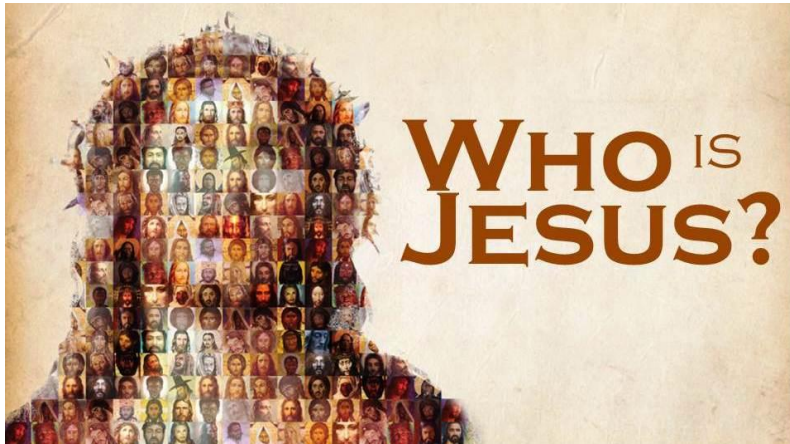



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ORDER OF WORSHIP - February 28th, 2021

* - In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.

Welcome and Announcements

Kelly Schneider

Prelude

“Lamb of God” (*Paris*)

Judy Schneider

Call to Worship

Kelly Schneider

Pastor: If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt.

People: **If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us.**

Pastor: If the earthly creation, busting and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun’s light.

People: **If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit’s light!**

Pastor: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

People: **Our faith, our love, our hope – essential as salt and light.**

Pastor: But if salt isn’t salty?

People: **It isn’t what it’s meant to be.**

Pastor: And if a light does not shine?

People: **It isn’t what it’s meant to be.**

Pastor: Jesus teaches we are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. Briny and bright, we are God’s faithful people.

All: **We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!**

Song of Worship

“The Day of Resurrection”

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Neal Currier

God of mystery and everlasting Creator, You have made us to be salt and light to a world that is tasteless and shadowed. We ask for Your guidance as we surrender our own will to help reveal Yours to the world around us. Fill our hearts and our sanctuary with Your presence today as we seek to see You and know You better. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 22:1-11, 19-31

Karen Brunello

Song of Response

“Gloria Patri”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Kevin Mussman

Sharing of Concerns & Joys
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer
Responsive Song

“Doxology”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

Karen Brunello

Song of Worship

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Sermon

“Salt & Light”

Neal Currier

Closing Song

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Spoken Benediction

Neal Currier

Postlude

“Go Forth for God” (*Peacey*)

Judy Schneider

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

Gary Ekhoﬀ

Jerry Regnier

Austin Delaney

Delores & James Caton

Ken & Sandy Erickson

Pauline Mitchell

The family of Lauren Delaney

Gene Sievers

Carter Fortin

Mason Beseke

Linda Havelly

Mildred Katz

Lyle Lehnert

The family of William Erickson

Sherrie Hruby

Louise Sievers

Rev. Frank Hoss

Craig Schneider

Minnie Pﬂingsten

Taylor Cleary



Coffee Hour will be held each Sunday morning in the Lange Fellowship Hall from 9:30am to 11:30am.

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Psalm 22:1-11, 19-31

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

Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?

² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.^[b]

³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.^[c]

⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

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

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

⁷ All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

⁸ “He trusts in the LORD,” they say,
“let the LORD rescue him.

Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him.”

⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.

¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you;
from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

¹¹ Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

¹⁹ But you, LORD, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

²⁰ Deliver me from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dogs.

²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

- ²² I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.
- ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
- ²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.
- ²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you^[f] I will fulfill my vows.
- ²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,
- ²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- ³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.
- ³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

St. Luke's United Church of Christ Carryout Chili Supper



St. Luke's UCC in Beecher will be holding a Take-out only chili supper and basket raffle on Saturday, March 13th, from 4 pm to 7:30 pm.

Enjoy homemade chili along with homemade bread, tossed salad, and a homemade dessert for \$8.00.

St. Luke is located at 725 Penfield Street across from the Post Office in downtown Beecher. If you have any questions, you may call them at 708-946-6688.



WE NEED YOUR SMILING FACES! IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY HAD YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO DONE, OUR NEXT (AND POSSIBLY FINAL DATE) IS FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH. TIME SLOTS WILL BE FROM 2PM TO 8 PM.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR APPOINTMENT.

EASTER LILY ORDERS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE AN EASTER LILY/ LILIES TO ADORN OUR SANCTUARY ON EASTER MORNING, PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW. PLEASE PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR DELIVER TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH.

COST IS \$10 PER PLANT.

YOUR NAME: _____

HOW MANY: _____ TOTAL COST: _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAVE A NOTE FOR THE BULLETIN THAT SUNDAY IN HONOR /MEMORY OF A SPECIAL SOMEONE?

IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE WHAT INFORMATION YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE:

DIRECTIONS AFTER THE SERVICE:

_____ I WILL TAKE HOME WITH ME AFTER THE SERVICE

_____ PLEASE GIVE/SHARE WITH SOMEONE IN THE COMMUNITY OR A SHUT-IN.