

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Berlin, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



April 1, 2021
Serving Us Today:
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(To Our Guests: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymn and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Please note that there is a cup of white grape juice in each tray which contains a drop of wine for those who prefer grape juice. Thank you!)

AS WE GATHER... On this night known in the Church as Holy Thursday, Jesus invites us to join Him once again at His Table. He knows our need for strengthening and reassurance. The place in which we gather is filled with the blessing of fellowship as we remember the new command of our Lord Jesus to love one another. Our Lord serves us in many ways, most singularly as the Host at His Table, where we receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Time and again we are invited to return to the Table, where truly we experience a foretaste of the feast to come.

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

"RETURN TO THE TABLE"

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN "Your Table I Approach" (LSB 628)

- 1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.

2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.

4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:4; 124:8; 32:5

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the Upper Room, our Lord Jesus Christ gave a new command that His people are to love one another as He has loved us. When we look at our lives, we see clearly that we have not fulfilled that new command. We know that we are by nature sinful and unclean and realize that we have transgressed the Law of God in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves and have passed by countless opportunities to be of service in the name of the Lord. In His mercy, God has promised His forgiveness to those who repent and turn to Him, humbly asking for His grace in Christ Jesus. Let us then make our confession to our God. O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

INTROIT *Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**I love the LORD, because He has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Because He inclined His ear to me,
therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!

**Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your Passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING *Exodus 24:3–11*

P A reading from Exodus, the twenty-fourth chapter.

³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

PSALM *Psalms 116:12–19*

P What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

C **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

P I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

C **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.**

P O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

C I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

P I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 10:16–17*

P A reading from First Corinthians, the tenth chapter.

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" (*LSB #623*)

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.

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HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 14:12–26*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, [Jesus'] disciples said to Him, "Where will You have us go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?" And He sent two of His disciples and said to them,

"Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us."

C **And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, He came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said,**

P "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with Me."

C **They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them,**

P "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

C **And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said,**

P "Take; this is My body."

C **And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them,**

P "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

C **And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "When You Woke That Thursday Morning" (LSB 445)

- 1 When You woke that Thursday morning,
 Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,
 Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
 Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages:
 You assumed their dreadful sum.

- 2 Never so alone and lonely,
 Longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only
 For a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,
 One last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher,
 Washing Your disciples' feet.

- 3 What was there that You could give them
 That would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them,
 What last will and testament?
"Show Me and the world you love Me,
 Know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me,
 Eat this body, drink this blood."

- 4 One in faith, in love united,
 All one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited,
 You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another
 In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother,
 One in ev'ry place and time.

5 One day all the Church will capture
That bright vision glorious,
And Your saints will know the rapture
That Your heart desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union
Of the Greatest and the least
Meet in joyous, blest communion
In Your never-ending feast.

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SERMON "Return to the Table"

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**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the educational institutions of our Synod: for our preschools, our day schools and high schools, our colleges and universities, and for our seminaries, that those who teach and those who learn in them would be transformed by the wisdom of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life and have a foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who are sick, [*especially . . .*], that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE *LSB*, p. 160

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is our duty and our delight at all times and in all places to give thanks to You, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has invited us to His Table of grace, where we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Grant that we humbly and reverently receive these gifts before us, thankful to be joining the company of heaven gathered at Your eternal feast as evermore they praise You and sing:

SANCTUS (p. 195 in hymnal)

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB, p. 162

- C **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB, p. 162

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (p. 198 in hymnal)

- C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;

Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

3 Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

4 Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, gracious God, for having received us as guests at Your Table. We pray that You would guide us at all times and in all places so that we may pass our earthly days in peace, assured of Your guidance and knowing Your pardon. By the power of the Holy Spirit, rule our hearts and minds that we may serve You constantly; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of almighty God—our Father in heaven, His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and the Holy Spirit—be upon you, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The Communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday. While this is done, Psalm 22 may be sung or spoken.

PSALM *Psalm 22*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸ "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

¹¹ Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

¹² Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
¹⁶ For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
¹⁷ I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸ they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
²² I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.
²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!
²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

even the one who could not keep himself alive.
³⁰ Posterity shall serve him;
 it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
 that he has done it.

All leave the church in silence.

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Attendance Last Week: 206 General giving last week: \$7664.00 Budget giving needed: \$7500.00
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Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

7 Wednesday	Public Confirmation	3:45 pm
8 Thursday	Ladies Aid	1:00 pm
8 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
11 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	8:00 am
11 Sunday	Sunday School	9:15 am
11 Sunday	Bible Class	9:15 am
11 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	10:30 am

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DOOR COLLECTION FOR HUMAN CARE: Today a free will collection will be taken at the door. All funds collected will be used by the St. John Human Care Committee to assist in the various ministries they are involved in.

SCHOOL CHOICE REGISTRATION OPEN: St. John Lutheran School in Berlin is in the Wisconsin Private School Choice Program. This is open to all NEW 5K thru 8th grade students whose family income meets Wisconsin's eligibility guidelines. **Call St. John School at 920-361-0555 for more information. Registration deadline is April 15th.**

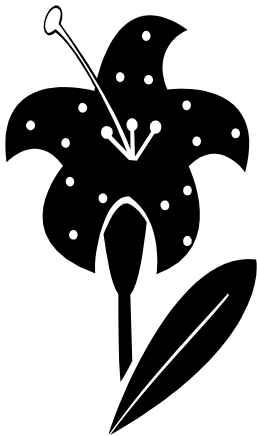
LWML SPRING RALLY: Faithfully Focused on Christ is the theme for the Zone 12 LWML Spring Rally to be held Tuesday, April 27, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mount Morris. Registration begins at 3pm with the rally starting at 3:30. We will view the film "The Resurrection" and have a Bible study based on the film led by Pastor Mundinger. A light supper will also be served.

All men and women are invited to attend. There is no fee, but a free-will offering will be taken. A head count is needed to ensure enough food is prepared for supper. Please RSVP to Cindy Schuett or Deb Schrader, by Monday, April 19. We will carpool to Mount Morris.

CHOP SUEY SUPPER: Wednesday, April 21st.
DRIVE-THRU ONLY!! Enter on SW Ceresco St.
4:30 pm – until out of food

Tickets: \$10 in advance. \$12 at the door.

Tickets available at Farmer's and Merchants Bank, Lady Bug Floral, Krause's Service, State Farm Ins. Shell on Broadway, The Mop Shop, St. John School Office.
For Delivery, call Nancy Wallner at 361-4179.



Easter Lilies and Flowering Plants have been given by the following members:

The Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who gave his or her Easter flowers to help make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter morning. The list of donors will be repeated in the bulletin next week and will also include anyone who gave flowers after the bulletin printing deadline this week, provided you let someone from the Altar Guild know that you gave the flowers and how you'd like your announcement to read. Once again, thank you to all!

The Ladies Aid has given 2 azaleas for the Altar.

IN HONOR OF Ralph and Phyllis Van Dellen from Mark and Terri Rausch.

IN MEMORY OF Our Parents from Ralph and Phyllis Van Dellen

IN MEMORY OF Elaine Humphrey from Bob and Amy Radliff.

IN MEMORY OF Harold and Alma Hertzberg and Norman Hertzberg, from Linda Hertzberg.

IN MEMORY OF Donald Hertzberg, from Linda Hertzberg.

IN MEMORY OF Walter and Ethel Belfeuil and Armand Lewis from Linda Hertzberg.

IN MEMORY OF Bud's sister Elaine Mueller, from the Bud Polk Family.

IN MEMORY OF Ward Durrant and Harry & Kathryn Froelich from Pat Durrant and family.

IN MEMORY OF Walter and Louise Rodensal, Leo and Agnes Henriksen, from Russ and Robin Henriksen.

IN MEMORY OF their parents from Bob and Betty Dewhurst.

IN MEMORY OF Ritchie and Ryan Clark, from Ray and Vickie Clark.

IN MEMORY OF my son Brian from Vicky Borgens and Jerry & Carol Krause.

IN MEMORY OF Arnold Kretzmann, Dan Mitchelly and Jeannette Mitchelly from Cindy Schuett.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Alfred and Edna Wendt and siblings John and Joanne, from Bob and Karen Wendt.

IN HONOR OF Alice Parsons and IN MEMORY OF Don Parsons from Karen and Bob Wendt.

IN MEMORY OF their Parents, from Duane and Linda Nitz. IN MEMORY OF Karl and Joyce Krause from Judy Uchytel.

IN MEMORY OF husband Paul, from Joyce Parsons.

SERMON OUTLINE
April 1, 2021
Theme: "Return to the Table"

I. An Undeserved (Make Believe) Invitation

- A. Imagine receiving an invitation to a royal _____ at palace in England.
- B. Everything you need will be _____ for you.
- C. You _____ has already given you the time off.
- D. The banquet is going well...everyone is happy to be in the _____'s presence.
- E. As the night goes on, you notice the bad _____ of the people around you.

II. An Underserved (Real) Invitation

- A. This invitation is from none other than _____ !
- B. He invites us to _____ to the _____!
- C. We may wonder if we're _____ of this meal.
- D. Yet Jesus still offers us His _____ and _____ in this meal.
- E. This meal takes away your _____.
- F. _____ won your seat at this table.
- G. This meal is a _____ of the feast to come!