

Encounter

From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen



“...The men said to them,
‘Why do you look for the
living among the dead? He
is not here, but has risen.’”
(Luke 24:5)

By the time you read this, we will be 1/3 of the way through Lent. And yet, Easter is just around the corner. Sometimes this liturgical whiplash makes my head spin—no sooner have I gotten into the rhythm of Lent than for the Resurrection to arrive! This year it's on March 31. In case you're wondering, yes, that is one of the earliest dates that it can be. The earliest, by the way, is March 22, but the next time that happens will be in 2285.

I like the symmetry of Easter being the last day of the month, even if it does feel strange to celebrate Easter in March.

In reflecting on the gospel for Easter Sunday, I was once again caught by the angels' question: why do you look for the living among the dead? It initially seems like a rather silly question—Jesus died and they saw where he was buried, so of course they're looking for him in the tomb. That's where a dead body should be.

Yet, Jesus repeatedly told his disciples that he would not stay dead. That he would rise again after 3 days. Everything else has come to pass—his arrest, trial, and execution—so why

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Worship & Music Lent and Holy Week Schedules



Mid-Week Lenten Services

February 21, 28, March 6, 13 & 20

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm - Soup Supper

6:45 pm - 7:00 pm - Hymn Sing

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Holden Evening Service

Palm Sunday - March 24

8:30 am Traditional, 10:45 am Contemporary

Maundy Thursday - March 28

7:00 pm - Worship with

Handwashing, Communion and

Stripping of Altar

Good Friday - March 29

7:00 pm - Worship with

Candle Lighting and Prayer Around the Cross

Easter Sunday - March 31

8:30 am Traditional, 10:45 am Contemporary

Worship, both with Communion.

Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

between services

We need people to help with Saturday setup, clean up / setup between services on Sunday and clean up after the second service on Sunday.

Thanks in advance,

Flowers for the Altar



If you would like to continue our tradition of sponsoring flowers for the altar, please either email the date and information to Anita or sign up on the flower calendar outside of Pastor's office. The cost is \$20. Sponsors for the eternal candle are \$20 for the month. Let's continue to beautify and light our church with memories and remembrances and honors!!

Volunteers Needed for Worship Services

As St Andrew returns to a more normal schedule, one of the main questions is who will usher? read the lessons? be a worship assistant? run the sound system for 8:30 service? record worship service?

I want you to take out a calendar and look at the Sundays, now through March and April and see what you can do to fill the needs for our worship services.

Needed for each Sunday:

- 2 Ushers (minimum – 4 is best)
- Lay Reader
- Assisting Minister
- Media Technician

Please call or email Anita Pahlman to be put on the schedule anitapahlmanstandrew@gmail.com
ph # 847-566-8081

Your Time and Talent is appreciated!

Gifts & Memorial Fund

The church gift/memorial fund is established for the purpose of receiving and holding money given to the church in memory or honor of someone or to honor a special occasion.

*GIFTS CAN BE GIVEN IN MEMORY, IN HONOR,
AND WITH THANKS TO, GOD FOR BLESSINGS
RECEIVED.*

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries - CYF

Sunday School Food Drive for COOL: Sunday school kids are learning about how Jesus helped other people, and as a part of those lessons they will be practicing their helping skills by collecting food for the COOL Ministries Food Pantry.

Ways to Support CYF Ministry:

Donations Needed Church Egg Hunt (Drop off by March 10): Items needed are NUT FREE small, individually wrapped candy (e.g. Skittles, Starburst, fruit snacks, gummy bears, Sour Patch kids), Religious Easter stickers and temporary tattoos.

Egg Stuffing (March 3 & March 10) - Volunteers Needed!: If you are able to stay an hour after 1st service or come in an hour before 2nd service, I need help stuffing eggs for our church egg hunt! Please meet me in the kitchen from 9:45-10:45am on these days to stuff plastic eggs. High Schoolers and middle schoolers welcome! I will have donuts and sign off on any service hours you may need for school!

Annual Church Egg Hunt (March 31) @10am - Volunteers Needed! I am looking for a few volunteers to assist me in hiding eggs outside between 9:30am-10am.

Please contact Tina Routledge if you are able to volunteer your time on any of these dates. She can be reached at kmroutle@yahoo.com or at 847-561-5340.

Men's Breakfast

Our Men's Breakfast group meets for breakfast at Mauri's Restaurant
510 E.Hawley St., Mundelein,
Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.
We start at: 9:00 AM and end at 10:00 AM
*All St. Andrew Men are welcome
for faith, food and fellowship.*



**March 3 - 3rd Sunday
in Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Matthew 16:13-20

**March 10 - 4th Sunday
in Lent**

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
Matthew 16:21-23

**March 17 - 5th Sunday
in Lent**

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
Matthew 18:15-22

**March 24 - Sunday of the
Passion / Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
John 12:12-16

**March 31 - Day of Resurrec-
tion / Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 24:1-12

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2024

Total Income:\$30,056.59
Total Expense:.....\$29,368.62
Net:..... **+688.07**

PARISH LIFE

Please join us for Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesday evenings continuinag March 6, 13 and 20th at 6:00 before Lenten services which start at 7:00 preceded by a Hymn Sing at 6:45.

Bring a pot of soup or bread to share if you can but it is not mandatory - there is always enough to go around! Come for some good fellowship and conversation while sharing a meal together.

**Thank you for
your offering!**

We continue to have 4 ways to ensure your Giving reaches the church.

- 1) **"Drop-Off"** - During church office hours.
- 2) **Mailing** it to the church
- 3) **On-Line**, for recurring and one-time offerings. Go to standrewmundelein.com/donations to access the online giving portal.
- 4) **See you in worship!**



Editor's Notes

Information to share, thank-yous, articles, notes, stories or pictures. (many photographers needed!) please continue to email them to:

dehamm@comcast.net. -
Please put **ENCOUNTER** in the subject header.

*Next Due Date will Be -
Friday, Marhc 15th*

Quilters' Crossing

"...truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40



Your St. Andrew quilters continue to "stitch" forward and we are sometimes in "stitches"! We do have a good time as we continue our work in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. New friendships have been formed and old friendships are strengthened as we work side-by-side - cutting, sewing and tying knots!

We hit a bit of a slump a few weeks back but now have more quilt tops sewn (thank you faithful sewers!) and assembly continues! **WE WILL REACH OUR GOAL OF 400** completed by Mother's Day which will be here before we know it - we can then display our gifts and have them blessed to be shipped to those in need. These are truly the fruits of our labors and our giving hearts!

More hands are always welcome. Continued thanks for all the support we receive!

Come and see us on Thursdays in the church basement from 9-12 (or on the 4th Saturday of each month). Call Judy Parriott (847)986-4465 with any questions or catch one of us on Sunday morning - we will tell you "what you've been missing"!

Thanks be to God for giving us the ability to do His Work!!

Lyn H and the Quilters



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wouldn't the most important part be true too?

Resurrection always has the last word. It may seem like a paradox to think of the finality of everlasting life, but our faith is found in the paradoxes of our relationship with God. We are at once both sinner and saint, we believe in One God with 3 expressions, Jesus was fully human and fully divine, we are mortal but will inherit everlasting life.

As we spend almost the entirety of the month focusing on the mortality part of things, we can take comfort in knowing that Death never has the last word. Death never wins. Lent may emphasize our mortality, but it's to prepare us for Resurrection and life eternal. What good does the promise of resurrection do if we don't also recognize that first there must be death? As a society, we are really good at avoiding anything to do with death. Even as a church—not just us

but the church at large—we can really struggle with death and will often go out of our way to focus on the Happy Parts.

God has gifted us with this time to prepare our hearts and our minds and our spirits to receive the only Good News that we need to get us through the hardest parts: Death does not win, Resurrection always has the last word, and we are beloved children of the Resurrected Jesus.

Why do we look for the living among the dead?

Blessed Lent,
Pr Jenna

P.S. On a different note, Alex and I are excited to share that we are expecting our 2nd child in September! We've loved raising Ellie as a part of this church family, and can't wait to grow it by one more.

Help Beautify Our Sanctuary

Once again, you have the opportunity to help beautify our sanctuary for Easter in honor or memory of loved ones.

All members and friends are invited to place flowers in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. The cost is \$10.00/small plant & \$20.00/large. Plants may be taken home by the donors after the last service of worship on Easter day on a first come first serve basis.

The form to the right, together with your cash or check, may be placed on an offering plate or mailed to the church office. We cannot guarantee that forms received after March 22nd will be listed in the Easter bulletins.



I wish to place _____ Easter Flowers.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

Your Name: _____

Envelope # _____

STEWARDSHIP –

STEWARDSHIP - We Continue to Share our GENEROSITY (our Time, Talents and Treasures)

WE ARE FORGIVEN
HOPE GROWS

“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!” Psalm 27:14

As we have been going through this season of Lent, many of us have been praying and thinking, trying to reconcile with our Lord - this is a time for repentance and renewal. None of us are perfect and this is the perfect time to be thankful that God loves us and can use each of us, imperfect as we are - by his suffering and grace we have been forgiven and we will live with him someday.

Pastor Jenna has been leading us in worship thinking on Apostle Peter, who was both steady and unsteady, who followed Christ and whose wandering heart often struggled to stay. He was not perfect, he had his troubles and doubts but he did not give up. He kept “searching and yearning and loving, even after mis-steps and mistakes. Ultimately, in Peter’s story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people...because that’s precisely who God claims and calls.”

I do want to share a story from the devotion I read this President’s Day - written by Daniel Schantz and printed in 2024 “Walking in Grace” -

“I was eleven years old when I first became aware of a US president. I didn’t know the difference between a Republican and a Democrat; I just liked “Ike”, as everyone called Dwight Eisenhower, our thirty-fourth president. He was mostly bald but with a boyish grin. His wife, Mamie, was well dressed and well liked. During his term, Ike authorized the Interstate Highway Program. An engineer came to our school with a large wooden model of a cloverleaf interchange, and he showed us how it would work. Then, when Ike authorized the space program, I was very excited because my brother and I had been building model rockets. Now space travel would become a reality.

I once visited Ike’s childhood home in Abilene, Kansas, and I was surprised at the humble white house he grew up in, much like my own house. It made me wonder if I could have become a president myself. When I was in the seventh grade, Ike had a severe heart attack, and I was stunned. I didn’t know presidents could get sick. I was disappointed, but my mother said, ‘Pray for the President, Danny. He’s just human, and he needs all the help we can give him.’ That was when I learned that you don’t have to be perfect to have a profound impact on the world.”

I am thankful, Lord, that you can use imperfect people, like me, and I pray that each of you find your place in our community of St. Andrew to use the talents that our Saviour has given to you. We are all one in the body of Christ and we can all be helpful to our fellow brothers and sisters, even if in a small way!



Blessings (and Hugs)

Lyn H and the Stewardship Team

Worship with us
by viewing our
service on line at:
Standrewmundelein.
com

PRAYER VENTURES

March 2024

- 1** *Women's History Month* Give thanks for women throughout history and in our lives who have shared their gifts and leadership with the church and society, raised and cared for us, inspired us and nurtured our faith, and fought for justice, equity and inclusion. Pray for women everywhere who suffer injustice, demeaning stereotypes, violence and poverty, that they will not lose hope but will be delivered from their suffering and persecution to live freely and boldly.
- 2** Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who have been driven from their homes and communities by conflict, persecution, disaster, political turmoil, economic crisis or the effects of climate change.
- 3** *Bold Women's Day (Women of the ELCA)* Celebrate and give thanks for Lutheran women who act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, service to neighbors in need, advocacy, leadership, hospitality and telling their stories of faith.
- 4** Promise that we will never use our faith, our service to neighbors or our identity as followers of Christ to benefit ourselves, enhance our reputations or earn a profit. Ask the Spirit to nurture in us humility, generosity and gratitude for the gift of grace and salvation God has given us through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- 5** Remember in prayer individuals, families and communities as they continue to recover from natural disasters, and ask God to give them strength, resilience and hope. Promise that we will persist in our commitment to support and assist these individuals, families and communities through a process that can be long, difficult and lonely.
- 6** There are those who consider our beliefs and faith to be foolish and misguided. Pray for the Spirit to deepen our understanding of God's wisdom and ways, strengthen our faith in Christ and guide our imperfect words and actions to convey God's merciful love for

humankind, so that others will be moved to believe and to follow Jesus Christ.

- 7** Pray for the children and youth in your congregation, and for young adults involved in long-term volunteer service, careers, military service or study at colleges, universities, trade schools or seminaries.
- 8** "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14). Praise God for being attentive to our thoughts, prayers and lamentations — spoken and unspoken.
- 9** Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church.
- 10** Pray that we will clearly see God's relationship with humanity and the implications for our daily life when we reflect on the familiar proclamation Jesus made: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16).
- 11** Ask God to bless the Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers working alongside our companion churches and organizations in six countries around the world and in the Cambodia program, which will reopen this year.
- 12** Give thanks for the food we receive and for those who grow, manage, harvest and prepare our food resources. Promise to respond to the needs of our neighbors and siblings in Christ who are hungry, and pray that the work we do together through ELCA World Hunger will have a deep and sustained impact.
- 13** At the heart of our faith is the belief that, though we are weak and imperfect, we are saved from ourselves and given new life through God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ. Lift up humble prayers of thanksgiving to God!
- 14** Pray for the ELCA Justice for Women program, which helps us work from our faith and Lutheran theology to educate, advocate for change and lead into the future, addressing

sexism and encouraging all genders to work together.

- 15** Sing for joy and give thanks to God for providing comfort in times of distress, healing us when we are broken and reassuring us that we are valued when we feel insignificant.
- 16** Remember in prayer seminarians and international students preparing to serve as leaders in the church and society, including those supported through ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarships, the International Women Leaders program and the International Leaders Program.
- 17** Reflect on the people for whom you have concern. Pray for them and commit yourself to expressing your love and care in a personal way — an in-person conversation; a phone call offering help; a note, text or email.
- 18** Pray for the work of the Creation Care Network, which connects the ELCA with ecumenical ministries and organizations that equip us to be faithful stewards of God’s creation.
- 19** *First day of spring* Praise our Creator and give thanks for the sun and the heavenly bodies of the universe, which impact every aspect of life and reflect the amazing creativity, mystery and power of God.
- 20** Let our Lenten prayer for today be: “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin” (Psalm 51:1-2).
- 21** Remember in prayer youth, adults and congregations preparing for their faith-stirring experience at the ELCA Youth Gathering and related events in New Orleans this summer.
- 22** Rejoice and give thanks for the wonderful variety of songs and musical styles that calm, energize, unite and inspire us.
- 24** Pray for God to open our hearts and minds to the needs of our neighbors and to guide our responses of love, support and advocacy. Give thanks for the ways our church encourages and provides opportunities for service and volunteerism, including Young Adults in Global Mission, ELCA World Hunger, Young Adult

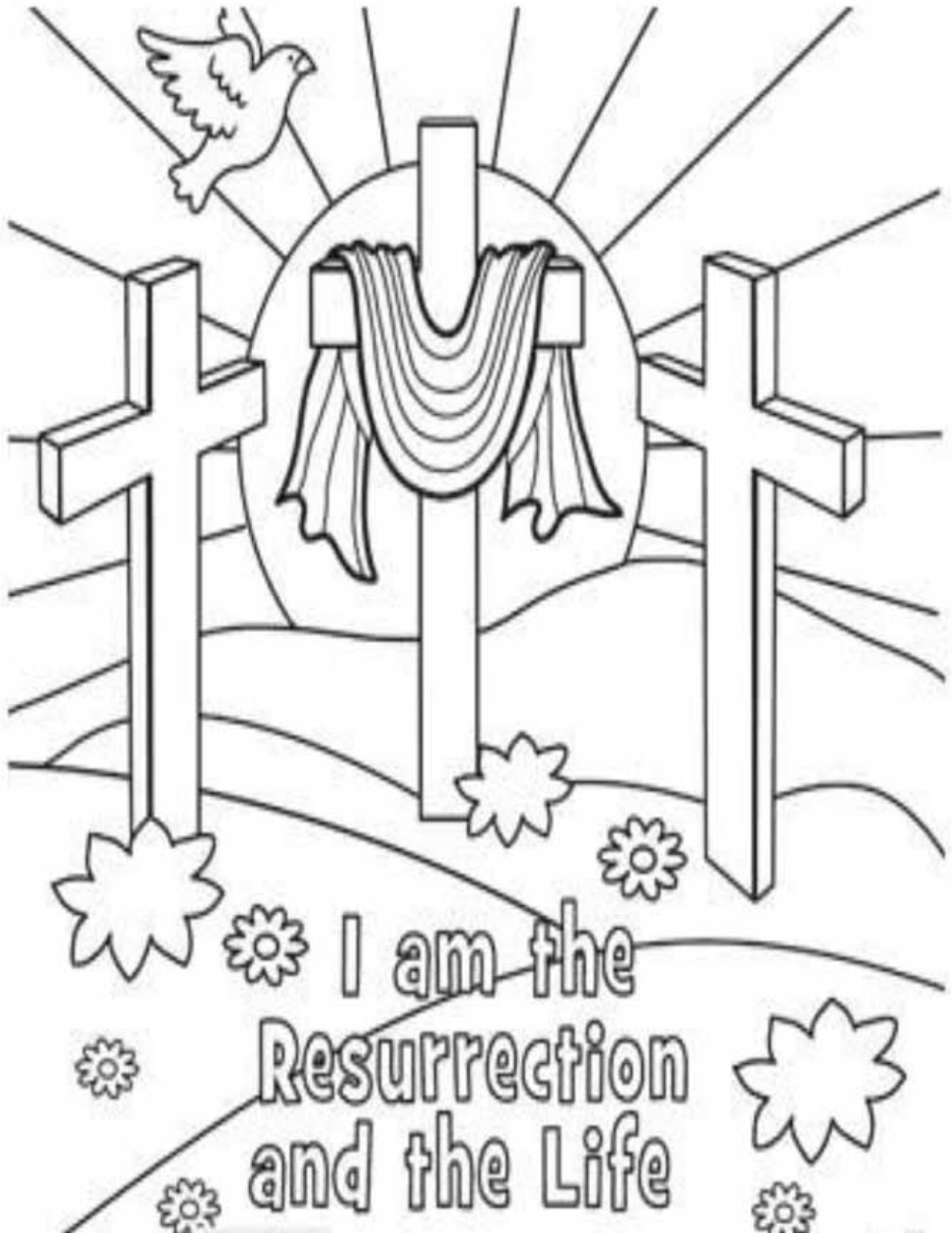
Ministry, Lutheran Disaster Response and “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday.

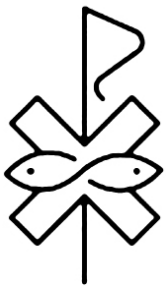
- 24** *Palm Sunday* With shouts of “Hosanna!” and the waving of palm branches, we plead for Jesus to save us and welcome him into our lives and the world as our true hope and salvation — the risen Messiah and Savior, who endured betrayal, suffering, public ridicule and death for the sake of all people.
- 25** Ask the Spirit to help us when we feel ill-prepared to talk about our faith, that we might tell the story of God’s love and mercy revealed in Jesus and how our faith in Christ shapes our daily lives.
- 26** Lift up prayers of confession for the things we have done or failed to do that cause harm to others and grieve God. Plead for forgiveness and redemption, trusting that God is our ever-present hope and merciful Redeemer.
- 27** Give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses — our community of faith and our siblings in Christ — who help us persevere when we are tired and discouraged.
- 28** *Maundy Thursday* On this last day of Lent, pray that we will be mindful of the needs and struggles of our neighbors and siblings in Christ and that we will respond as followers of Jesus, reminded by our baptism to serve others with a respect and sincerity that reflect the abundant love and mercy God has shown us.
- 29** Good Friday Pray that, when we gather, worship and study as siblings in Christ, we will encourage one another to grow in faith, understanding and gratitude for God’s sacrificial, life-giving love, witnessed in Christ’s suffering and death on the cross.
- 30** Much of what we profess to believe may seem like a mystery to us and others. Ask the Spirit to help us live with the mystery and, at the same time, to grow in faith and awe of the triune God, who claims and gathers us close as loved children.
- 31** *Easter Sunday* Praise God that sin, fear and death have no control over us — Jesus Christ has risen for the redemption and healing of humanity! “Christ is living! Gone with sorrow! Tears and terror, be no more” (*All Creation Sings* 934).

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:30 Worship 10:45 Worship 11 Sunday School	4 5:45 Daisies #47789 6:30 pm Early Bird AA	5 3 pm Girl Scouts #45617 7 pm Exec Team Mtg 7:00 pm Troop #198 7:30 pm Mund. AA	6 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Soup Supper 6:45 Hymn Sing 7 pm Worship 7:30 Bell Choir	7 9 am Quilters	8 5:30 pm Early Bird AA 6:30 Girl Scouts #47205	9
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All are Welcome...

The Sunday Morning Worship Schedule is:

Traditional Service:

8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service:

10:45 a.m.



Sunday Service

can be viewed at

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