

Another Word March 10, 2026

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

We are now halfway through the season of Lent. We hope that our journey together through chapters 14 and 15 of the Book of Mark draws us closer to Jesus and helps us understand more clearly what He went through to save us from sin. Yes, what He did was “For Us!”

Please mark your calendars: there will be an Elder’s meeting and a Leadership meeting on March 22nd. Elders at 9am, Leadership at 9:30.

As a reminder, the baby bottles for The Ashland Pregnancy and Care Center are due back Easter Sunday. If they are already filled, you may return them at any time.

On March 29, we will gather after our service for a potluck lunch. The church will have plates, silverware, napkins, drinks, and pulled pork sandwiches. There is a signup sheet in the gathering room for salads, side dishes, and the most important dish—deserts.

Our scriptures for the next 4 Sundays, including 2 special services, are as follows:

March 15- Psalm 32 and Mark 15: 1-20, “Taken to The Praetorium.”
Lana Bell is our serving Elder.

March 22- Psalm 34 and Mark 15:20-39, “Golgotha, the place of The Skull.” Alan Girard is our serving Elder.

March 29- Palm Sunday. Psalm 22: 1-5, 22-31 and Mark 15: 40-47, “In the Garden of Tombs. John Bates is our serving Elder.

April 2- Maundy Thursday Service. 7 pm

April 3- The annual Good Friday Service at Trinity Lutheran Church. Hosted by the Ashland County Ministerial Association, it will be from noon to 3pm. I will be praying for and reading Jesus' second word, "...Today you will be with Me in Paradise." Please come when you can...leave when you must.

April 5- Easter. Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 and John 20: 1-18, "Who moved the stone?" Greg Hockenberry is our serving Elder.

Please keep in your prayers the Bush family, Lynne, Greg and Sandy Hockenberry's family member whose cancer has returned, Dale, Kevin, and Larry for continued healing, and all our loved ones who can't always be with us.

May we pray. Dear Holy God. As we travel through Lent may we express our love and gratitude for all that Jesus did for us. Sometimes we simply forget to say thank you. We are grateful that you provide for all our needs as well as guiding us in ways to live fruitful lives. We ask for blessings and healings to be showered on all those that we hold dear. Guide us through Your word and inspiration so we may help bring peace and comfort to a world that desperately needs Your love. We pray this in Christ's most Holy Name, Amen

Last Sunday's message always makes me stop and think about Peter. Mark records that Jesus said to him earlier in the evening that, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me 3 times." Not long after, Peter does deny knowing Jesus and runs from the courtyard of Caiaphas and weeps bitterly. It appears that Peter had a chance to stand with Jesus, but his fear forced him to choose to save himself instead.

Let's face it. We live in a world that allows one chance, and one chance only. Game shows that give you one chance to answer. Get it wrong and you lose. Or one chance to hit the winning run at the bottom of the 9th, or one chance to make the winning basket before the buzzer goes off. Take a test and what you write will determine whether you pass or fail. Besides a mulligan in golf (if the person you are playing with allows it), our world doesn't give many do-overs.

What came to me was this. What if God only gave us one chance in life to get it right? Think of Peter at that moment. I'm sure he thought he had committed an unpardonable sin. How often do we each think the same thing? Peter had a chance to "get it right," and failed. How often have each of us failed in the same way?

Seems to me I recall when Jesus was asked, by Peter by the way, "How often should you forgive someone, up to 7 times?" His answer was, "not 7, but 70 times 7." The devil wants us to believe there is a limit to God's forgiveness, but Jesus is saying God's grace is unlimited. When (note that I say when and not if) we make a wrong choice, we must confess it to God and we will, "receive His forgiveness for our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) In other words, know that there is no limit to our Loving God's grace.

But what about Peter and his dilemma? Well, I guess you will have to wait until after Easter to learn, "The Rest of The Story."

In His Peace,

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