



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

March 22, 2026: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

--- Everyone is WELCOME here, for everyone is beloved by GOD ---

Easter is getting closer, but we must consider death as well as resurrection. Our Scriptures provide familiar and startling stories of God's intentions. Dry bones in a terrible valley; a psalm about God's presence in dark times; and a miracle performed by Jesus as he approaches Jerusalem and his own death. In the Epistle, Paul tries to explain death and resurrection to the Romans using logic, in a sort of "proof." Which method is most convincing to you?

New to our church? We'd love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew.

All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here, no questions asked. The bread is home-baked and does contain gluten. Rice wafers are also available, simply ask the priest. The bread or wafer may be dipped into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice that follows. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal books that will be handed out.

Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____

Processional Hymn #574 _____ *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

A Penitential Order, beginning with the Decalogue -----

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Presider Hear the commandments of God to his people.

The people may kneel, or remain standing, through the Collect of the Day.

(1) I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Sung response for commandments 1-9

unison

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us, and in-cline our hearts to keep this law.

(2) You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(3) You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(4) Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(5) Honor your father and your mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(6) You shall not murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(7) You shall not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(8) You shall not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(9) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(10) You shall not covet.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and write all these thy
laws in our hearts, we be - seech thee.

The image shows a musical score for the text "(10) You shall not covet." It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we be - seech thee." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

Confession of Sin _____source: Church of England

Deacon You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins,
and are in love and charity with your neighbors,
and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God
and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:
draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Silence

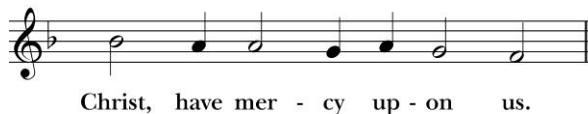
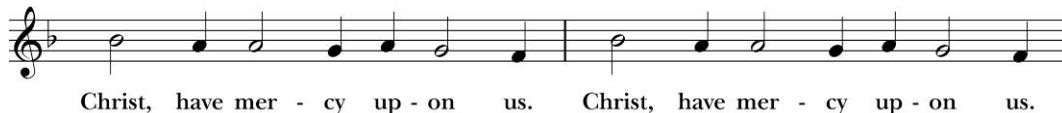
Deacon In the wilderness we find your grace;
Response **You love us with an everlasting love.**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer -
cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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Deacon There is none but you to uphold our cause;

Response **Our sin cries out and our guilt is great.**



Deacon Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;

Response **Restore us and we shall know your joy.**



Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins,
and bring us all to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day _____

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray together.

All **Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 130

The congregation joins in the Antiphon, which is sung twice each time:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in
trou-ble, be with me, Lord, I pray. —

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared. ANTIPHON
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. ANTIPHON

The Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

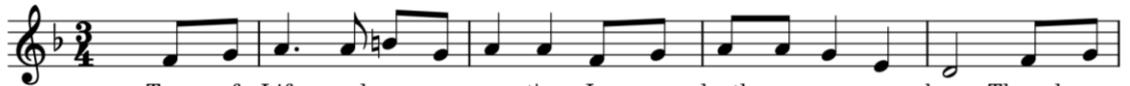
To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law ~ indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn, *throughout Lent* _____ *Tree of Life: Lent 5*

Two verses are sung before the Gospel is read, and a third afterwards.



Tree of Life and awe-some mys-t'ry, In your death we are re - born, Though you
Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, Stum-bling though our steps may be, One with



die in all of his-t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn.
you in joy and sor-row, We the riv - er, you the sea, We the riv - er, you the sea.

The Gospel Reading *Please remain standing* _____ *John 11:1-45*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been

speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

Sequence Hymn, *third verse of "Tree of Life"* _____

God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death;
Hold us close through each tomorrow, Love as near as every breath,
Love as near as every breath.

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ *Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz*

A time of silent reflection follows the Sermon

The Nicene Creed *Please stand, as able* _____

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Prayers of the People in Lent

- Deacon* With bowed heads and humble hearts, let us make known our hopes and needs to God, who animates us with the breath of life.
- Leader* We pray for the whole church, that the Gospel message of salvation may clear away much that needlessly divides us. Fill us with new life, and draw the spiritually hungry into our sanctuaries to find welcome. May we never fear to offer love in your Name. *Silence*
God of all mercy: **hear our prayer.**
- Leader* We pray for those who lead us in faith, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Anne our assisting Bishop, the leaders of our diocese and parish, and our ecumenical partners in ministry. Bless and guide our diocesan Search Committee as they choose a slate of candidates for our first bishop. *Silence*
God of all mercy: **hear our prayer.**
- Leader* We pray for all who suffer now because of war, poverty, injustice, or climate change. Especially we pray for peace in Iran, Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan. Turn the hearts of the wealthy and powerful, and guide them in your ways of peace and equity. *Silence*
God of all mercy: **hear our prayer.**
- Leader* We pray for those who yearn for healing, both physical and spiritual: people who are hurting, weakened, confused, or depressed. Especially we lift up those on our Prayer List, and others we name aloud... *Silence*
God of all mercy: **hear our prayer.**
- Leader* We pray for those near death, those who have died, and all who mourn for loved ones; especially those we now name... That with all the saints, they are at peace in eternal light. *Silence*
God of all mercy: **hear our prayer.**
- Presider* O God, help us to hear the voice of Jesus, calling us out of the dark thoughts and doubts that bind us. Set us free to serve, love, and dance with Easter joy. In his holy name we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you!**
Let us share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.

Milestones and Announcements

The Offertory

If you wish to give online, point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude's online giving form.



Offertory Anthem

Out of the Depths

The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving *Please remain standing, as able* _____ *source: Church of England*

Presider The Lord is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

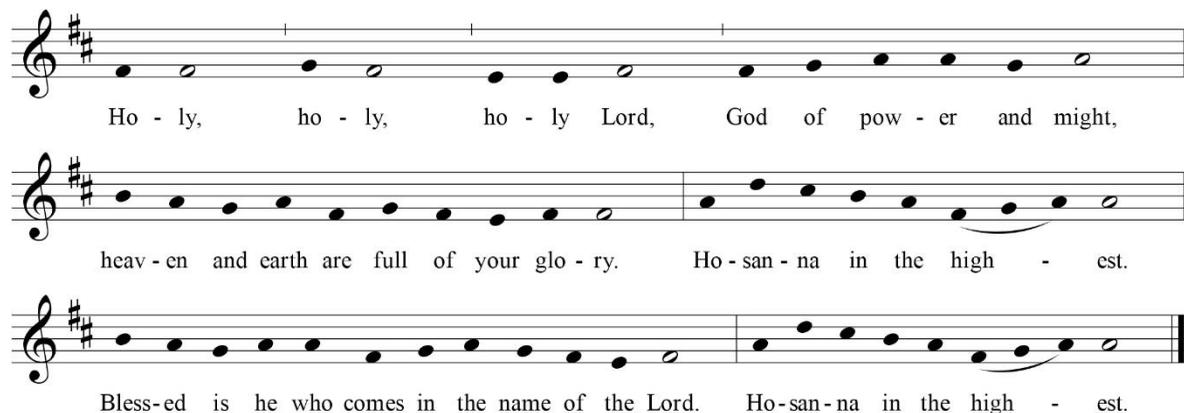
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God our Creator, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world, and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds, we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus #S-124 _____ *setting by D. Hurd*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The congregation may kneel or stand as the priest continues

Accept our praises, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit + these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider Accept through Christ, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us + by your Spirit, inspire us with your love, and unite us in the body of Christ Jesus.

Through whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen!**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lords Prayer

All 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows*

At the Fraction: Agnus Dei *setting by D. Hurd*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sins of the world: grant _____ us peace.

Invitation to Communion _____

Priest The feast is prepared, a banquet beyond measure or price.

Christ meets us here in our brokenness so that none may be lost,
and invites all who hunger for God to stretch out their hands to receive him.

Deacon These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

The Communion _____

All are welcome but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms across your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. The bread is home-baked and does contain gluten. Rice wafers are also available, simply ask the priest. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread or wafer) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.

At Communion: Hymn #335 _____ *I Am the Bread of Life*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand or kneel _____ Source: Church of England*

Presider Let us pray.

All We thank you, loving God,
that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people.
Empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as faithful disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solemn Prayer, in place of the Blessing during Lent _____

Deacon Let us bow down before the Lord.

Silent prayer

Presider Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go Forth!

Sending Out Hymn #345 _____ Savior, again to thy dear Name

Sending Out _____

The Deacon dismisses the congregation, and the people respond: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude _____

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<u>Serving at the Liturgy</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz	Rev. Susan Anslow Williams
<i>Assisting</i>	Rev Dcn Judy Marinco	Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco
<i>Choir Director</i>	Katie Young	Katie Young
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Mary Louise Susalla	Paul Dolza
<i>Intinction Cup</i>	Paul Dolza	Amy Freeman
<i>Reader</i>	Dee Grossmann	Ellen Tripp
<i>Prayers</i>	Pedro Melchor	Rev. H. Wayne Knotts
<i>Ushers</i>	Charlie J., Jessica	Lisa & Kelly Cronk
<i>Live-streamer</i>	Dave James	Paul Dolza
<i>Vestry of the Day</i>	Megan Rosa	Diane Putnam
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Terri H., Francine J.	Sarah D., Lisa Cronk
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Putnams	Dolores Ruby & Kathy Kortge

This Week at St. Jude's

Wednesday, 3/25	6 pm: Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, 3/26	5:45 pm: Lenten Supper w/1 st Pres	Vandenbergh Hall
Friday, 3/27	2 pm: Celebration of Life for Connie Koch	
Saturday, 3/28	School Lunch Spring Break Program	Vandenbergh Hall

Prayer List

Pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Anne, our Assisting Bishop; for all lay and ordained leaders in the Diocese of the Great Lakes; for Susan, our Priest-in-Charge; for Judy, our Deacon; for the Vestry.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For all the staff in our parishes; Church of the Mediator, Harbert - Darlene Kuhn, Rector

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Donald, Chuck, Molly, Evelyn, Matt, Jenny, Jerry, Harvey, Melissa, Brian, Abby, Marilyn, Jeri, Pam, Ron, Tim, Tony, Emily Jane, Bobby, Francine, Anna

Eucharistic minister training

After Easter, we will have training sessions for new Eucharistic Ministers, who administer the wine at a communion service. We schedule two EMs for each service, one to offer the chalice to drink from, and one to offer the intinction bowl for dipping the bread. If you are interested in learning more, or in taking the classes, please let Rev. Susan, Lynn Hopper, or Judy Marinco know.

Lenten Well Project

The Outreach Committee has decided to support St. Dunstan's in Davison with their well project in Kenya for Lent this year. Donations may be made in the Wishing Well on the coffee hour table, or online with this QR code throughout the season of Lent.



NEXT SUNDAY is Palm Sunday - The start of Holy Week

Sign up to read a part in the Passion Gospel next Sunday (Palm Sunday!). See Dcn. Judy. Godly Play will be offered next Sunday following the Palm Procession.

Sign up in the Parish Hall for special services ahead, especially Maundy Thursday's potluck supper and the overnight Prayer Vigil.