

## The Emptiness of God

When you feel lonely,  
longing to be seen,  
to be heard, to be touched,  
it's loneliness for God.

The emptiness that cries out in you is holy,  
it is the loneliness of God,  
God's longing  
to be heard, to be seen, to be known,  
God's emptiness for you.

This is the Holy Trinity:  
the bowl, the fruit in the bowl,  
and the emptiness that makes room for the fruit.

Sit with that longing.  
Embrace that loneliness.

In that holy ache  
is hidden  
your deepest joy.

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Deep Blessings,  
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*Joint Mission Statement: Saints united to be the body of Christ in the world,  
freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.*

Keeping in Touch, March 28, 2021



## Prayer Concerns

**Greg Mueller**—(Elgart's son, and Rick's younger brother) living with **Multiple System Atrophy**. His condition has been deteriorating. Please pray for the family.

**Anna**—(a 15 yr. old relative of Jeff Rieche's) recovering from brain surgery.

**Ray & Wendy Chojowski** —(Wendy is Mark Bargender's sister) their home was a total loss following a fire.

**Scott Baeseman**—back home in Chicago, beginning cancer treatments.



## Palm Sunday

We are happy to WELCOME students to Sunday School today! *Future Sunday School date: APRIL 11*



## Attendance Record

March 14—Attendance: 50  
Offering: \$1575.00  
March 21—Attendance: 33  
Offering: \$605.00

## This Week at a Glance

**Thursday, April 1 at 6pm**—MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE at **St. Stephen**.

**Friday, April 2** —GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES  
**1:00pm** at *St. Stephen*  
**6:00pm** at *St. John*

Easter Services (April 4)

**Easter Sunrise**—6:00am at *St. Stephen*  
**Easter Worship**—9:00am at *St. John*



If you'd like to provide either lilies or other spring flower to decorate the sanctuary for Easter, please, bring them by Saturday, April 3rd. If you'd like to dedicate them to someone's memory, or designate them in honor of someone, please let Rose know by Monday, March 29th. *Thank you!*

■ The last batch of cans had cat food cans, 11.5 lbs of them! **FYI:** that type of can should be bagged separately from the pop/beer cans and the **labels removed**. We receive 4 cents LESS per pound if they are not. There were also 317.5 lbs of aluminum cans for a total of \$131.14! Many thanks to those of you who take the time to collect and bring your cans to St. John *and special thanks to Herbie for taking them in!*



Anyone interested in MOWING the cemetery please get a SEALED bid in to **Terry Borchardt** by MAY 1st. *Thank you!*



*Today's tip: Never buy flower's from a MONK, only you can prevent florist friars.*