

## 7TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

+Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.  
Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

**PRELUDE** *Now Thank We All Our God | Now the Green Blade Riseth | Rejoice in God's Saints*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Pastor Doug*

**BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON)** *Pastor Doug*  
**God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.**

**CENTERING TIME** *He Lives* UMH # 310

**+CALL TO WORSHIP** *Marilyn S.-K.*

Marilyn: Be still before the Lord; wait patiently for them.

**All: Let us trust in God; let us enjoy their goodness.**

Marilyn: The Lord, with power, brings forth life abundant.

**All: God offers possibilities to the whole of Creation.**

Marilyn: Day by day, the Lord renews our hearts and spirits.

**All: Day by day, we are made anew for God's purpose.**

**+OPENING HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH # 103

**+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):** *Marilyn S.-K.*

**Eternal God, long before the earth was formed or the universe had come into being, you were there. You reign forever in the highest glory, and you dwell within eternal light, beyond our imagining. You also move throughout this world, working in all things to bring your reality into being. You give life to both great and small; you nurture us, and you encourage us to grow together in your way. Too often, however, we fail to recognize your presence among us. We put our trust in vain promises of worldly systems, trying to outrun death, instead of embracing the life that comes from you. Forgive us, O God! Release us from the bonds that we have made, for ourselves and for one another. Renew in us a spirit rooted in your wonder, that we might dream the possibilities of your future. Help us, through the sharing of word and deed, to live out your day of resurrection, now and always. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**+SILENT PRAYER**

**+SHARING THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *Pastor Doug*

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 *Marilyn S.-K.*

<sup>35</sup> But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? What kind of body will they have when they come back?" <sup>36</sup> Look, fool! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't come back to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> What you put in the ground doesn't have the shape that it will have, but it's a bare grain of wheat or some other seed. <sup>38</sup> God gives it the sort of shape that he chooses, and he gives each of the seeds its own shape.

<sup>42</sup> It's the same with the resurrection of the dead: a rotting body is put into the ground, but what is raised won't ever decay. <sup>43</sup> It's degraded when it's put into the ground, but it's raised in glory. It's weak when it's put into the ground, but it's raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It's a physical body when it's put into the ground, but it's raised as a spiritual body. If there's a physical body, there's also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> So it is also written, *The first human, Adam, became a living person*, and the last Adam became a spirit that gives life. <sup>46</sup> But the physical body comes first, not the spiritual one—the spiritual body comes afterward. <sup>47</sup> The first human was from the earth made from dust; the second human is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> The nature of the person made of dust is shared by people who are made of dust, and the nature of the heavenly person is shared by heavenly people. <sup>49</sup> We will look like the heavenly person in the same way as we have looked like the person made from dust. <sup>50</sup> This is what I'm saying, brothers and sisters: Flesh and blood can't inherit God's kingdom. Something that rots can't inherit something that doesn't decay.

**SERMON** **"Full of Possibilities"** *Pastor Doug*  
*Growing together in God's way*

**HYMN** *Hymn of Promise* UMH # 707

**COMMUNITY PRAYER** *Marilyn S.-K.*

**OFFERTORY** *Wound World that Cries for Healing*

**+DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH # 95

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Worship Sundays 9 AM

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## FEBRUARY 23, 2025

### +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Marilyn S.-K.*

Almighty God, there are so many things in heaven and on earth that are known only to you. You see all their potential, and you work continuously, day by day, to bring it more fully into being. Receive these offerings of time, talent, and treasure as signs of our desire to grow in our faithfulness and witness. May it be that, through them, we help to transform the lives of others. Amen.

*If you do not feel comfortable speaking your joy or concern aloud, please complete a prayer card and pass it toward the center aisle. Pastor will collect the cards as we sing the following hymn:*

### PRAYER HYMN

*Shepherd Me, O God—3X*

TFWS # 2058

### JOY AND CONCERNS

### -FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS | BIRTHDAY SONG

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH # 895

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.

### +CLOSING HYMN

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

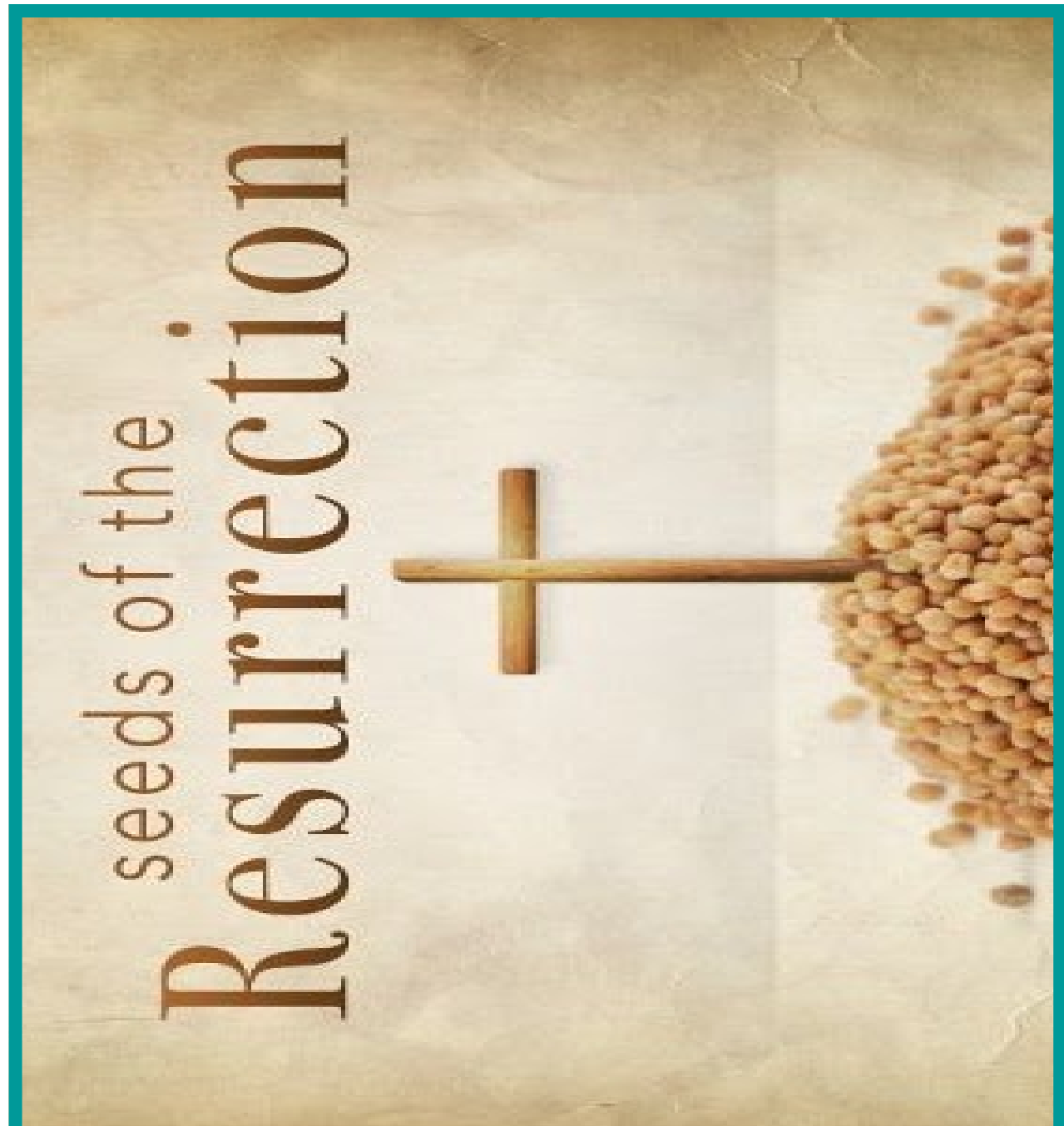
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### +BENEDICTION

*Pastor Doug*

### POSTLUDE

*The Day of Resurrection*



### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

REACHING UP TO WORSHIP GOD | REACHING OUT TO SERVE OTHERS | REACHING IN TO GROW TOGETHER

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## February Birthdays

7: Delene R.

7: Kenneth A.

9: Waleen S.

14: Terry F.

19: Kris M.

20: Allean F.

24: Yvonne S.



## SOUP OR SOCKS

Soup or Socks has asked Wesley to collect donations of **soup (canned or packaged)** and **crackers** during the month of February.

There is a collection box for your donations in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping the food pantry out.

- Thank you-



## SOUP OR SOCKS

Wesley's next dates to staff the Food Pantry are April 7th & 9th. See Jackie if you're available to volunteer. New volunteers are always welcomed!

## FEBRUARY NOISY CAN

LAST SUPPER  
PERFORMANCE

We will once again be presenting "The Last Supper" on Monday, April 14th and Wednesday, April 16th. This month's noisy can will go to offset the expenses for the production. Please support the efforts for the recreation of the Last Supper.

This week's YouTube link for Sunday Worship Service  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/RK-9Y5JoXp4>

### LET'S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

**If you have a joy or concern let us know!** [wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org](mailto:wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org)

**JOYS:** those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week (see announcement page). Share with us your joys so we may celebrate together and glorify our Lord for your blessings!

- For **Bryan** (*grand-niece of Karalee L.*) who won regional wrestling and moves to sectionals.
- For **Orin H.** and his robotics team making it to the finals, earning the Creative Approach Award.
- For **Orin and Nolan H.'s** teams being in the running for state competition.
- For **Isabella S.** who scored very well in her last archery competition.
- For **Joel T.** on his successful cardiac procedure.
- For the **Wernbergs**, thankful for their good health.
- For all those participating in our **mat weaving ministry** on the completion of their second mat.

### CONCERNS:

- For **Terry** (*cousin of Karalee L.*) who is need of further surgery.
- For **Ardis A.** who has been under the weather.
- For **Shirley S.** on her upcoming lab testing.
- For **Shar** (*friend of Mary E.*) dealing with back issues.
- For the family of **Marty** (*great-uncle of Rachel S.*) who passed away Feb.14.
- For **Laura** (*daughter-in-law of Penny M.*) who is undergoing extensive surgery Feb. 21.

**HOMEBOUND:** Ruth S. Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A.

### OTHERS:

- For **firefighters** and **first responders**.
- For the thousands of faithful **civil servants** who have, with little warning, lost their jobs.
- For those affected by mudslides in **Southern California**.
- For our **transgender brothers, sisters, and siblings** being targeted by hateful policies and actions.

# LENT 2025

## 2025 Lenten Study

### *Five Marks of a Methodist: The Fruit of a Living Faith*

Steve Harper

Pastor Doug will facilitate a small group Lenten study on Mondays @ 11 AM (March 3, 10, 24, 31 & April 7) in-person or on Zoom and on Tuesdays @ 7 PM (March 4, 11, 25, April 1, 8) on Zoom only. Attend either session on any particular day. **Purchase your book for \$10.00 from the church office.** Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall for the time you plan to attend. If you have any questions about this study, please see Pastor Doug.

## Ash Wednesday (March 5)

### **Soup, Desserts & Helping Hands**

Wesley UMC will be hosting an Ash Wednesday worship service and meal with Good Shepherd ELCA. The meal will be @ 6:30 PM and the worship service will be @ 7:00 PM. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you are able to bring soup, dessert and or lend a helping hand with set-up/clean-up. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Doug.

Save the  
Dates

**The Recreation of The Last Supper** will be performed on Monday, April 14th and Wednesday, April 16th @ 7 PM.

A Fundraising Event for the  
Soup or Socks  
Food Pantry & Clothes Closet

**March 8, 2025**  
**11am - 2pm**



**MARSHFIELD EAGLE'S CLUB**  
1104 S Oak Ave  
Marshfield, WI 54449



#### OPTIONS

● Bowl of Soup \$12

*One 12 oz cup of soup.  
Dine-In Only*

● Flight of Soup \$17

*One 12 oz cup of soup & Three 4oz cups of soup.  
Dine-in only.*

*Each ticket will allow you to choose a ceramic  
bowl to take home!*



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**SOUP OR SOCKS**

