



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 07, 2019
Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church
West Columbia, SC
9:00am Worship

WELCOME

*We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,
If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.*

*Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and
thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.
A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any
time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,
Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!*

Again welcome...

PRE-SERVICE *Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist"* J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.
Please note that all of the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

ANTHEM *He Loved Them to the End* Martin

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

THE GATHERING

*We stand and face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign
marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,
anoint us, and make us new.

Amen.

*Please turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we
begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,
and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who calls us from the margins,
***We have wandered far from your home;
again and again, we lose our way.
We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.
We forget that you have saved your people before
and promise to do so again.
Do not remember the deeds of our past,
but turn our faces toward the future,
where your forgiveness is sure,
your welcome is clear,
and your love overflows.
Amen.***

Like a hen who gathers her chicks,
God embraces you in tender care.
Like manna in the desert,
God feeds you with surprising mercy.
Like a loving parent,
God runs to meet you again this day,
forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ,
leading you from death into life.
Amen.

As the cross passes your pew, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the front of the sanctuary.

HYMN

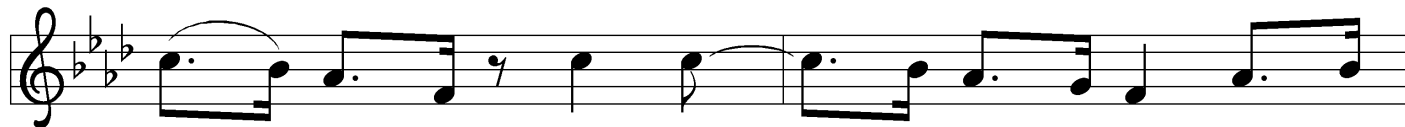
Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

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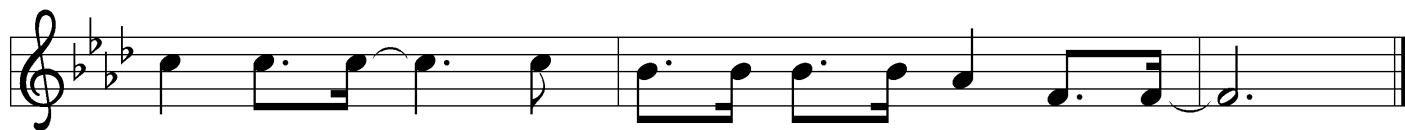
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Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a

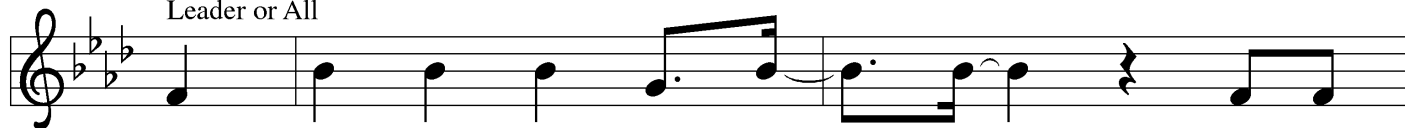


wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

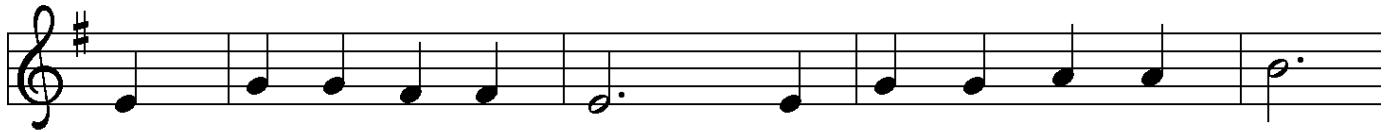
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from Isaiah

- ¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Is He Worthy

Peterson

Verse 1

Do you feel the world is broken ***We do***
Do you feel the shadows deepen ***We do***
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through ***We do***
Do you wish that you could see it all made new ***We do***

Verse 2

Is all creation groaning ***It is***
Is a new creation coming ***It is***
Is the glory of the Lord ***It is***
To be the light within our midst ***It is***
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this ***It is***

Chorus 1

Is anyone worthy Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this **He is**

Verse 3

Does the Father truly love us **He does**
Does the Spirit move among us **He does**
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves **He does**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us **He does**

Chorus 2

Is anyone worthy Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy Is He worthy
Is He worthy of this **He is**
Is He worthy Is He worthy

He is He is

READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

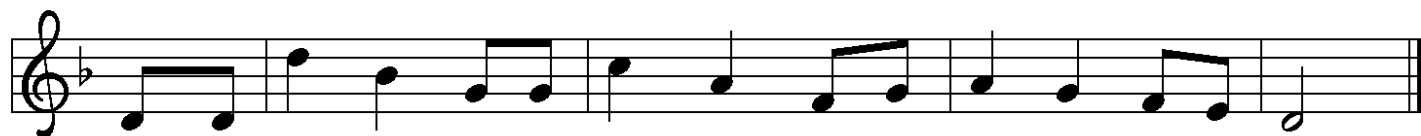
Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

The holy gospel according to St John the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON

Abundance

We stand.

HYMN

There is a Redeemer

W&P 140

E \flat E \flat ^{2sus} E \flat A \flat /E \flat E \flat B \flat E \flat A \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*After each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

The Prayers conclude:

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may make a contribution any time by visiting www.mthlc.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. Please also take this time in worship to complete the pew registers.

OFFERING	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Shackley
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OFFERTORY *I Love You Lord* W&P 67

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13 B \flat F/A Gm¹¹ C Dm/C C⁷ F B \flat /F F

sweet, sweet ____ sound in ____ Your ear. _____

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Generous God,

you feed us with the harvest of the land,

and you provide for our every need.

Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,

and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,

in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life and we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

***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, forever and ever. Amen.***

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to this Meal. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Then move to the chalice (cup) of wine, dip the bread in the wine. Return to your pew by the side aisle. Those not communing for any reason may come forward for a blessing. Those who desire communion but who are not able to come forward will be communed first in their pew.

Please take this time to complete the Friendship Registration Pads which are located on the pew near the center aisle.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Amazing Love

W&P 8
(purple book)

We stand.

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you
and give you peace for this Lenten journey.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

***Tender and merciful one,
at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,
turning our emptiness into joy.
Filled with your abundant grace,
send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,
mending broken hearts, working for justice,
and striving for peace among all people,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

THE SENDING

BLESSING

God, who fills the creation with abundance,
Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness,
Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,
✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

Amen.

As the cross passes your pew, please turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 803

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Arr. Wood

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our 23rd Wedding Anniversary on April 6th.
God is good! by Laura and Al Stevens.

Please place your order by TODAY!

Help decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter lily. The cost is \$8.50. You may remember a loved one, honor a loved one, or give to the glory of God. If you have a box of offering envelopes, you may use the Easter Lily envelope. You may also place a check and note in the offering plate. If you have any questions, call the church office at 803.794.6430.





APRIL 7
4:00 PM

SPRING IS HERE!
JOIN US IN OUR MEETING
AND THE PLANS COMING UP!
SEE YOU THERE!!



Come meet
Mary
Magdalene
this week.

Wednesday Evening Worship 6:35
Meals following worship





Come and begin Holy Week as we celebrate Palm Sunday and the Entrance into Jerusalem.

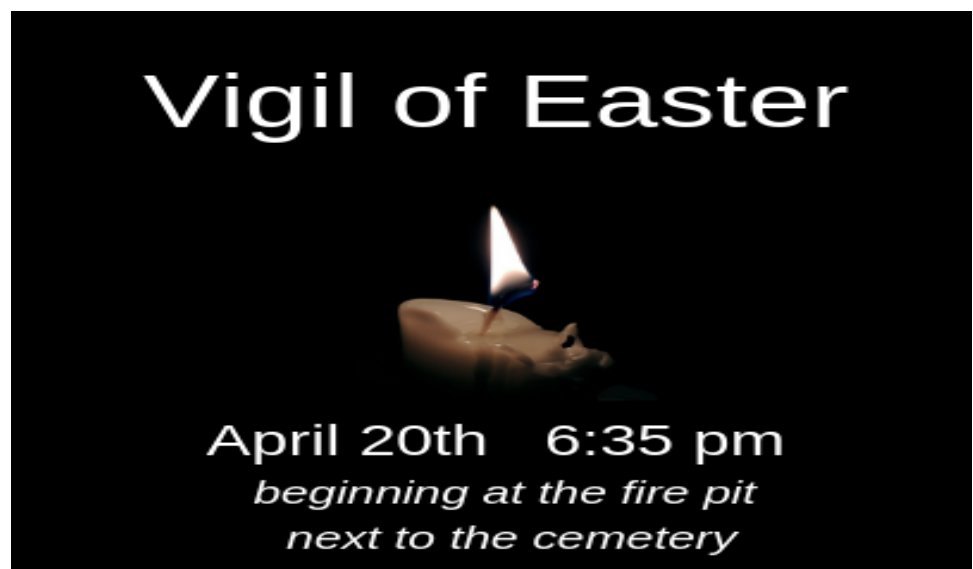
Hear the MANDATE for us to love one another. We will share a meal and strip the altar.

Christ	Maundy Thursday, Seder Meal, Stripping Altar
IN THE Passover	
Seder	April 18th 6:35



This worship service will be a combination of choral music and Tenebrae service. Come and hear about the life of Jesus. Be reminded of the One who healed, the One who washed the feet, the One whom we crucified. Continue the journey to the Good Friday cross and the sealed tomb.

This is our
Passover from
Christ from
darkness to light,
from the bondage
to freedom, from
death to life.



Easter Morning Celebration



7:00 – 8:00 Join the Congregation in the Fellowship Hall for Breakfast

Bring flowers to decorate the cross.
We will gather at 8:00 at the cross.



8:30 Festival Music begins.



Mt Hermon has chosen Sightler's Florist, effective immediately, to be our new florist. Sightlers is located at 716 Meeting Street, West Columbia, SC 29169. Normal weekly arrangements are \$55.00. Please write "flowers" on your check and place it in the offering plate. Should you have special instructions for your Sunday, please call Sightler's Florist 803-794-2859. If your request results in an increased cost, you will be given the new amount so that you can adjust your check amount. If you have made special arrangement with Pineview Florist for any upcoming Sunday, we request that you cancel and secure your needs with Sightler's Florist.



BLS

**CPR
Class**

**American Heart Association
Sunday May 19, 2019
2pm-5pm**

**Mt. Hermon Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$65.00**

Instructor: Jill Reid

**Myra Kinard
803-920-0222**

Tithes, and Offering for 3-31-19
Attendance: Worship – 113; Sunday School - 54

Current & Benevolent				Over/(Under)
Needed	\$4,074.75 *	Received	\$3,525.50	(\$549.25)
Building Improvement				
Needed	\$346.15 *	Received	\$296.00	(\$50.15)
Building on Holy Ground				
Needed	\$1,646.15	Received	\$1,496.00	(\$150.15)

*Please note the corrected weekly amounts needed. This amount is the Adopted Yearly Budget divided by 52 weeks.

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Lib Swygert
by Robin Ellisor, Carl & Juanelle Swygert, Betty & Ed Corley

In memory of Harold Driver, Pastor Gina's father,
by Robin Ellisor

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CCLI Song # 7108951 Andrew Peterson | Ben Shive

	Serving Today*	Serving April 14th*
Greeter:	Fran Bouknight	Laura Stevens
Crucifer:	Bryce Addy	Mitch Stevens
Acolytes:	Karly Addy	Tanner Addy
	Brayden Rutherford	Connor Eargle
Lector:	Allison Swygert	Alyson Price
Communion Asst.		
	needed	Mitch Stevens
	needed	Ronnie Fulmer
	needed	Angie Hydrick
Children's Sermon:		
	Ruthie Brannen	Sheila Eagle
Nursery:	Grace Roof, Larry Amick, Kay Bryant	Grace Roof, Jamie Allen Alyson Price
Food Pantry:	<u>April 10</u>	<u>April 17</u>
	Diane Boulware	Doris Maddox

Serving in April*

Council Representative: Al Stevens

Altar Guild: Mary Frances Sease, Marie Kleckley, Kim Jolly

Tabulators:

Larry Amick, Ann Addy, Angie Hydrick, Ronnie Fulmer

Ushers: ***April 7:*** Ricky & Bouknight, Joel & Cindy Price

April 14-28: Terry & Allison Swygert, Tom Stahl, Jeff Price

** If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to cover for you and notify the church office of the change. If you have a responsibility in worship, please arrive no later than 8:45am*

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, *Home*

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*

Hazel Bockus, *Home*

Lynwood Crout, *Home*

Margie Hook, *Home*

Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*

Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

Connie Bucknam, *Lex. Medical*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry Trudy Bouknight Linda Waters-Hamilton

Tom & June Roof Denise Thurman

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Mary Frances Hamilton, *friend of congregation*

Kathryn & Don Bergeron, *friends of Herb and Connie Bucknam*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Scott Coleman, *brother of Dennis Thurman*

Jim & Vickie Burcham, *family of Dennis Thurman*

W.A. "Buddy" Keller, *friend of Marion & Cyndi*

Nellie Gantt, *mother of Mary Price*

Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*

Tressa Oswalt, *sister of Angie Hydrick*

Sue Reeves, *friend of Dennis and Cyndi Thurman*

Linda Rea, *friend of Marion & Cyndi*

Jason Thurman, *son of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*

Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*

Todd Hewitt, *friend of Missy Addy*

Charlotte Martindle, *family of Kelli Mills*

Kaiden Robinson, *friend Kelli Mills*

Rose Little, *daughter of Marie Kleckley*

Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*

Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances*

Elaine Donaldson, *Doris Maddox's daughter*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 14, 2019 ~ Palm Sunday

- 9:00 am Holy Communion Worship
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Tone Chime Choir
- 6:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 17th

- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
- 6:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 6:30 pm Community Healing Service at Faith Lutheran
1717 Platt Springs Road, West Columbia 29169

Thursday, April 18th

- 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship, Seder Meal, Stripping
of the Altar

Friday, April 19th

- 6:30 pm Cantata and Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 20th

- 6:30 pm Vigil of Easter



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CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

President, *Terry Swygert*
Secretary, *Alyson Price*
Financial Secretary, *Annette Price*

Vice President, *Ronnie Fulmer*
Treasurer, *Emily Morris*
Sextons, *Ricky Bouknight,*
Allison & Terry Swygert

Sunday, April 7, 2019 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Tone Chime Choir
4:00 pm Confirmation
4:00 pm WELCA, Conference Room

Monday, April 8th

6:30 pm Lutheran Men

Tuesday, April 9th

1:00 pm Bulletin Deadline
6:30 pm Outreach Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 10th

6:00 pm Chancel Bells
6:35 pm Lenten Worship: Come meet Mary Magdalene
7:00 pm Lenten Meals

Thursday, April 11th

6:00 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, April 13th

