

they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation."¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." ...

¹² In a loud voice they were saying: ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

*HYMN UMH #383

This is a Day of New Beginnings

MESSAGE Rev. Shon

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God

THANKSGIVING & SENDING FORTH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

"Just as the Lord looks not at appearances but into the heart, let us offer our gifts today not out of obligation, but from a heart filled with gratitude for the spiritual sight Christ has given us. As we journey through this Lenten season, may these offerings reflect our commitment to share God's light, support the vulnerable, and spread the joy of the Gospel. Let us bring our tithes and offerings to the Lord."

*DOXOLOGY UMH #94

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

*CLOSING HYMN TFWS #2113

Lamb of God

*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Katrina McGillivray

Ushers: Dave & Sherry Olson
Fellowship: Suz & Ella Goldsmith



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: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Fruit & Dessert

Celebrating 2 years of Dinner Church this



Spiritual Formation Group

A new group is forming to support your spiritual growth and introduce the **Enneagram** as a tool for reflection and making a **Spiritual Autobiography**.

Every Friday, 2 pm



Easter Blooms

Worship Committee will be taking orders on March 15, 22 & 29th

More information in the Gathering Area

United Women in Faith Social Action Day Watch Party

How Congregations Are Responding to Immigration Issues

Saturday, April 11, from 9:00 a.m.—Noon in the sanctuary

The event will be held via Zoom, and **all are welcome** to join! Registration forms and program details are available at the **Information Station** in the **Gathering Area**. Registrations are **due April 6**, but walk-ins are welcome.

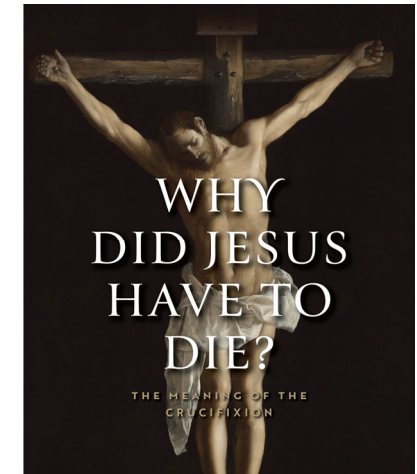
For more information, contact **Luane** at **715-299-1539**



Upcoming Meetings

Thu	Mar 19	Ad Council	5:30 pm
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Black River Falls United Methodist Church



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Indicates, please stand if able.*

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 15, 2026 9 AM

Liturgist: Dan Brauner

PRELUDE

Katrina McGillivray

INVITATION AND GATHERING

*CALL to WORSHIP

L: Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

P: We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

L: The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

P: We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.

L: The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

P: We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.

L: Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

P: Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

Shepherd of love, guide our steps, open the eyes of our hearts, and fling wide the doors of our minds to perceive as you perceive. Open our lives to love as you love. Open our world to become the world you envision for your creation. In the light of your love, we pray. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

Wonderful Cross

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Healing God, we have languished in our blindness. We have chosen to hide in darkness in order to avoid reaching out and risking acceptance. We are afraid of the light, and

yet we crave it. In your light, there is healing and hope, restoration and transformation. Forgive our lack of faith and our fearfulness, O Lord. Give us courage to reach out to the light and accept its healing rays. May our lives be transformed by your mercy, for we pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Even though you have lived in darkness, God's light is being poured out for you. Accept the light and love that is freely offered, and be transformed by its healing mercies. AMEN.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As Christ's light has guided us here, may Christ's light shine in and through us that we may love and guide one another. Let's share signs of light with one another as we pass the peace of Christ.

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

Exodus 12:21-25

²¹ Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³ When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴ "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵ When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony.

Jeremiah 31:31-33

³¹ "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "When I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. ³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."

Luke 22:14-20

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

Revelation 5:6-13

⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and