***Announcements***

**In our calendar -** **March 30th** – Lenten Book Study @ 9am

 One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

 **April 2nd -**  Ladie’s Aid

  **April 6th –** Lenten Book Study @ 9am

  **April 7th –** Merlin Zimmerman Funeral in Duluth

  **April 9th –** Community Meal 4-6

  **April 13th –** Final Lenten Book Study @ 9am

 Palm Sunday

  **April 18th** – Good Friday Service @ 2pm

 **April 20th –** Easter Sunday

**March Birthdays:** Mary Nowaczyk – March 1; Sharon White & Nele Leiterman– March 15; Margie Ruid – March 25;

**In our prayers:**  Margie, Tammy, Therese Canfield, the people of Ukraine, Stacy Hall, Kip, Barb’s friends Rita and Chuck, the Ray Family, the people of Israel, Gaza, and all innocent lives caught in the line of fire, those battling cancer, Janice, Lee White, families mourning loss due to gun violence, those harmed by recent hurricanes, floods, and disasters, Desmond, Barb’s sister’s friend, Karen, Charlotte’s sister, Californians, Baby Thomas, Judy’s newest Grandson, Alyssa Degner, Beverly Burrill, Bonnie’s daughter Susan,, Lorie and her family

**Prayer of the Week:**

Loving Jesus, without you, we too, are lost. We thank you for seeking us, finding us, and restoring us to life. We praise you for your extravagant love, and pray your Spirit would help us extend your love to others---even those we think of as “sinners” and especially those whom you call “the lease” in your family. Your grace makes us neighbors to all people. Strengthen us to love them as ourselves, and as you first loved us. Amen

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**March 30th, 2025**

**10:30 am Worship**

*\*Please rise if you are able at these points in the service*

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome, Church Announcements and Special Concerns**

**Food Pantry guests**

**Prelude and Time of Quiet Reflection**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.
**P: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**L: Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.
**P: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**L: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.
**P: AMEN!**

**\*Hymn** "I Come With Joy" **No. 420**

**Opening Prayer** (*Unison*)

**How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. AMEN.**

**Scripture Reading**  Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**Hymn** “Spirit of the Living God” *Twice*  **No. 259**

**Message**

**Hymn** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **No. 517**

**Prayers of the People**

 **Silent Prayer**

 **Pastoral Prayer and 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin**

**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.**

**Offering Invitation**

**\*Response No.46**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*Unison*)
**Bless these gifts by the power of your Spirit, O God. May someone near or far receive grace and hope for living**

**because of what we share here today. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** “Lead Me, Guide Me” **No. 553**

**\*Benediction**

Forgiven and Beloved Ones of God, go now in peace, sharing with others the Good News of God’s love. Help those in need. Give and receive from each other the joy of peace. **Amen.**

**\*Closing**  "Go in Peace"

 **Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day,**

 **Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

 **Celebrate and share the joy, Celebrate new life,**

 **Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

**\*Postlude**