



### Sermon Series:

#### 5 things Every Christian Needs to Grow

This week we will continue to focus on **Prayer**  
Next Week Will be **Worship**

*The series will continue after Lent Season with Service and Stewardship.*

**Bible Study on Sunday, 10:15 am @ library**

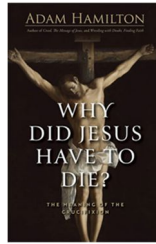
### Lent Season Sermon Series:

#### Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

February 22nd to April 5th, Easter Sunday

*Please join us as we explore the most central moment of the Christian faith:*

#### The Crucifixion



1: Lift High the Cross: The Crucifixion as God's Word and Recapitulation

2: O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done: Penal Substitution and Sacrificial Offering

3: *Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)*: Atonement as New Passover, New Covenant, and Redemption

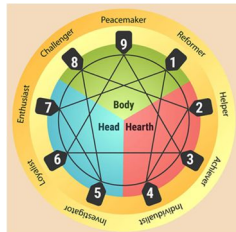
4: Were You There: The Moral Influence and Moral Example Theories of Atonement

5: What Wondrous Love Is This: Moral Influence Theory, Part II

6: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today: *Christus Victor (Christ the Victor)* Theory of Atonement

### New Spiritual Reformation Group

A new group is forming to support your spiritual growth and introduce the Enneagram as a tool for reflection. Sessions will start during lent and continue afterwards.



Times to be announced.

Please contact the Pastor for more information.



### Dinner Church

**Wednesday's—5:30-6:30 PM**

**EVERYONE is welcome!**

**REQUEST: Dessert Items**

(Homemade or storebought cookies, cakes, bars, etc.)

**Volunteers** Sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAAC2AAAFBC16-47489118-dinner> or scan the QR above. User Name//Password not required.

Contact Marcia Hagen or Charlene Galston for questions.

**Menu this week: Spaghetti with Meat or Marinara Sauce,**



### Bishop's Convocation of Laity 2026

#### "Practicing Hope"

Saturday March 7, 2026

9am-2pm

Portage UMC

Register by February 21st

Please scan the QR code for more information



### Church Kitchen Cleaning Day-New Date

**This Thursday February 12th**

9am-Noon



Ash Wednesday Service

February 18th at 7pm

Ushers: Bonnie Burnham  
Fellowship: Bonnie Burnham

### Upcoming Meetings

Sun	Feb 8	Men's Group	10:15 am
Sun	Feb 8	5 Things Bible Study	10:15am
Mon	Feb 9	Board of Trustees	5:30pm

# Black River Falls United Methodist Church



### UMC Mission Statement:

*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\* Indicates, please stand if able.*

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany February 8, 2026 9 AM

Liturgist: Tom Epps

PRELUDE

Carol Prindle

### INVITATION AND GATHERING

#### \*CALL to WORSHIP

L: People of God, why are you here?

**P: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.**

L: People of God, who do you worship?

**P: We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.**

L: People of God, how do you worship?

**P: We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.**

L: People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

**P: May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth. Amen.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Amazing God, you have gathered us from many places to come together and praise you this day. For this we are grateful! As we worship today, may our minds be opened to learn your wisdom. May our eyes be opened to places that need healing. May our hands be opened to do your good work. May our hearts be opened to your Holy Spirit, who gifts us and guides us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

#### \* OPENING HYMN

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#### PRAYER of CONFESSION

**There are times in our lives when we mess up, when we turn away from God, whether intentionally or unintentionally. There are times when we ignore God's presence in our lives or blatantly speak against God. It is because of these moments that we need to come before God to confess and receive forgiveness, knowing that God's grace is abundant. So, let us pray:**

**Merciful God, forgive us when we ignore you or your lessons for our lives. Forgive us for allowing oppression and discord to flourish. Forgive us for not feeding those who are hungry. Forgive us for not providing shelter to those who have no place to lay down at night. Forgive us for not repairing the broken places in our community. O Lord, forgive us and then help us do your work of bringing about justice and healing. Shine your light through us, so that all may come to know your abundant love. Amen.**

#### WORDS of ASSURANCE

When we call out to God, God is there to hear us. Know that your prayers have been heard. Now, receive the grace of God and live in God's abundant mercy.

#### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Generations before us have shared the peace of Christ with the faithful. Today we are here to continue the tradition as we share the peace of Christ with one another. Together, with God's Spirit, let us share the peace of Christ:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

**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. Amen.**

#### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

#### SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:9-13

**<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child**

**asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"**

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

**<sup>12</sup> But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup> esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup> See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.**

#### \*HYMN

TFWS #2202

*Come Away With Me*

#### MESSAGE

Rev. Shon

*5 ESSENTIALS for SPIRITUAL GROWTH - 2:*

*The Privilege and Power of Prayer - 2*

### THANKSGIVING & SENDING FORTH

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We are told that giving freely to help others glorifies God. Let us bring our gifts to God, so that God's love may be made known.

#### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Shon

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

UMH #368

*My Hope is Built*

#### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Shon

#### POSTLUDE

Carol Prindle