

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US: 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.

All who seek the living presence of Jesus in their lives are welcome at the Lord's table.

Children who do not yet receive communion may come to receive a blessing.

Grape juice fills the center cups of each tray.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTER.....Rev. Emma Grinde
ACOLYTE AT MINDORO.....Ellie Sawyer
LECTORS.....Carol Taylor, Sandy Stetzer
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
.....Jim Hines
USHERS.....Kevin & Nikki Christopherson, Joe Paisley, Mike Merrell
COMMUNION HELPERS.....Jane Brockway, Debbie Salek
FELLOWSHIP HOST.....Nikki Christopherson, EMS Chili Dinner
COUNTERS.....Nikki Christopherson, Carol Taylor, Carol Paisley, Jim Hines

IT'S TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS!

Order forms for Easter flowers are in the Narthex and in the March newsletter.
Orders are due by as soon as possible.

Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed at Mindoro Lutheran

If you would like to volunteer, there is a clipboard with a sign up sheet in the Narthex - or call Mona in the church office, 608-857-3474.

Volunteers are needed for April 21 & 28, and all of May.

"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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30AM LEWIS VALLEY

MARCH 17, 2024

10:00AM MINDORO

AND LIVE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGES

Please stand as able at parts marked *

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our + Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

*HYMN.....*Now the Green Blade Rises*379

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.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalms 51:1-12 *read responsively*

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mondays & Tuesdays Quilting at Mindoro, 9:00am-2:00pm
March 19..... Sarah Circle at Mindoro, 9:30am
March 19..... Worship Team meets at Mindoro, 3:30pm
March 20..... April Newsletter information due
March 20..... Confirmation meets at Mindoro, 6:00pm-7:00pm
March 20..... Wednesday Lenten Supper at Mindoro, 6:00pm-6:30pm
March 20..... Wednesday Lenten Worship at Mindoro, 6:30pm
March 22..... Rebekah Circle meets
March 24..... Palm Sunday at Lewis Valley, 8:30am
March 24..... Joint Sunday School at Mindoro, 9:00am
March 24..... Sunday School sings at Mindoro, 10:00am
March 24..... Palm Sunday at Mindoro, 10:00am
March 27..... No Confirmation
March 28..... Confirmation meets at Lewis Valley, 6:15pm-7:15pm
March 28..... Maundy Thursday Service at Lewis Valley, 6:30pm
March 29..... Walk the Way of the Crosse at Halfway Creek Park, Noon
March 29..... Seven Last Words of Jesus at Holmen Lutheran, 1:00pm
March 29..... Confirmation meets at Mindoro, 6:15pm-7:15pm
March 29..... Sights & Sounds of Good Friday Worship at Mindoro, 6:30pm
March 31..... Easter Sunrise Worship at Mindoro, 6:30am
March 31..... Coffee & Sweets at Mindoro, after 6:30am worship to
..... after 10:00am Easter Worship worship at Mindoro
March 31..... Easter Worship at Lewis Valley, 8:30am
March 31..... No Sunday School

EASTER FELLOWSHIP

At Mindoro Lutheran, enjoy coffee fellowship with sweet treats in the church basement after the 6:30 Sunrise Worship through 10:00am and then again after the 10:00am Worship.

Cookies for Cookie Wednesday on May 1, 2024

Mindoro Lutheran is signed up to make 400 cookies for Lutheran Campus Ministry to give away at UW-L on Cookie Wednesdays.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex to let us know how many cookies you are willing to bake.

TODAY is Noisy Offering Sunday.

Save your coins (paper money & checks are definitely accepted too!) for the 3rd Sunday of each month's Noisy Offering.

Our Noisy Offering will go to
our Little Food Pantries.

FARMINGTON FIRST RESPONDER'S ANNUAL CHILI DINNER
TODAY, 03/17/2024, at the Mel-Min School Campus, 10:00am-4:00pm

COULEE REGION GOSPEL CHOIR
Sundays at 2:00pm; No tickets required; Freewill offering
TODAY, 3/17 - La Crescent Methodist;
3/24 - Shepherd of the Hills, Onalaska

**On Wednesday, 03/20/2024, Ruby's Pantry will
be open from 4:30pm-6:00pm at
Journey Lutheran.**



There are no residency or income requirements.

They just ask for a \$25 donation for the abundance of grocery items you will receive.

FARMINGTON FIRE DEPT AND LEGION POST 507 HAM PARTY
Saturday, 03/23/2024, at Cindy's Bar & Grill, starts at 5:00pm

MINDORO LIONS PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST
Sunday, 03/24/2024, 7:00am-11:00am
at the Melrose-Mindoro School Campus
Ages 13 and over: \$7.00; Ages 3-12: \$5.00; Under age 3: \$1.00

A reminder to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to a charity of your choice before the deadline of March 31, 2024.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Return to the Lord*page 151

* The holy gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

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

* John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

* The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMONRev. Emma Grinde

* HYMN.....*Lamb of God*336

* 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

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord, we lay before you all of our needs and joys...we especially lift up in prayer today: **Gene Amann; Louie Christopherson; Carol Dobbs; Mike Dobbs; Lori Ernstes; Emma Goodenough; Lori Hudson; Mary Kastenschmidt; Bob Kean; Brian Koss; Mel Krause; Ila Krueger; Jim & Paula Maki; Diana Mikkelsen; Rusty Opland; David Pfaff; Mary Christina Pfaff; Christopher Phillips; John & Dawn Pierce & family; Amelia Pike's mom; Chuck Pietscher; Jeff Severson; Brian Sinotte; Monroe Skotak; Nancy Spangler; Gary "Jingles" Stetzer; Laurie Strano; Sam Tracey; Russell Van Riper; Gary Wortman; Heather Young; our healthcare workers; our military men & women; Dorthy Christianson & Family & Friends of Dorothy's brother Roger Jerome; and Amelia Pike & Family & Friends of Amelia's housemate Carol.** 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, 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 AND NOISY OFFERING FOR OUR LITTLE FOOD PANTRIES

* OFFERTORY HYMN *Create in Me a Clean Heart*..... **WOV 732**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

O Mighty One, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—our selves, our time, and our

possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

* GREAT THANKSGIVINGpage 152

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*HYMN..... *Holy, Holy, Holy*..... **473**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*BLESSING

People of God,
you have been called to be disciples of Christ.
Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through him.
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN..... *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil***512**

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ journeys with you.
Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE