



**November 30, 2023**

### **Social Time**

**Thanks to those who provided Treats**

**Thank you note from Lynn and David Isaacson**

**Music – Led by Lisa Schlotterback**

- All Creatures of Our God and King – Lyrics on the back
- 260 - The King Shall Come – verses 1, 2, & 5
- 264 - Prepare the Royal Highway – verses 1, 3, & 4

**Prayer Requests & Update Prayer List**

**Opening Prayer**

**A Living Word**

- Scripture Reading - John 11:1-45 – Laurie Middendorf
- Character - Mary: Lazarus and Martha's Sister – Elaine Silpala

**Discussion**

1. Have you cared for a loved one as they approached death?
  - What did you pray for during that time?
  - What kinds of questions went through your mind?
2. What kind of relationship did Jesus have with Lazarus, Mary, and Martha?
3. Jesus intentionally delayed responding to Mary and Martha's request for him to come and heal their brother. Why did he delay?
  - When have you felt that God wasn't listening to you when you prayed?
  - How does this story speak to God's timing?
4. In this passage, Jesus wept over the death of his friend even though he knew he was going to raise him.
  - Why do you think Jesus wept?
  - What does it mean for us that Jesus wept?
  - How do tears bring people together around shared grief?
5. As you hear the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, does that comfort you?
  - Why or why not?
  - What questions does it raise for you?

6. Jesus told Mary he is the resurrection and the life. Do you think that is what she wanted to hear? Why or why not?
7. Have you ever attended a funeral or experienced a death of someone where there was no sense of eternal life?
  - How did that affect you?
  - What difference does the promise of resurrection make for us?
8. How do you think Lazarus experienced being raised from the dead?
9. What impact did the raising of Lazarus have on the people who witnessed it?
10. In our story, Martha spoke of the “tomb of turmoil” and the “tomb of doubt.”
  - What tombs do we find ourselves in?
  - What binds us and keeps us there?
  - How do we get out?
11. How is God’s power on display in this story?
  - What does that mean for us?

### **Bible Study Business**

- Reader needed for December 14
- What do we want to study next?

### **Birthdays**

### **Closing Prayer – Lord’s Prayer**

## **All Creatures of Our God and King – LBW 527 Verses 1, 2, 5 & 7**

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| <p>1. All creatures of our God and King,<br/>Lift up your voice with us and sing:<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>O burning sun with golden beam,<br/>And silver moon with softer gleam:<br/>O praise him! O praise him!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>  | <p>5. O everyone of tender heart,<br/>Forgiving others, take your part,<br/>O praise him! Alleluia!<br/>All you who pain and sorrow bear,<br/>Praise God and lay on him our care.<br/>O praise him! O Praise him!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>          |
| <p>2. O rushing wind and breezes soft,<br/>O clouds that ride the winds aloft:<br/>O praise him! Alleluia!<br/>O rising moon in praise rejoice,<br/>O lights of evening find a voice.<br/>O praise him! O Praise him!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>7. Let all things their Creator bless<br/>And worship God in humbleness,<br/>O praise him! Alleluia!<br/>O, praise the Father, praise the Son,<br/>And praise the Spirit, Three in One,<br/>O praise him! O Praise him!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |