

Sunday, March 21, 2021
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“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

March is Food Shelf month...so please be willing to donate food or monies to the Quad City Food Shelf.

The state of Minnesota will match dollar for dollar and pound for pound all that is donated in the month of March. The Quad City Food Shelf can purchase more with each dollar, than we can at our local grocery store. All food and monies will be kept local. Give monies to DeEtta and food may be put on the back pew.

We will be having a Good Friday service at the church on April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Easter will be Sunday, April 4th and we would love to have a beautiful and colorful Easter garden up on the altar. Please consider buying a colorful plant for the altar and you can have it back after the Easter service. If you would like the plant in honor or memory of someone, let DeEtta know and she will put it in the bulletin. Please no Easter lilies as some members have allergies.

Maundy Thursday Service at 5:00pm on April 1 here at Trinity.

Call to worship:

L: Have mercy on your people, O God.

P: Wash us. Cleanse us. Make us more perfect in your love.

L: Open the skies and pour down your grace upon your people.

P: Open our hearts to hear your voice. Let the thunder of your presence awaken us!

L: Have mercy on your people, O God.

P: Restore within us the joy of your salvation. Draw us nearer to Jesus, our Christ!

Opening Hymn: At The Name Of Jesus

Opening Prayer:

God of love and mercy, open our hearts to your presence as we worship you this day. Whether our prayers are filled with celebration or with loud cries and tears, remind us that you are the source of our eternal salvation. Give us the strength to respond faithfully to your transforming love, that the joy of your salvation might shine in and through us all. Wipe away our wrongdoing, clean our hearts, and make us more perfect. For it is in your perfect love that we are drawn more fully into your image. In the name of the glorified Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

God of steadfast love and mercy, we have shielded our eyes from the evil and injustice in the world. We have turned away from your forgiveness and your compassion, and from your wisdom and your guidance. We have allowed our voices to be silent. Cleanse us. Purify us. Remind us that we still have much to learn, and that you continue to teach us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that our faith in you might be renewed. In humble confidence, we pray. Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12 (responsive reading page 785 in the Hymnal)

HYMN: Where He Leads Me

Children's Time

Prayers of the People:

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: Jesus Calls Us

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33

Message

*HYMN: O Jesus, I Have Promised

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/MUSIC

Doxology

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. AMEN

Please leave your offering in the plate on the stand as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

Offertory Prayer:

God of compassion, when we failed to keep your commandments and rebelled against that which would bring peace and joy to our lives, your love was so great that you offered us a new covenant – not written on tablets, but on our hearts. In our giving, and in all our offerings, may it be our lives, our love and devotion that we bring to your altar. May we remember in our giving that you loved us so much that the sacrifice of your Son on the cross for us was not too great a cost. Our gifts are meager in comparison, but let

them remind us of what you gave first. In Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Benediction:

*HYMN: More Like You

Postlude