

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Vestry will hold their monthly meeting in the Faith Room from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26. All are welcome.

Adult Education: will resume Sunday, April 14th at 9:10–9:45am.

Maundy Thursday is celebrated on the Thursday before Easter to remember Jesus' last meal with his friends and the love they shared together. Prior to the service, we will gather in the parish hall for an agape meal at 6 pm. The traditional agape meal is a simple fare of grapes, cheeses, nuts, dried fruit, olives, pita bread and humus, bread, wine, and juice. Faith Lutheran will join us for the meal and the service.

The St. Alban's Prayer Group: Instead of the Thursday, March 28th meeting please plan to attend the Good Friday noon service and labyrinth walk 3/28. The next prayer group meeting will be on April 11th at 1:30 pm at the home of Liz Gass, 228 Canal Park Dr. #G-106 Salisbury, MD. Our in-person meetings are every other Thursday and all are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Margaret Brack at (240) 904-6171.

Litany for Our Nation Services: will continue monthly on Wednesday evenings, at 5:30pm, on April 10, May 15, June 12, July 17, August 14, September 18, and October 16.

Pizza and Penny Roll: Remember to bring the coins you have been collecting back to church on 4/14. Following the 10am service, we will roll the coins, enjoy a pizza lunch, and then vote on which non-profit will receive the proceeds. Anyone who stays and rolls can nominate a charity/non-profit to included in the voting.

Got Egg Cartons? Society of St. Andrew is in need of egg cartons to receive donations of farm-fresh eggs. We want to help our farmers out by bringing them clean, used egg cartons for their donations, which helps encourage those donations to continue. If you have cartons, you can drop them by the SoSA office at the end of the hallway! SoSA and our partner agencies thank you!

Happy Birthday

Jim Cockey 3/28
Melanie Elder 3/29
Cristina Machin 3/31
Mary Doak 4/01



Link to Vestry Minutes and Financials:
Please click [HERE](#) for the approved Vestry Meeting Minutes and approved Financial Statement.
(Minutes and Financial are posted once they are approved.)

Holy Week 2024

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
12:00 pm Midday Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 3/28
6:00 pm Agape Meal Parish Hall

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Washing of the Feet

LECTORS: Arlene White, Karen Price
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dee Rinehart
ALTAR GUILD: Altar Guild Team

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29
12:00 Noon Good Friday Service

Silent Labyrinth Walk following
LECTORS: Kim O'Grady, Richard Hunter
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Nancy Linck
ALTAR GUILD: Altar Guild Team

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

6:45 am Sunrise Service (Outside)

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I Service

LECTOR: Geoff Smoot, Chuck Porter
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Megan Caton
TECH TEAM: Donna Parks

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

LECTORS: Maarten Pereboom, Megan Pomeroy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Sandy Grim
VESTRY PERSON: Mary Doak
ALTAR GUILD: Altar Guild Team
TECH TEAM: TBA
USHERS: Vern and Audrey Rivers
GREETER: Michelle Ben

11:30 am Service at Faith Lutheran Church

MONDAY, APRIL 1st
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



MESSAGES
FROM

Rev. Margaret

A Prayer for Holy Week

M.M. Brack

May you walk through this Holy Week prayerfully, Allowing your soul to empty and then be filled. Since, we cannot see where God is leading us now, Let us be open to following the scriptural path so given. Witnessing the service of loving and the washing of feet, Remembering the first breaking of bread and sharing the cup. With altars now bare we hear the whips leaving stripes on his back, Jesus bears the cross he will be hung upon, painfully via the Way. The silence descends upon us on Friday at three leaving us so lost. Lord, our hearts bleed for you as we cry in cold despair. If only we knew that out of this darkness a fire would come anew!



Bishop's Easter Message

“...but go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” (St. Mark 16:7)

The joyous proclamation of Christ's Resurrection, resounded by the angel in the Gospel message (Mark 16:7), was given to Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome, after they first encountered the empty tomb. In Matthew's account (28: 8-15) Jesus himself appears to them on the way, saying: “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me” (v. 10). With these words, the Risen One entrusts the women with a missionary mandate for the Apostles. Indeed, they offered an admirable example of faithfulness, of dedication, and of love for Christ throughout the time of his public life, as well as during his passion. Now they are rewarded by him with this gesture of attention and special favor. The women always at the beginning: Mary at the beginning, women at the beginning.

First, the women, then the disciples, and Peter in particular, bear witness to the reality of the resurrection. Jesus had foretold to them a number of times that, after his passion and cross, he would rise again. But the disciples had not understood because they were not yet ready. Their faith needed a leap in quality that could only be inspired by the Holy Spirit, the gift of the Risen One.

At the beginning of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Peter declare with frankness, courage and candor: “God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it” (Acts 2:32). As if to say: “I put myself on the line for him. I give my life for him”: And later, he would give his life for him. From that moment on, the proclamation that Christ is risen has spread everywhere and has reached the four corners of the earth, becoming the message of hope for everyone. Jesus' resurrection tells us that death does not have the last word, but rather life does. In raising God's only begotten Son, God the Father has fully manifested love and mercy for humanity for all time.

God's greatest act was to become human, to live and die, so that sin and suffering were and are defeated and Jesus reigns sovereign as Lord and Savior. This is what God chose to reveal in the mightiest sign of all - a sign of God's commitment, God's willingness to be present to us in all circumstances. It is the energy and inspiration behind God's power to transform - without force, but rather, through personal sacrifice.

“Christ has Risen!”, and so it is possible to look with hope at every event of our existence, even the most difficult ones, those charged with anguish and uncertainty. This is the Easter message that we are called to proclaim with words and, above all, through the witness of life. May this certainty strengthen the faith of every baptized person, particularly those who are facing great suffering and difficulty. May this news resound in our homes and in our hearts: **“Christ, my hope, has arisen!”**.

Happy Easter to All in our diocesan family and beyond!

+ Bishop San & Lynn