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**Sunday, March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday**

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.



LET YOUR GUARD DOWN,
LET GOD IN,
BE AMONG FRIENDS

WELCOME . . .

We are privileged to have you as our guest in the Lord's house this morning. We pray that the time you share with us will be meaningful for you and that God will bless you through it. If you have a question that is not answered here, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you.

Registry: Please take time to complete the registry/attendance sheet found in the pew in the black folder at the center aisle. It is important to us that we know who is worshipping with us today. Thank you.

Worship: This booklet is our order of worship for today. Hymns are found in the "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" hymnals located in the racks on the back of the pew in front of you. Everything else is printed in this booklet.

Our worship includes **Holy Communion**. As Christians in the Lutheran heritage, we believe that our Lord Jesus is physically present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we receive. However, if you believe that Jesus' body and blood were given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins, you are welcome to commune with us, regardless of your faith background. A white grape juice is available at the center of the tray for those who do not wish to receive wine.

If you desire to receive communion but are unable to come forward to the communion rail, inform the usher of such and communion will be brought to you.

. . . WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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| Ministers: | The people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Crossroads |
| Pastor: | Pastor Creighton |
| Greeters: | Chris and Jennifer Meyer Family |
| Accompanist: | Kathy Westerfeld |
| Acolytes: | Brayden and Ashton Turner |
| Assisting Minister: | Gary Westerfeld |
| Reader: | Tara Lay |
| Communion Assistant: | Debbie Mack |
| Sound System: | Emma Gausman |
| Offering Counters: | Larry Siebert and Les Kessens |
| Altar Committee: | Darrell and Laura Nicholson |

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: John 12:12-16

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹²Five days before the Passover the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to

Jerusalem.¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—

the King of Israel!”

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

L: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

GATHERING HYMN:

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice,

and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.

Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

GREETING

The presiding minister and assembly greet one another.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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A Kyrie may be spoken in dialogue between an assisting minister and the assembly.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

A reading from the fiftieth chapter of Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

The psalm is read responsively by verse.

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat
and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with
sighing;**

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my
bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my
neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all
around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to
take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, “You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from
those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to
God even to the point of death. Following Christ’s example, we do*

not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

A reading from the second chapter of Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Hosanna in the Streets*

The assembly stands to acclaim the gospel.

**♪Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1--15:47

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Bless all who call upon your name. Unite your church in bearing witness to the gospel. Pour your love into our hearts, and inspire us to pour out our lives in service to your world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. For palm trees and figs. For trees with leafy branches. For olive groves and gardens. For mountains and hillsides, valleys and canyons. For places

affected by rising sea levels or depleted water sources.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. For peace among all, especially those who honor Jerusalem as holy ground. For all who hold positions of authority and power. For all who suffer oppression, and for those who serve in the armed forces.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. For those who have suffered betrayal. For those who live in poverty. For those who have no voice or power. For the forsaken and forgotten. For those who are in crisis, and for those who are ill, especially those listed in the bulletin and prayer book, and those we name aloud or in our hearts at this time.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation. For musicians, altar guilds, ushers, and all who lead us in worship. For those who serve our community through food pantries, homeless shelters, and clothing banks. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember all who, like Mary, the mother of Jesus, have been obedient to your will and all who have died in faith. Bring us with them into your glory, to dwell with you in life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and all for whom we have forgotten or neglected to pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.



OFFERING SONG:

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads a prayer.

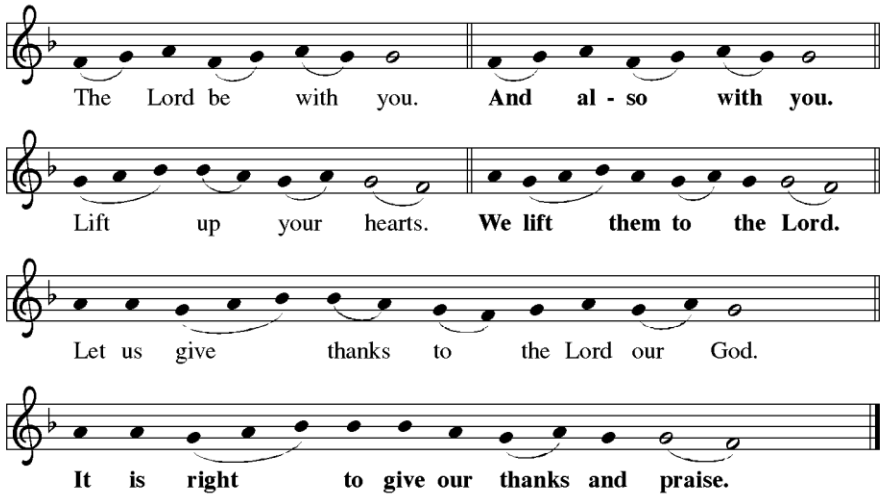
Let us pray together.

Merciful God,
**receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving
and the offering of our lives, that following in the way
of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister continues.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly in invitation.

The assembly is seated.

All are welcome at Christ's table! If you are a visitor and receive communion at your home church, you are invited to do so here. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG

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**♪Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

After Holy Communion has been distributed, the assembly stands and the presiding minister may say:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION:

Now Behold the Lamb

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1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970

Music: NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB, Kirk Franklin

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessings.

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor

and give you ☩ peace.

Amen.

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!



- 1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! Hear all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
- 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! The wing-ed squad-rons of the sky
- 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! Your last and fierc - est strife is nigh.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die,



O Sav - ior meek, your road pur - sue, with palms and scat-tered gar-ments strewed.
 O Christ, your tri-umphs now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con-quired sin.
 look down with sad and won-d'ring eyes to see the ap-proach-ing sac - ri - fice.
 The Fa - ther on his sap-phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
 bow your meek head to mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Music: ST. DROSTANE, John Bacchus Dykes, 1823–1876

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister may address the assembly.

Marked with the cross of Christ,
 go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We remember in Prayer:

Don Davis Marilyn Gausman Noah Mack
Mikayla Siebert Todd Siebert
Art and Karen Salvitti Dan and Sarajane Wilson
Family and Friends of Wanita Linkel
Sylvia Ore (I-K Synod bookkeeper)
Mary Dimond (Sylvia Ore's sister)
Melinda Wilson (wife of Ben Wilson)
Ruth Booster (wife of former pastor)
Melody Briner (Marilyn Gausman's daughter)
Marie Dierckman (Ginny Low's mother)
Louise Eads (Michelle Wehr's grandmother)
Bonnie Haughn (Sabrina Salvitti Haughn's mother-in-law)
Ruth Hunger (Ellen Siebert's mother)
Leonard (husband of Lisa Gausman's friend)
George Lerosé (Art Salvitti's brother-in-law)
Tessa Mayer (wife of Wanda Siebert's principal)
Ronnie Nicholson (Darrell's brother)
Barry Norman (Lisa Gausman's former principal)
Carol Rayve and Ron Price (Karen Salvitti's mother and friend)
Ted Rayve (Karen Salvitti's brother)
Beverly Richardson (Laura Nicholson's mother)
Kristina Salvitti (Art's daughter)
Louis Scheele (John and Kathy W.'s neighbor)
Gary Schopmeyer (friend of Anita and Bob Krieger)
Charlie Seibert (friend of Anita and Bob Krieger)
Marlin and Julia Siebert
John Ward (Eunice Sisson's brother-in-law)
Jasmine Westerfeld (Sharon Brown's great-granddaughter)
anyone affected by natural disasters, warfare and violence
all who serve in the military

Honored Members:

Paul Gausman Allen and Mary Lou Narwold

Bill Westerfeld

Our members at St. Andrew's: Julia Siebert
Ruth Thackery

Our Partner Churches: Lutheran Church of Christ in
Liberia and Emanuel Lutheran Church, Greendale

Today:

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Mark 11:9, ESV). We walk with Jesus along the road to Jerusalem, the road to death but also resurrection, the road of faith and worship.

The **April newsletter** is available in the narthex. Please take yours – and any for your family – as you leave this morning.

This Week:

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| Office Hours – Monday | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM |
| Thursday | 1:00 – 4:00 PM |

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| Pr. Creighton’s office hours – | |
| Monday – Thursday | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM |

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| Tuesday – | |
| SEIC Clergy meeting | 10:00 AM |

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| Wednesday – | |
| Choir practice | 7:00 PM |

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| Thursday - | |
| Maundy Thursday service | 7:00 PM |

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| Friday – | |
| Good Friday service | 7:00 PM |

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| Sunday - | |
| Continental breakfast in the Fellowship Room | 9:00 AM |
| Easter Sunday Worship | 10:00 AM |

Upcoming Events / Announcements:

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the hallway for the **Chicken and Beef Supper** on April 7th. Donations and helpers are needed. Please contact Susan Narwold (Home-812-934-2490, Cell-812-212-4691(call or text) or email- narwoldsusan@aol.com) or Carol Siebert (Cell-812-528-4131(call or text) or email- csiebert@etczone.com).

There are new **devotionals for the spring quarter** available in the narthex. There are large print and children's booklets as well as the regular print size.

The Margarita Moms are collecting toilet paper, bleach, apple/grape juices, and microwave popcorn for **Safe Passage**. Please leave them in the containers in the education hallway. Thank you to all who continue to donate.

The **I-K Synod Stewardfest** will be held Sat. April 14th at St. John Lutheran, Hubbles Corner. Registration begins at 8:30, and the day will conclude at 3:30. There will be a variety of workshops available to attend. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

The **DLYO** is wrapping up their fundraising for the Houston trip this summer. In April we would like to invite you to join us to **Cookies and Canvas!** Enjoy some yummy cookies and become an artist on Sunday April 15th from 1:30 to 3:30! The cost is \$30 per person. Please see a DLYO leader or youth to purchase a ticket between March 25th and April 8th. A picture of the painting is on the bulletin board. Thank you!

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”

Ephesians 2:8



Fundraisers - Houston 2018:

Gas2Go: (DLYO)

Drop your spare change into the gas can on the table by the water fountain. All monies will be used for transportation.

Sponsor a Mile: (DLYO)

It's 2106 miles to Houston and back. We have estimated \$2.05 per mile. Sponsor some miles for the group. So far, we've raised 15 MILES!!

We are also selling stock in our youth. You can purchase shares at \$10 per share. Please see any DLYO member for an order form!

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