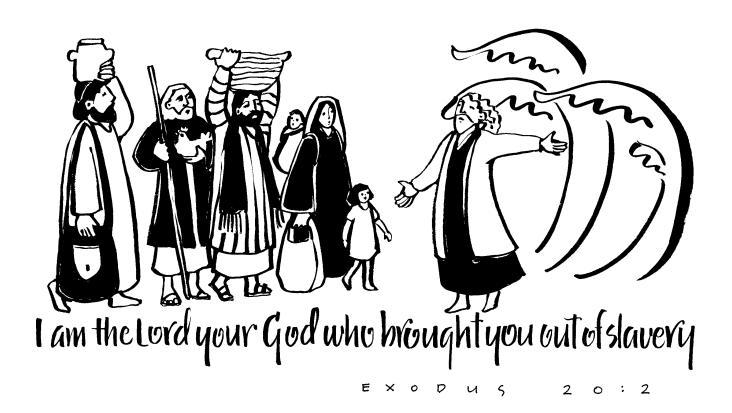
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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 3, 2024

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# Third Sunday in Lent

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

#### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.** 

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

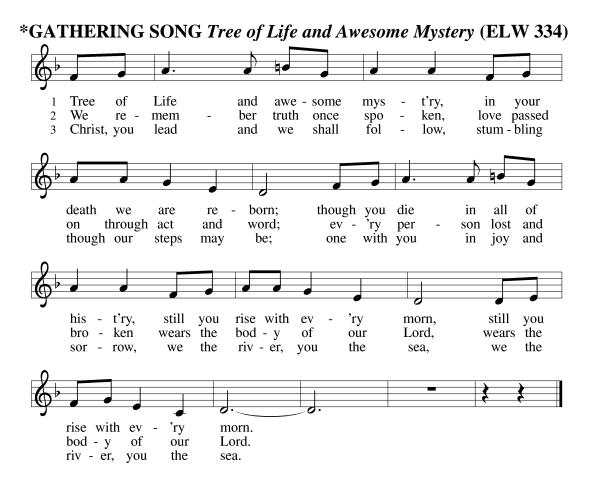
We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

Amen.



#### VERSE 4

Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul; springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole.

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### \*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

# \*KYRIE Kyrie eleison (Dakota Road) (W&P 81)

(Congregation sing Refrain; Choir sing Verses)



- Vs. 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the Church, for the unity of all; For this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! (refrain)
- Vs. 2 That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! (refrain)
- Vs 3 For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives, in the water and the word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! (refrain)

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#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# CHOIR ANTHEM God of All Creation Text and Tune by David Haas

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from Exodus.

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 19**

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

The heavens declare the glo- ry of God,

and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale | to another,

and one night imparts knowledge  $^{\mid}$  to another.

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language, and their voices | are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,

# where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of <sup>1</sup> it again;

# nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable <sup>|</sup> in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

# **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

# \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION There Is a Longing in Our Hearts (ACS 1078)



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**GOSPEL: John 2:13-22** 

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

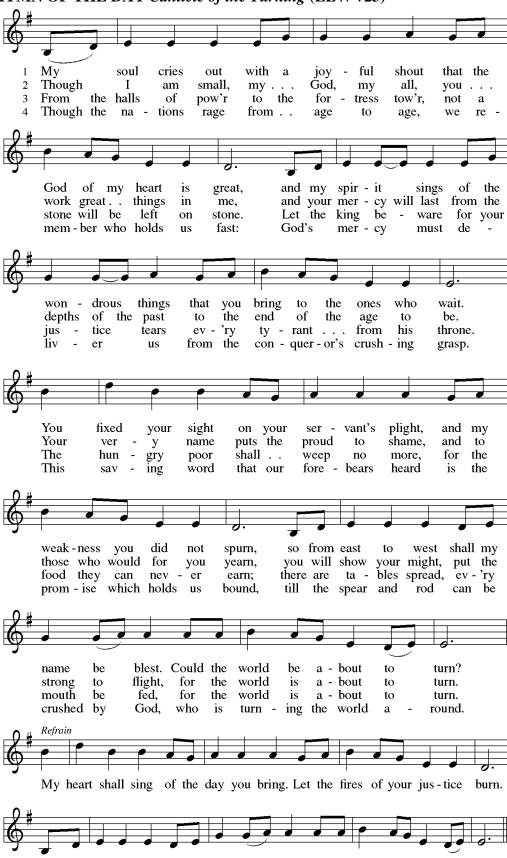
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON REV. ALAN WILSON

\*Please stand as you are able for the final verse

### HYMN OF THE DAY Canticle of the Turning (ELW 723)



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

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### \*CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

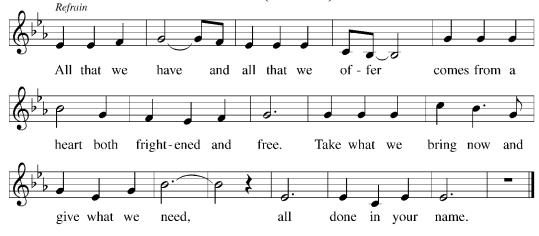
# \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please respond.)

P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

# **OFFERTORY** All That We Have (W&P 5)



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# \*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.
We pray this in your name.

Amen.

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Holy, Holy, Holy (Argentine): Santo, santo, santo (W&P 62)





Text: Argentine traditional Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

#### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come to the meal!

### **COMMUNION**

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

# COMMUNION SONG Jesus, Lamb of God (Jernigan) (W&P 76)



Text: Dennis Jernigan, refrain of "You are my all in all" Music: ALL IN ALL, Dennis Jernigan

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#### COMMUNION HYMN How Great Thou Art (ELW 856) God, when I Lord my in awe - some won - der con-sid-er When through the woods and for - est glades I 2 I hear the when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played; gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze; bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my "My God, how great thou art!" ra - tion and there pro - claim, Refrain Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

art!

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how great thou

### \*COMMUNION BLESSING

thee,

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

How great thou

art!

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Generous God,

at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.

As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.

## \*BLESSING

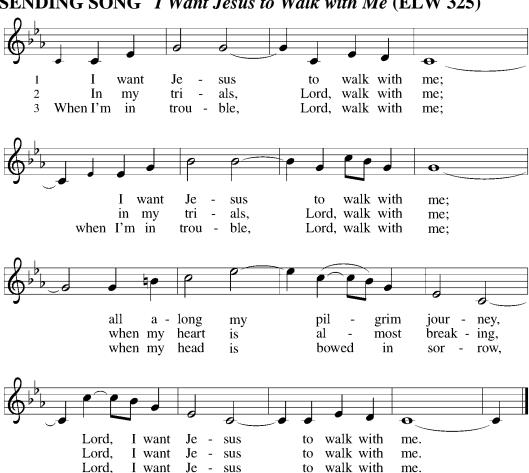
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

# \*SENDING SONG I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (ELW 325)



Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the bread of Life! **Thanks be to God.** 

## EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE/SILENT PRAYER

#### **POSTLUDE**

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# **SERVING TODAY**

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Acolyte	Sam Mull
Lector	Terry Fell
Securing Offering	Marjorie Dale & Tana Vance
Communion Set-Up	Ilona & Jerry Laney
Communion Clean-Up	Ilona & Jerry Laney
Communion Bread	Janice McEntire
Communion Assist	Becky Mull & Linda Berberich
Attendance last Sunday	•

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the Glory of God in memory of Rosemary Wishard given by Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Veilleux.

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Please welcome Rev. Alan Wilson with a big thank you for preaching today while Pastor Mike is away.

**Prayer requests for the following**: Bob Estep, Karen, Phil Johnson, Tim Tweedy, Missy Moreui, Becky Ensinger, Bobby Seilhamer, Sam Mull, Bonnie Hudson, Virginia Detwiler, Callie Mummert, Matthew, Lexi, and Booklyn Bowen, Nancy Marshall, Carol Rau and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.

Please Be Aware: We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.

# **Weekly Calendar Reminders:**

- March 3 Easter Choir Practice following worship
  - 6 Lenten Service Trinity Episcopal 7:00PM (Soup supper 5:30PM)
  - 7 Finance 6PM

BIBLE STUDY will not be held today due to Pastor Mike being away. It will resume next Sunday morning, March 10. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Ron Coldsmith.

Help is needed to set up and serve a luncheon on Thursday, March 14. See sign-up sheet in Sunday School room.

**Solomon's Annual Easter Egg Hunt** - Saturday, March 30 at 11:00AM at Solomon's Picnic Woods. All children 12 and under are invited.

**Easter Flower Orders:** We will be ordering Easter flowers from Lurgan Greenhouse. Yellow daffodils (6" pot) \$8.00; red, yellow, or purple tulips (6 bulbs) \$8.00; and white lilies \$9.00 will be available. Flowers can be picked up after Easter service on March 31 or the following week during office hours. **Orders must be received today.** Please fill out the order form (last page of bulletin) and place it in the offering plate.

**Please consider joining the choir for an anthem on Easter morning!** We will rehearse for 15 minutes on Sunday mornings after church, beginning on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone is welcome!

If you are in need of pastoral care, please notify Pastor Mike Allwein at 717-357-3814.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** - Pastor Mike 's Bible study is held every Sunday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We conclude at 9:50 a.m., to prepare for worship. We look at one of the Scripture texts for the following Sunday. If you cannot join us every week, please join us when you are able! The Bible is our Book of Faith!

Please consider signing up for altar flowers for the 2024 calendar year. There are a lot of available Sundays.

Cancellation Notification. In the event of inclement weather, Solomon's will announce that our worship services are cancelled by sending an email to the entire membership who have email addresses. Also, the phone message on the office phone at the church (717-267-2266), will announce when services are cancelled. On a weekend, this will be done by 4:00pm Saturday. If you receive an email notifying you of a cancellation and if you know a friend who does not have email, please contact them. If the church office does not have your current email address, please let Kimberly in the church office know this as soon as possible, so it can be updated! Above all, safety is our most important concern, so please do not take any unnecessary chances.

**If you are not taking your altar flowers home,** please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

Copies of today's sermon can be found in the office room at the rear of the worship space. Pick one up before service if this will be helpful in hearing the sermon; or, pick one up to take home if you wish to use it reflect on throughout this upcoming week.

The 2024 Chart for Altar flowers is in the office to the left when entering the front door of the sanctuary. The cost of the two vases will be \$50.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$50.00 with the bulletin information.

**Power Pack Meals:** The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need. Please consider donating individual serving size fruit and vegetable cups, individual packages of mac-n-cheese, Chef Boyardee, 8 oz bottles of water, juice boxes, and yahoo chocolate drink. Monetary donations are accepted as well, please write "power pack meals" in the memo of your check.

**Bulletin Announcement Forms** are in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

# **EASTER FLOWERS - 2024**

Anyone desiring to remember a loved one or honor someone with Easter Flowers is asked to fill out the following form and return it to the church office or put it in the collection plate along with cash or a check made payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church, marked "Easter Flowers." Flowers will be in the church on Sunday, March 31, 2024, and can be taken home that day, or call the office 717 267-2266 to make other arrangements.

# The deadline to order Easter Flowers is March 3!

# The Easter Flowers in Memory and Honor of Family and Friends has been donated by:

(name)	
<b>Daffodils</b> (6"pot)\$8  Yellow	8.00 <b>Tulips</b> (6 bulbs)\$8.00 Red Yellow Purple
Lilies	\$9.00 White
Total amount enclosed	Total plants ordered
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