

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

9:30 AM



Welcome! Everything you need to participate in today's service can be found in this bulletin or the blue book, The Hymnal 1982. Please add your voice to the hymns we sing and the prayers we say together. Congregational responses are bold.
As you are able, please stand where indicated with an asterisk.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

All stand, as able.

OPENING HYMN *

Jesus Christ is risen

Hymn 207

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our hea - ven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950. Descant by permission of Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION *

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *

Celebrant Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Reader Let us read from Psalm 118 responsively by half verse.

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *

his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *

"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *

and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *

in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *

the right hand of the LORD is exalted!

the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *

and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *

but he did not hand me over to death.

- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Reader A reading from the book of Acts.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

All stand, as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN *

Jesus is Lord of all the earth

Hymn 178

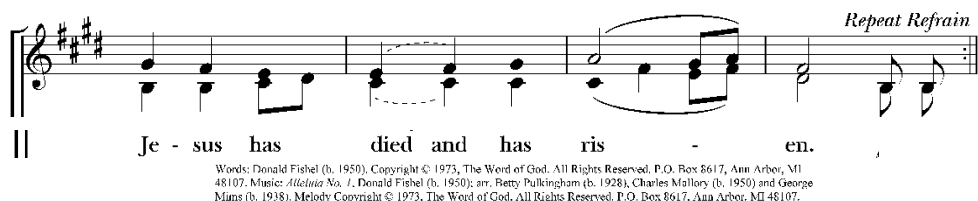
Verse 2 only before and after Gospel

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 Final Ending
Praise to his Name. Name.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:



THE GOSPEL*

Luke 23:54-24:12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev Stacy Salles

After a period of silence, all stand or kneel, as able.

THE NICENE CREED *

All We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE * *Written by Carol Penner*

Intercessor: God of the bright and morning star, God of the rising sun, God of darkness
banished, we praise and worship you!
For empty tombs: thank you!
For disciples running with good news: thank you!
For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected: thank you!
We celebrate your victory over death, over all the powers that would defeat us.

People **Christ, we give you thanks.**

Help us to grasp resurrection; to understand its power, to see its force at work in our world,
overturning evil empires, changing the hatred within us, moving the world slowly, forcefully,
bending us towards love and truth. **Christ be with us as we live in this world.**

On this day of great gladness empower us to be your ambassadors, proclaiming good news. Good
news in our kitchens and living rooms, good news in the offices and workshops good news in the
fields and factories. Help us to be that good news, walking softly on this good earth caring gently
for all people, living hopefully into your kingdom. **Christ, Help us share your hope for the
world.**

Today we think of all who are suffering with worry, with illness, with homelessness, for places in
the world that are torn by war and bloodshed. We also remember our sister churches. We
especially pray for _____ **Christ, give us all your peace.**

The People may share their own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that
we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ephesians 5:2

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Mark Hayes

All the world, rejoice! People, lift your voice!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Grave, where is your victory? Death, where is
your sting? Robed in light for all to see, behold:
the resurrected King!

Christ is risen! Alleluia! He has won the victory.
With Creator God Almighty, Christ will reign
eternally!

Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia! Death is defeated,
redeeming Love had won!

Jesus is risen! Death, where is your sting?
Grave, where is your victory? Hail the risen King!
Banish shades of sadness, shake off sorrow's
gloom. See. the Lord is risen, risen from the tomb.

Jesus Christ is risen! Hail Him, Christ the King!
Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All stand or kneel, as able.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B * *From the Book of Common Prayer.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

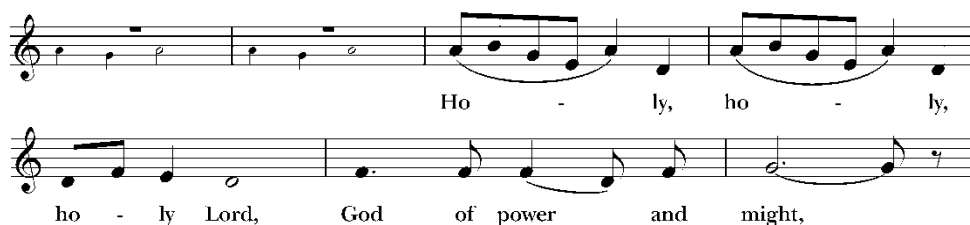
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

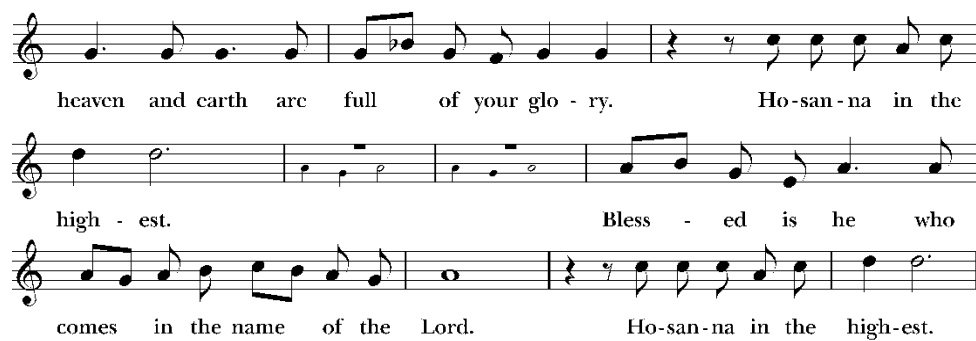
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

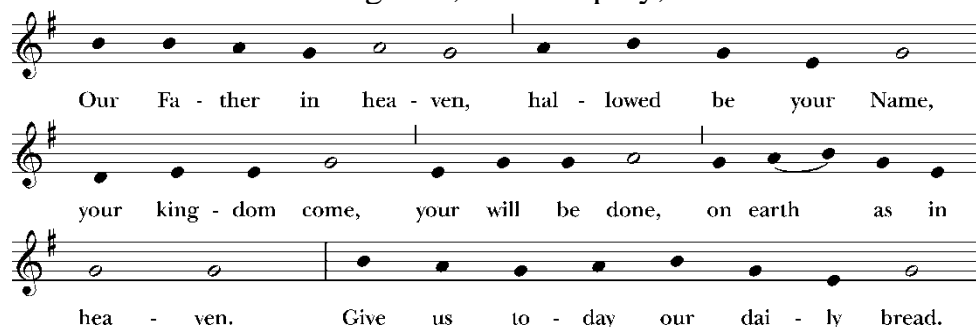
Therefore, according to his command, O God,

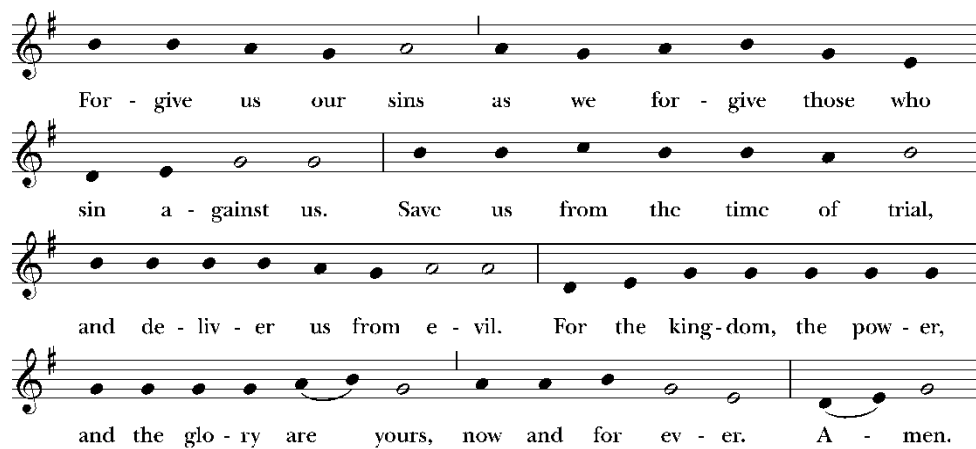
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,





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Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD* *A period of silence is kept*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like a blessing, place your arms across your chest as you approach the priest. You may receive both bread and wine or elect to receive the bread alone.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the people with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

The day of resurrection

Hymn 210

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays c - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,
our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch...der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.; adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973). Descant by permission of Oxford University Press.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *

All stand, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead

WLP 817

(three times)

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tramp - ling down death by death, and on
those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life!

Music: Early American, adapt. Richard Fabian (b. 1942).

THE BLESSING *

CLOSING HYMN *

God sent His son

LEVAS 43



1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus; He came to love,
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride,
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's fi -

1. heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my
 2. and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -
 3. nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

1. par-don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 2. sur-ance, This child can face un-cer-tain days be-cause He lives.
 3. vic-t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives.

Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor-row; Be-cause He lives

all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the

fu - ture, And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives.

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THE DISMISSAL *

Celebrant Life is short. We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Go in peace to love and serve God and the World.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah, from the Messiah

(G. Handel)

*This concludes today's service. Please join us downstairs for coffee hour.
 An elevator is available near the church offices.*

**Sunday Service Team
April 20, 2025**

Reader &
Intercessor: Roger Parker
Server: Wendy Arntson
Usher: Julie Lowery
Chalice: Kathie Sandmaier
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& Lynne Slager
Coffee Hour: **Congregation**
Potluck

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Easter Flowers

The Easter Flowers are given to the
Glory of God by

- Wendy & Len Arntson
- Grace & Jerry Brand
- Sandy & Rick Riley
- Joyce Wallace-Reed
- Louise & David French
- Kristen Novak



St. James Announcements

Sunday, April 20th

A Thank You from Len

A **BIG** THANK YOU for helping to paint the Parish Hall Dining Room to:

Jerry Brand	Wash Washburn
Beth Yakel	Gail Jungbluth
Janet Cook	John Swan
Barb Abraham	Wendy Arntson
Sandy Riley	

The Dining Hall looks GREAT !!

Thank You

Bible Study

All are welcome to drop in!

Wednesdays at 11:15 AM
in the church library.

Next meeting on **April 23rd**

There is always a place at the table for you. Please give us a try on any Wednesday.

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Notes on Children and God

by Kathie Sandmaier.

This may sound harsh...but children are better at it than grownups! As a philosophy professor said "what you have here is a glittering generality." What I see is an observable truth. God is not filtered by our very young. They do not approach the divine through a "glass darkly" but with bright light.

Humans below the age of 10 are some of the best theologians I know. Here are some examples exhibited in my work with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd over the last thirty or so years:

- "There WAS something before Creation happened. It was LOVE. Creation couldn't have happened without love."
- "There was a HUUUGE crowd!!!! They were all hungry!!! Jesus saw all the people!!! Every ONE!! And he FED them...Every ONE"
- "To be sheltered is to be in the palm of God"

Remember that you would be welcome to observe in the atrium sometime.

Monthly Socials

Women's Lunch - 3rd Thursday each month
11:30 am at Knight's on Dexter Ave, A2
Next Lunch - **May 15**

Men's Lunch - 4th Friday each month -
11:30 am at Aubrey's on Main in Dexter.
Next Lunch - **April 25**

Please Pray for

Peace in the world, especially in Gaza, Ukraine, Latin America, Africa, the Republic of Congo, Syria.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, Lansing, St. Michael's; Brighton St. Paul's; Puerto Plata, DR, Christ the King

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

In our St. James community, Elizabeth Kryder-Reid, Sue Gunter; Gia Kullgren; Tom Heider, Clarence Liu, Barb Soffredine, Susan, and Tracy, Duane Nagel and family, Mary Masson, Joel, the Burgett family.

Prayer Requests

Email prayer requests to the church office or fill out a prayer request form at

<https://forms.gle/RPwNwUrzbziTRjY8>