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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

28 Prophecies Fulfilled on the Crucifixion Day

On the day of Jesus' crucifixion, all the prophecies concerning His suffering were fulfilled in every detail—a lasting testimony that Jesus truly is the Messiah.

1. The serpent would bruise the seed of the woman.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" (Gen. 3:15).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "Now is the judgment of this world. Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to Myself.' But He said this to signify by what death He was about to die" (John 12:31-33).

2. Cut off, but not for Himself.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "And after sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off but not for Himself" (Dan. 9:26). <u>Fulfilled</u>: "Nor consider that it is better for us that one man dies for the people, than that the whole nation should perish.' Now he did not say this of himself, but being high priest that year, prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation; and not for the nation only, but also that He might gather together into one the children of God who were scattered abroad" (John 11:50-52).

3. **Betrayed**.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "Even a man, my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted up his heel against me" (Psa. 41:9).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order that he might deliver Him up to them. And after hearing this, they were delighted and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray Him" (Mark 14:10-11).

4. Forsaken by disciples.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man who is My companion,' says the LORD of hosts. 'Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered" (Zech. 13:7). <u>Fulfilled</u>: "Then they all forsook Him and fled" (Mark 14:50).

5. The price of His betrayal.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "And I said to them, 'If it is good, give me my price; and if not, let it go.' So they weighed my price—thirty pieces of silver" (Zech. 11:12).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "And said, 'What are you willing to give me, and I will deliver Him up to you?' And they offered him thirty pieces of silver" (Matt. 26:15).

6. What would be done with the betrayal money.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "And the LORD said to me, 'Throw it to the potter'—the princely price at which I was valued by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD" (Zech. 11:13).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "But the chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is the price of blood.' And after taking counsel, they bought a potter's field with the pieces of silver, for a burial ground for strangers" (Matt. 27:6-7).

7. Sacrificed as the Passover Lamb of God.

Prophesied: "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter..." (Isa. 53:7).

Fulfilled: "For Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us" (I Cor. 5:7).

8. Would be scourged and mocked.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "I gave My back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting" (Isa. 50:6).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "And after platting a crown of thorns, they put it on His head; and a rod in His right hand; and bowing on their knees before Him, they mocked Him, and kept on saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' Then, after spitting on Him, they took the rod and struck Him on the head" (Matt. 27:29-30).

9. Body mutilated.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "Many were astonished at Him—for His body was so disfigured—even His form beyond that of the sons of men" (Isa. 52:14). "I can count all My bones; they look and gloat over Me" (Psa. 22:17).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "But after scourging Jesus, he delivered Him up so that He might be crucified" (Matt. 27:26).

10. Condemned as a criminal.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "You have known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor; my enemies are all before You. Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness; and I looked for sympathy, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none" (Psalm 69:19-20)

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "They answered and said, 'He is deserving of death!" (Matt. 26:66)

11. Condemned by false witnesses.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "Cruel witnesses rose up; they asked me of things that I knew nothing about" (Psa. 35:11).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "And the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were trying to find testimony against Jesus, to put Him to death; but they did not find any. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree. And some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying..." (Mark 14:55-57).

12. Would not defend Himself.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "He was oppressed, and He was afflicted; yet He opened not His mouth. He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth" (Isa. 53:7).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "Then Pilate said to Him, 'Don't You hear how many things they testify against You?' And He did not answer even one word to him, so that the governor was greatly amazed" (Matt. 27:13-14).

13. Died as the sin offering.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "Yet the LORD willed to crush Him and He has put Him to grief: You shall make His life an offering for sin. He shall see His seed; He shall prolong His days, and that the purpose of the LORD might prosper in His hand." (Isa. 53:10).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness." 1 Peter 2:24

14. Numbered among transgressors.

Prophesied: "He was counted among the transgressors..." (Isa. 53:12).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "And also two other malefactors were led away with Him to be put to death. And when they came to the place called 'Skull,' there they crucified Him and the malefactors, one on the right and one on the left" (Luke 23:32-33).

15. Hands and feet pierced by nails (crucified).

<u>Prophesied</u>: "Dogs have surrounded Me; a band of evildoers have encircled me; they have pierced My hands and My feet..." (Psa. 22:16).

Fulfilled: "And they crucified Him" (Mark 15:25).

16. Garments parted.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "They divide My garments among them and cast lots upon My vesture" (Psa.22:18). <u>Fulfilled</u>: "Then they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but let us cast lots for it to determine whose it shall be'; that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which says, 'They divided My garments among them, and they cast lots for My vesture.' Therefore, the soldiers did these things" (John 19:24).

17. Given vinegar to drink.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "They also gave Me gall for My food; and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink" (Psa. 69:21).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "They gave Him vinegar mingled with gall to drink; but after tasting it, He would not drink" (Matt. 27:34).

18. Death observed by many.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "They look and gloat over Me" (Psa. 22:17).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "And the guards sat down there to guard Him" (Matt. 27:36). "And all the people who were gathered together to this sight, after seeing the things that took place, beat their breasts and returned" (Luke 23:48).

19. Family and friends would stand at a distance.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "My loved ones and my friends stand apart from my plague; and my neighbors stand far off" (Psa. 38:11).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "Now all those who knew Him stood afar off observing these things, the women also who followed Him from Galilee" (Luke 23:49).

20. Some would mockingly shake their heads at Him.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "And I also became a reproach to them when they looked upon me; they shook their heads" (Psa. 109:25).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "But those who were passing by railed at Him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" (Matt. 27:39-40)

21. What these mockers would say.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "He trusted on the LORD; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, since He delights in Him!" (Psa. 22:8).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, "I am the Son of God." And the two robbers who were also crucified with Him reproached Him with the same words" (Matt. 27:43-44).

22. Would intercede for sinners.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for transgressors" (Isa. 53:12). <u>Fulfilled</u>: "Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not understand what they are doing.' And they divided His garments, and cast lots" (Luke 23:34).

23. Would feel forsaken.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me, and why are You so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?" (Psa. 22:1.)

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' That is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matt. 27:46).

24. Side pierced.

Prophesied: "And they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced..." (Zech. 12:10).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "But one of the soldiers had pierced His side with a spear, and immediately water and blood had come out.... And again another scripture says, 'They shall look upon Him Whom they pierced" (John 19:34, 37).

25. Spirit committed to God.

Prophesied: "Into Your hand I commit my spirit..." (Psa. 31:5).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "And after crying out with a loud voice, Jesus said, 'Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.' And when He had said these things, He expired" (Luke 23:46).

26. Last words.

<u>Prophesied</u>: "They will come and declare His righteousness To a people yet to be born—that He has done it [and that it is finished]. (Psalm 22:31).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "Therefore, when Jesus had received the vinegar, He said, 'It is finished.' And after bowing His head, He yielded up His spirit" (John 19:30).

27. No broken bones.

Prophesied: "He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken" (Psa. 34:20).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first one, and the legs of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs....For these things took place so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, 'Not a bone of Him shall be broken' " (John 19:32-33, 36).

28. Buried in a rich man's tomb.

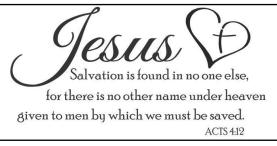
<u>Prophesied</u>: "He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; although He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth" (Isa. 53:9).

<u>Fulfilled</u>: "And when evening was coming on, a rich man of Arimathea came, named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. After going to Pilate, he begged to have the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given over to him. And after taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen cloth, and placed it in his new tomb which he had hewn in the rock; and after rolling a great stone to the door of the tomb, he went away" (Matt. 27:57-60).

Pastor Andy

MEMORIALS FOR LOVED ONES

Memorial Sunday was held on February 2nd. A generous donation was received from the Fischer family in memory of Dennis Fisher Sr. A generous donation was received from the Finck family for a future outside bench project in memory of Pauline Finck. Melvin Huether and family gave a generous donation for the west door in the narthex in memory of Ardina Huether and Carol Prien.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

A special thank you from the youth group for those who contributed to the spaghetti dinner. The youth will be reading during the Tenebrae Service on Maundy Thursday.

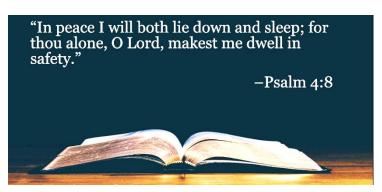
On Easter morning, April 20, everyone is welcome for fellowship after the service. The youth will be serving muffins with juice and coffee.

Easter Sunday

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Gary Stoebner graduated to his heavenly home on February 25. Funeral services were held on March 1.

George Verzani entered the gates of heaven on March 11. Funeral services were held on March 21.



Friedens' Nursing Home/Assisted Living Residents (With Addresses and Birthdays)

- 1. Betty Wormsbecher Avera Assisted Living; 400 West Fir St; Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: Feb. 1
- 2. Curtis Huether Avera Assisted Living; 400 West Fir St; Parkston, SD 57366 <u>Birthday</u>: Sept. 24
- 3. Mary Fischer Borman Manor, 501 N. 4th St, Parkston, SD 57366 <u>Birthday</u>: July 20
- 4. Elton Stoebner Good Samaritan Center, 130 6th St, Scotland, SD 57059 Birthday: Mar. 30
- 5. Diane Stoebner Good Samaritan Center, 2304 Laurel Street, Tyndall, SD 57066 Birthday: Dec. 24
- 6. Doris Schneider Salem Mennonite Home, 106 W 7th, Freeman, SD 57029 Birthday: May 7
- 7. Melvin Finck Good Samaritan Center, 130 6th St, Scotland, SD 57058 <u>Birthday</u>: Nov. 15

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

- ▼ Kelley Hartman, daughter-in-law of Glenn and Marilyn Hartman, as she continues with her health issue battle.
- ▼ Troy Hartman, son of Glenn and Marilyn Hartman, as he undergoes a lengthy series of surgeries throughout the year of 2025 at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

WOMEN'S GUILD UPDATE

The Guild's church year began on March 13 with our first 7 PM meeting. We will continue the 7 PM meeting schedule for 2025 on the second Wednesday of each month from March through November--watch the church bulletin for the meeting date/time during the Lenten season.

Friedens ladies, please consider visiting a Guild meeting this church year! And thank you Lynn Stoebner and Karen Nuss for your March visit! We will make ALL feel welcome, and we have room for you as we carry out the mission work of Friedens. Our next meeting is April 10 at 7 PM!

The 2025 handouts including Sunday church greeters, flower committees, funeral committees, as well as current OUR DAILY BREAD devotionals continue to be available in the narthex.

Our Friedens funeral committees have served lunches for two funerals in 2025: Gary Stoebner, February 24 and George Verzani, March 21. We extend our sincere condolences to their families. It is also very important that we thank ALL for the generous donations of food and the helping hands in serving our Friedens' families who have lost loved ones!



REMINDER....summer church camps are soon approaching, so parents, students and youth leaders, please turn in the following information to any Guild member by the end of May 11 for Guild donation consideration. 1. Name(s) of student(s) attending 2. Location and date of camp 3. Cost per student.

MOWING BIDS FOR CHURCH CEMETERIES

Friedens maintains seven cemeteries. The Friedens Foundation was formed with a monetary donation given by Roy Hieb to maintain these cemeteries. We are always looking for people to mow these cemeteries. If you are interested in mowing this summer, please contact the Foundation committee. Mowing bids are due April 16th.

VBS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 16-20



GREETERS FOR SECOND QUARTER

April

6 – Jerry and Brenda Stoebner

13 – Jason and Melissa Schnabel

20 – Marvin Frey

27 - Tiffany Horstman

May

4 - Phyllis Dewald

11 – Keith and Lvnn Stoebner

18 - Marlin and Karen Nuss

25 – Dale and Amy Brown

June

1 - Chase and Bobbie Stoebner

8 – Jeff and Becca Mehlhaff

15 – Duane and Gail Vahl

22 – Diane Kuper

29 – Jerry and Brenda Stoebner

July

6 - Jason and Melissa Schnabel



FLOWER COMMITTEES - 2025

January 5, 12, 19, 26	Brenda Stoebner, Eileen Gall
February 2, 9 16, 23	Jen Gemar, Phyllis Dewald, Pat Reiner
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Lynn Stoebner, Robin Stoebner
April 6, 13, 20, 27	Brenda Stoebner, Diane Kuper, Eileen Gall
	(Palms for Palm Sunday) (Easter Lilies)
May 4, 11, 18, 25	Judy Mehlhaff, Becca Mehlhaff
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Amy Brown, Vicki Huether
July 6, 13, 20, 27	Geri Saenz, Jody Schnabel
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Nhora Underhile, Kathy Barton, Karen Nuss
September 7, 14, 21, 28	Lynn Stoebner, Diane Kuper, Robin Stoebner
October 5, 12, 19, 26	Jane Mehlhaff, Pat Reiner, Judy Mehlhaff
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Fall arrangement – Gary and Jody Schnabel
December 7, 14, 21, 28	Brenda Stoebner, Phyllis Dewald, Eileen Gall,
	Diane Kuper (Poinsettias)

Water as needed

There are silk flower arrangements and greenery available in the flower room. Flower arrangements given in memorial should be moved to the flower room each Sunday. Cut flower arrangements should be placed in the flower cooler. Potted flowers/greenery should not be placed in the cooler.

2025 Committees

Consistory:

Lennis Mehlhaff, President Marlin Nuss, Vice-President

Tiffany Horstman, General Treas. Conrad Finck, Asst General Treas. Lynn Stoebner, Benevolent Treas. Duane Vahl, Asst Benevolent Treas. Jason Schnabel, Special Funds Treas.

Chase Stoebner, Asst Special. Funds. Treas.

Dustin Fischer, Financial Secretary

Wayne Stoebner, Asst Financial Secretary

Mike Nuss, Secretary

David Finck, Asst Secretary

Christian Education Committee:

Gary Schnabel, Superintendent

Amy Brown, Treasurer

Lennis Mehlhaff Jeff Mehlhaff Becca Mehlhaff Jody Schnabel

Pastor Andy Underhile

Women's Guild:

Eileen Gall Phyllis Dewald
Sandra Stoebner Marlene Nuss
Brenda Stoebner Diane Stoebner
Geri Saenz Kathy Barton
Robin Stoebner Diane Kuper

Foundation Members:

Tim Mehlhaff
Diane Kuper
Toni Finck
Tanner Nuss
Bob Nuss
Bob Nuss
Caren Nuss
Lennis Mehlhaff
Marlin Nuss
Dustin Fischer

Music Committee:

Conrad Finck Lennis Mehlhaff

Laura Lee

Welcome Committee: Lennis and Judy Mehlhaff

Auditing Committee:

Jeff Mehlhaff and Jody Schnabel

Secretary: Judy Mehlhaff

Custodian: Conrad Finck

Building & Grounds Committee:

Conrad Finck Lennis Mehlhaff

Chase Stoebner

Cemetery Committee:

Marvin Frey Marlin Nuss Terry Maag David Winckler

Christmas Committee:

Mike Nuss

Laura & Brandon Lee Chase & Bobbi Stoebner Dustin & Jen Fischer

Groundkeepers: Tim, Jacob, & Dylan Mehlhaff

Historian: Robert Hoff and Lennis Mehlhaff

Technology Coordinators:

Caleb Finck and Amy Brown

OFFERTORY SCHEDULE

April	6	General
	13	Benevolent (Gideons)
Easter	20	General
	27	Building
May	4	General
	11	General
	18	Building
	25	General
June	1	General
Pentecost	8	General
	15	General
	22	General
	29	General

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Palm Sunday service – April 13 @ 10:00

During this service, the Gideons will be sharing with us the mission work they do.

^{*}Maundy Thursday service-April 17 @ 7:30*

^{*}Easter Sunday service – April 20 @ 8:00*

^{*}Senior Recognition -- May 18 @ 10:00*

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