endures forever.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mondays & Tuesdays ..... Quilting at Mindoro, 9:00am-2:00pm**  
**January 31 ..... Confirmation meets at Mindoro, 6:30pm-7:30pm**  
**February 4, 11, 18, 25 ..... Worship at Lewis Valley, 8:30am**  
**February 4, 11, 18, 25 ..... Joint Sunday School at Mindoro, 9:00am**  
**February 4 ..... LV W-ELCA meets after worship**  
**February 4, 11, 18, 25 ..... Worship at Mindoro, 10:00am**  
**February 4 .... Annual Meeting and Potluck at Mindoro, following worship**  
*February 5 ..... Men's Breakfast at Top Dawg's, 8:00am*  
*February 7 ..... Confirmation at Mindoro, 6:30pm-7:30pm*  
*February 11 ..... Sunday School sings at Mindoro, 10:00am*  
*February 12 ..... Councils meet at Mindoro, 6:30pm*  
*February 14 ..... Confirmation meets at Mindoro, 6:15pm-7:00pm*  
*February 14 ..... Ash Wednesday worship at Mindoro, 6:30pm*  
*February 17 ..... Council Retreat at Synod Office, 9:00am-Noon*  
*February 20 ..... March Newsletter information due*  
*February 21 ..... Confirmation meets at Lewis Valley, 6:00pm-7:00pm*  
*February 21 ..... Wednesday Lenten Supper at Lewis Valley, 6:00pm-6:30pm*  
*February 21 ..... Wednesday Lenten Worship at Lewis Valley, 6:30pm*  
*February 23 ..... Rebekah Circle meets at Mindoro, 10:00am*  
*February 28 ..... Confirmation meets at Mindoro, 6:00pm-7:00pm*  
*February 28 ..... Wednesday Lenten Supper at Mindoro, 6:00pm-6:30pm*  
*February 28 ..... Wednesday Lenten Worship at Mindoro, 6:30pm*

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**Last Sunday was Noisy Offering Sunday.**

Our Noisy Offering on 01/21/2024, went to  
WTC's Food Pantry. \$52.31 was collected from Lewis Valley and  
\$49.11 was collected from Mindoro, totaling \$101.42.

The food pantry called right away on Monday morning to say  
Thank you and that it was very much needed and appreciated.

offering prayer by Richard J. Fairchild, blessing adapted from  
jesusscribbles.wordpress.com

**Notice of  
ANNUAL MEETING**  
at  
LEWIS VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
on  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024,  
FOLLOWING 10:00AM WORSHIP.

Please note that the January 28 worship times  
will switch. Mindoro will be at 8:30am and  
Lewis Valley will be at 10:00am on January 28.

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE PRINTED AND READY TO PICK UP** at both  
Lewis Valley and Mindoro Lutheran today. If you would like a copy  
emailed to you, please let Mona know.

**Notice of  
ANNUAL MEETING**  
at  
MINDORO LUTHERAN CHURCH  
on  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024,  
FOLLOWING 10:00AM WORSHIP.



Mary Phillips turns 84 on Friday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Wish her a Happy Birthday!

Mary's address is  
W3708 Jostad Road  
Mindoro WI 54644

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION .....*Alleluia*.....page 151

\*The holy gospel according to Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

\***Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* Mark 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

\* The gospel of the Lord.

\* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON ..... Pastor Emma Grinde

\* HYMN..... *There Is a Balm in Gilead* ..... **614**

\* APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Lord, we lay before you all of our needs and joys...we especially lift up in prayer today: **Lisa Adams; Gene Amann; Louie Christopherson; Carol Dobbs; Mike Dobbs; Lori Ernstes; Susan Schmidt Glenna; Emma Goodenough; Margaret Haag; Lori Hudson; Mary Kastenschmidt; Bob Kean; Brian Koss; Mel Krause; Ila Krueger; Jim & Paula Maki; Diana Mikkelsen; Mary Christina Pfaff; Christopher Phillips; John & Dawn Pierce & family; John Schmidt; Jeff Severson; Brian Sinotte; Emily & Matt Skotak & family; Nancy Spangler; Gary "Jingles" Stetzer; Laurie Strano; Sam Tracey; Russell Van Riper; Gary Wortman; Heather Young; our healthcare workers; our military men & women; Trempealeau Valley Lutheran Church members as the church closes on January 31<sup>st</sup>; and Family & Friends of Doug Pfaff.** Today we also lift up all of our home and nursing home bound, especially **Audrey Baker, Joan Danielson, Bob Everitt; Grace Kastenschmidt, Ruby Knudson, Audrey Mades, Yvonne Meyer,**

**Rusty & Bernice Opland, Ron & Mary Phillips, Chauncey & Mary Stetzer, and Eloise Thum.**

\* SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*You may choose to share the peace with a handshake, wave, peace sign, or touching elbows. In the midst of cold and flu season, and always, you are encouraged to share the peace in whatever way is most comfortable for you.*

OFFERING

\* OFFERTORY HYMN..... *Give Thanks*.....screen

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God, you are never far from us, you are as close as our breathing. We recognize you as the one who heals the wounded spirit and gives new life to the broken hearted. We offer these gifts to you, O God, as a sign of our commitment to your grace and authority. Take us and use us and all that we have, so that the Kingdom of Heaven will be realized on earth; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*THE 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.**

\*BLESSING

You are the body of Christ.  
May you have the heart of Christ,  
tender for mercy.  
May you have the eyes of Christ  
to see a world in need.  
May you have the feet of Christ  
to bring good news.  
God, the Source of glory,  
God, the Word of life,  
God, the Spirit of truth  
✠ bless you all, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN.....*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*.....**543**

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*POSTLUDE