

The center of the Christian faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is the focus of Lent and Holy Week. The forty days of Lent are traditionally a time for prayer and reflection on the mystery of our redemption.

And so we hope that Lent will provide you and your family an opportunity to begin a discipline known as the FAITH FIVE. This refers to five steps to take just five minutes at the end of the day to 1. Share the highs and lows of the day; 2. Read a brief Bible passage; 3. Talk about how this Scripture may apply to your highs and lows; 4. Pray together over what has been shared, and 5. Bless one another.

We invite you to join us in worship. And we encourage you in your own Bible reading and personal quest for the gospel during this spiritual pilgrimage from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF GIVING & SERVICE

A Lenten offering envelope is included in this mailing for members, and we encourage you to make use of this tool for remembering those in need in prayer and gifts. These Lenten offerings will go to ELCA Disaster Relief - Haiti and Lutheran Family Services.

DELICIOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Family suppers will be served by various parish groups before each midweek service from 5:00 to 6:30, beginning Ash Wednesday. \$5.00 adults, \$2.50 children 5-12, \$15 maximum charge per household.

Christian Family & Discipleship

At the same time that we are encouraging families to use the FAITH FIVE devotional model in their homes, our preaching theme during Lent will focus on how the Christian congregation abides as the Family of God and Body of Christ, and how God connects us to one another as disciples of our Lord and Savior.

Midweek Services:

Every Wednesday

Morning Prayer at 11:00

Evening Vespers at 7:00

Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday

Service of Ashes & Repentance

Holy Communion at 11:00 & 7:00

Sermon: "Treasures: An Introduction to Christian Family & Discipleship"

Feb. 24: "Can Forgiveness Heal Anything?"

March 3: "Worshipping the LORD!"

March 10: "It Takes a Congregation..."

March 17: "Working For the Man"

March 24: "Teaching as Risky Business"

Lent is a special time of the year for us. You will notice that the liturgy is more austere and penitent in tone. We want our Lenten services to provide for meditation and reflection, and so the time before worship will be quiet in the sanctuary. We hope this will help you in your prayers.

Sermon Topics for Sundays in Lent

Feb. 21: "Baptism Creates the Family"

Feb. 28: "I Command you to Love"

March 7: "The Meal that Feeds the Family"

March 14: "When Love is Stretched Thin"

March 21: "The Differences Among Us"

March 28: **Sunday of the Passion**

Our Palm Sunday Liturgy will feature a Procession with Palms with our Sunday School Children and reading the Passion story according to St. Luke.

Sermon:

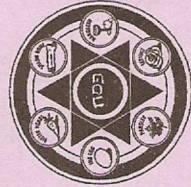
"Crucified... Why?"



"CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER"

A JEW'S F&R JESUS presentation on Thursday, March 25th, at 7:00.

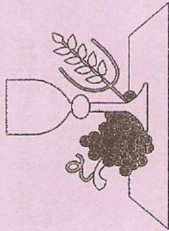
You will not want to miss this!



PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
From 9-12:30 on March 28. Proceeds will raise money for the Pastor W. Clair and Dorothy Geibert Memorial Scholarship Fund.

THE TRIDUUM

The three crucial days at the end of Holy Week are traditionally observed in the most solemn way as a continual liturgy proclaiming one story: the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and what it means for us.

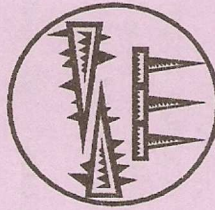


Maunder Thursday
April 1
Holy Communion
11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

The word "Maunder," from Latin for command, reminds us of our Savior's command to love one another, which he gave to the disciples at the institution of the Lord's Supper "on the night in which he was betrayed."

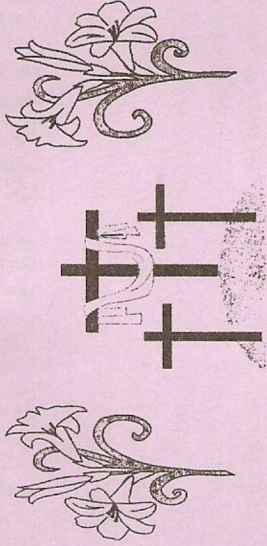
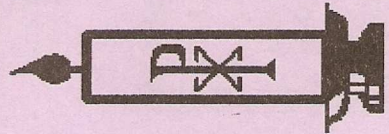
Good Friday

April 2, 11 a.m.
Stations of the Cross
7 p.m. Tennebrae
Service of Shadows



The Easter Vigil
Holy Saturday
April 3, 7:30 p.m.

This ancient and dramatic candlelight vigil includes a Service of Light, A Service of Readings and Prayer, and a Service for Renewal of Baptismal Covenant.



The Resurrection
of Our Lord
Easter Sunday, April 4th

SUNRISE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
at 6:30

A contemporary setting of songs, the Word, and the Lord's Supper, led especially by the young people of our congregation.

FESTIVAL SERVICES OF THE HOLY
EUCHARIST

8:15 and 10:40

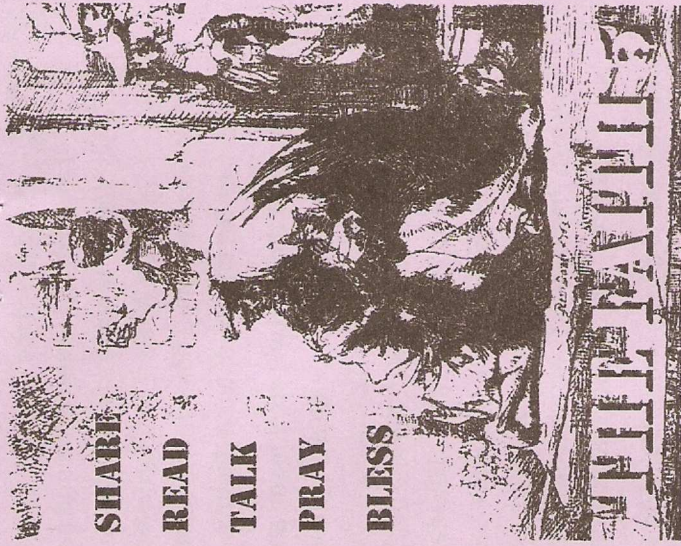
The traditional Lutheran liturgy filled with the bright sounds and colors celebrating the day. Don't miss the joyous blend of music, Gospel and the Sacrament.



Join us in Fellowship:

An Easter breakfast will be served after the Sunrise Service. The usual Fellowship Hour with bagels and donuts, coffee, milk and juice will also be available from 9:15-10:30.

There will be Sunday School on Easter Sunday. The Adult Forum will not meet.



Lent and Holy Week
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Welcome to Worship!

Reaching Out With Christ!