



APRIL 2018

Light in the Shadows

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matt. 5: 16

Easter Is Waiting For Each One Of Us To Welcome The Risen Christ

*"Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!" [H#207]*



This Easter hymn found in our 1982 Hymnal was the stated wish by several here at St. Luke's that we sing this on Easter Sunday. Not only were we to sing this hymn on this Sunday of the Resurrection, but this hymn needed to be sung during the Processional. Out of curiosity (and in case you, too, might be wondering), I checked the Episcopal manual entitled: "A Liturgical Index to the Hymnal 1982"¹ [See footnote at the end of this article] to see if this hymn was listed as one of the choices for Easter Sunday. Indeed it was but not at the Processional (which I found interesting).

Our opening hymn for Easter Sunday began with these words, "Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!" What a joyous hymn—one that speaks so wonderfully of our Savior's triumphant resurrection from the crude cross of suffering and death our Lord that served to unite us back to God, our Creator.

*"Easter is waiting
for each one of us
to welcome the
risen Christ within
and among us.
Will we sing its
praises for all to
hear this season?"*

—Rev. Heidi L. Edson

April this year ushers in this Season of Easter also known as Eastertide. I like to think of this season as one long worship experience that begins for us with the Processional. So, as we begin our procession by entering into these fifty days of Easter, I wonder what new life—what new understandings—Easter has in store for us this year. I wonder, too, how it is we might share our own resurrection story with

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LEGO Engineers And Their Fabulous 2018 Creations

Thanks to NewsBank, its Chester Conference Center on Saturday, March 17 was once again filled with young engineers who created some fabulous entries in the seventh annual LEGO Contest, sponsored by St. Luke's. Thirty exhibitors in grades Pre-K through Seventh—and their siblings, parents, grandparents, and friends—came from 11 towns in Vermont and two in New Hampshire. All attendees enjoyed drinks provided by Lisai's Market in Chester and donuts, partially donated by Allen Brothers in Westminster, as they reviewed the many different entries and shared ideas and techniques for their constructions.

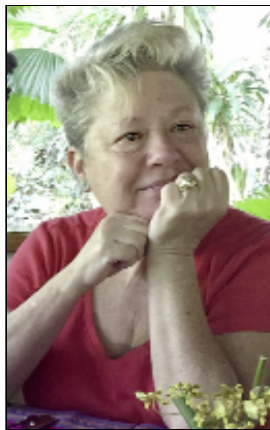
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Isaac Lake, grandson of Lew and Bonnie Watters, from Brookfield, VT, proudly displays his "Palace Party" entry created by him and some of his siblings that won First Place in the Family category.

From the Senior Warden

He Is Risen!!



What if we had actually witnessed this event? Would you have believed it? I'm pretty sure my heart would have wanted to believe. But my mind? Just would not have. My mind would have rebelled. Would you actually have believed that "the angel rolled the stone away?" That the tomb was empty? That Jesus was walking

around **alive**? Being mistaken for the gardener, for heaven's sake! Would you have believed that? Even if you'd seen it?

I can believe in miracles in theory, but given a specific instance? My skepticism clicks right in.

And this, just three days after we had blended ourselves into the crowd. Denying Him. Demanding, "Crucify him!" Disappearing, after hearing His cry, "Father! Why have you forsaken me?!" Forsaking Him ourselves.

Never mind that just three days previous we had processed waving our palms and singing our jubilant and hopeful "Hosannas!" "All glory, laud and honor! To Thee Redeemer King!" We could believe in that, while it was happening. Right before our eyes.

How fickle, our faith.

But my heart believes. And I tear up at the crucifixion. I tear up with the thought that **GOD** suffered humiliation and willingly chose to die a tortuous death for **me**. Sometimes I can barely sing through the hymns. And I feel **GOD** with me.

And I believe **GOD** is with us.

He is risen!!

Now, what does this sacrifice and love require of us?

Alleluia!

*Belinda
Senior Warden*

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those among us who do not yet know of Christ's resurrection for themselves and their loved ones?

The second verse of the hymn begins like this: "Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! Easter is waiting for each one of us to welcome the risen Christ within and among us. Will we sing its praises for all to hear this season?"

*Blessings,
Heidi+*

¹ See Year A and page 192 of "A Liturgical Index..." by Marion J. Hatchett. Church Publishing Incorporated, 1986.



The First Foyer Gathering Will Be Held On April 4th

In the March issue of "Light in the Shadows" I presented the idea of restarting the "Foyer Groups" that were so popular many years ago at St. Luke's and I asked anyone who was interested to contact me. I am pleased to report that to date, more than two dozen parishioners have mentioned that they would like to be a part of a "Foyer Group"—but there is still time to join in the fun if you haven't signed up yet. Participants have agreed to bring everything from an appetizer and bread to desserts, salads and wine, so it looks like it will be an enjoyable evening. Just a quick reminder that the first get together and meal will take place on Wednesday, April 4th at 6:00pm (or as soon as you can arrive) at David & Marjorie Carey's house on 228 Meadow Road in Chester. Towards the end of our first meeting we will divide into smaller groups and each group will then decide where and when their next foyer gatherings will be held. If you can't make it to this first meeting we'll assign you a smaller group and let you know.

Lastly, if you haven't already let the Careys know what you will be bringing, please email them at davidcareyvermont@gmail.com or call 875 4235. Give 'em a call if you have a question. —*David Carey*

Easter Is Eternal

If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that eternal truth is eternal. You may nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes and seal it in a tomb. But truth crushed to earth shall rise again. Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow ... but with an inevitable certainty, after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter morn. —*Donald H. Tippet*

As people living in a time after the resurrection, we are called to open ourselves up to possibility. To expect the best. To greet the day with joy and optimism, so that when others encounter us, perhaps they too can say, "I have seen the Lord." —*Forward Day By Day, April 22, 2014*

Remembering Joyce With Joy

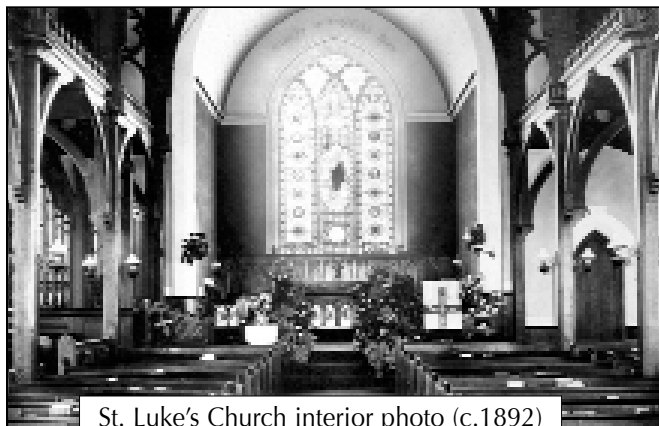
There are several ironies about my being invited to write about Joyce Tiemann. They involve dates. In November of 2000 I wrote a profile for the LITS about this amazing lady. We will find a way to share it, and you too can be joyful. The last time we were in Joyce's company was on January ninth when we met to eat lunch around doctors' appointments in the Dartmouth-Hitchcock cafeteria. We share love for yogurts and conversation and she handed off a bag of cards for Freddy Holden. Two weeks after her death Ron Patch shared a touching story about Joyce's father, Philip Wyeth Tiemann in his Vermont Journal column. I made the connection and was touched by the fact that growing up on a farm with animals did not strike Joyce as much fun as going with a grandmother for an ice cream soda at the Chester Drug Store.

The youngest of three children she was educated at the Cavendish school after the family moved from Chatham, NJ and then her father joined the military and moved the family south and beyond, to return later. She earned a Bachelor of Secretarial Science from Bryant College and a diploma in Lay Ministry from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. These skills found her working in academic settings even at Time, Inc. in NY. Joyce kept strong ties to the community after her education and work career, returning in 1971 until 2000 when she moved to Main Street in Chester and where she became a mighty force at St. Luke's. Among her personal strengths was to be open but private. She served on the search committee while at Gethsemane, yoked to St. Luke's, that culminated in the hiring of Andrew Osmun. Joyce led our congregation and neighboring churches through Death and Dying workshops, and was a leader with the Bishop's Episcopal Relief and Development Fund. She worked for Springfield Hospital and volunteered in Cavendish, Springfield, Ludlow and Chester in libraries and community organizations. She found time to be uplifted by spiritual and community relationships, including music.

Thankfully she found a warm relationship with St. Thomas Episcopal Church when she moved to Quail Hollow in West Lebanon, NH—and our blessing was and is that we remained connected regularly until her death. Sadly we could not attend her celebration of life on March 17th, but can promise to her and her family that our love and admiration for this lady touched us immensely and will never go away. —*Bonnie Watters*



June 12, 1928 – February 20, 2018



St. Luke's Church interior photo (c.1892)

St. Luke's Celebrated It's First Eucharist 150 Years Ago

This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the formation of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Chester, VT. St. Luke's was organized on **March 3, 1868**, and on March 30 held the first election of its officers according to the Episcopal Canons. The first service of Holy Eucharist was celebrated on **Easter Day April 12, 1868** in the Chester Academy on Main Street in Chester, with the Rev. Alonzo Flanders (a resident missionary) officiating.

Thanks to \$400 in pledges from these early pioneers and an additional gift of land and money (amounting to \$15,000) from the Wentworth Fullerton family—construction of this beautiful

Gothic Revival church building began in 1869. On **May 25, 1871** the Rt. Rev. William Henry Augustus Bissell, the second Bishop of Vermont, consecrated what he described as "one of the most beautiful structures in the state."

We have much to be thankful for—to the early founders, the many saints who have gone before, and to those who continue to carry out God's work in our communities. We are also grateful for this beautiful structure that still inspires so many and enriches our worship. Our prayer is that we continue to be the "Light in the Shadows" in the challenging years ahead.

Footnote: The words, "Lux in Tenebris," are cast on the bell located inside the tower of St. Luke's and translate: "Light in the Shadows."

March Vestry Meeting Highlights

Another snowy evening kept a few Vestry members safely at home while those nearer the church fearlessly drove forth.

• **Topic: Maintenance.** Junior Warden, Andrew Pennell reported that the roof where the nave meets the tower will be examined in the spring. The five-year temporary fix has reached its time limit, even though it doesn't leak. **Church Microphones.** Andrew suggested purchasing a new set to replace the broken and inconsistent ones, and the Vestry authorized him to spend up to \$400 on that purchase. **Choir Lights.** Andrew will check the lights. If they are still flickering, he will purchase new heads and bulbs. **Cell Tower.** Andrew has added the church's name to the short list for consideration if facilitator Unicom wants to add a new cell tower in Chester. (Chester's Town Hall has also added its cupola to the list for consideration).

• **Treasurer's Report: Safe Deposit Key.** John Des Lauriers has the key to Box 296 at TD Bank. John will contact the one remaining authorized parishioner to verify continued interest. If none, he will remove the present names and make a motion at the next Vestry meeting to add Marti Assenza, Jane Davis, and John DesLauriers to the form. **QuickBooks.** John and Andrew worked by telephone for one hour (at \$84 per hour) with a helpful IT expert from Springfield and may use him again when St. Luke's transfers to the online version of the software. John revised the **January Profit & Loss** and moved certain items back to December, where they belong. The **February P&L** shows pledge income down (February is traditionally a low month). **Sexton's fee** will go up starting with Holy Week when services resume taking place in the church. **Bill from CCLI Paid.** This is a fixed license fee every six months that allows the church to copy hymns from the hymnal. **Pledges.** An unexpected \$500 pledge was received and paid in full. **Vanguard Fund Authorization.** The Vestry authorized John DesLauriers, Belinda Whipple Worth, and Jane Davis as Trustees for the Vanguard account. Doug Edson is reviewing the individual funds for their restrictions and intent. John will copy the information and send it to Vestry members to read before any decisions are made about a future endowment policy. **2016 Parish Audit.** A letter was received from Frances Huessy of the Diocesan Financial Oversight and Audit Committee. John will scan the letter and send to all Vestry members. He will look at the minor recommendations to the Vestry and reply to the Diocese. A copy of the letter is in the minutes file at the office. **Financial Report in Monthly LITS.** Kathryn Wright used to submit one monthly to LITS. John will start doing it in the April LITS. **Parochial Report** regarding attendance and pledges. Prepared by John and Heidi, the report was approved by the Vestry, signed as required, and

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will be copied for our files. Heidi will scan and email it to the Diocese.

• **Rector's Report:** Heidi Edson reported the Worship Committee had met on March 3rd to plan for Holy Week. Afterward Belinda Whipple Worth and Heidi had met with the Watters about parish communications. **Pastoral Care Team.** Janet Hunter, Marti Assenza, Marjorie Carey, and Heidi met on March 6th to discuss parishioner needs and actions to address them. Heidi will participate in a Zoom Diocesan Council conference call on 3/22/18. **Two-Week Break.** Heidi will be away April 23-May 8th. She is working on Supply solutions for two Sundays.

• **Old Business: Combined Mutual Ministry Review and Vestry Retreat.** Heidi will inform Lynn Bates from the Diocese that the date of June 16th will work for the Vestry. The location will be decided later. **Outreach Donations.** Outreach Co-Chair Jane Davis will let the Treasurer know when donations should be sent. Bishop's **Parish Partnership Campaign.** The Vestry will discuss this request again after Easter. **Episcopal Relief** effort and the **Episcopal Relief & Development Fund.** David Carey might try to organize a mission trip to Puerto Rico. Heidi will see if there are handouts or inserts for the bulletins regarding the organization and its projects. **Tai Chi lessons.** Lillian Willis has emailed a potential instructor, but has not received a response yet. **Foyer Dinners.** David reports 22 people (including the Careys) have signed up. The Careys will hold an organizational meeting/potluck dinner at their house on Wednesday, April 4th, the week after Easter, and will send out email invitations asking participants to bring various courses.

• **Next Regular Vestry Meeting: April 11, 2018** (second Wednesday.) Focus topic will be "Fellowship."

*Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Willis, Clerk*



Why We Need Easter

No one is exempt from tragedy or disappointment — Even God was not exempt. Jesus offered no immunity, no way out of the unfairness, but rather a way through it to the other side. Just as Good Friday demolished the instinctive belief that this life is supposed to be fair, Easter Sunday followed with its startling clue to the riddle of the universe. Out of the darkness, a bright light shone. ...

The cross of Christ may have overcome evil, but it did not overcome unfairness. For that, Easter is required, a bright clue that someday God will restore all physical reality to its proper place.

—Philip Yancey, Disappointment With God

LEGO Engineers And Their Fabulous 2018 Creations ... con't. from page 1

Entry themes ranged from a boathouse, treehouse, skating rink, ski resort, fair, amusement park, pet village, haunted house, fire station, battle stations, and warriors to a 6' 4" clock tower and much more.

Individual, team, and family entries were judged by grade for originality, imagination, and presentation. What met the eye was not always the whole of the exhibit. That's why the judges always interview each entrant to discover his or her motivation, intent, challenges, and special—often hidden—features of the design. Judges David Carey, Doug Edson, and Everett Mosher of Chester; Andrew Pennell of Rockingham; and Gurion Lake (high-school grandson of Bonnie and Lew Watters) of Brookfield, VT, then wrote personal comments on each exhibit card to let the contestants know what was most appealing or impressive to them and to emphasize the fact that the judges appreciated all the time, imagination, and skill involved in each entry. Surprisingly, a good number of the students let the judges know that they keep their comment cards from year to year to inspire their next creation.

Shortly after noon, LEGO prizes were awarded to the winner and runner-up in each category, and a medal was given to every participant. In the Family category, first place was won by Isaac Lake and Family of Brookfield for "Palace Party."

Three special awards were also given.

- **Most Vermont:** "Ski Resort" by fourth grader Niah Doran of Chester, VT
- **Best in Show:** "Oil Base 5" by fourth grader Gabriel Winther of Putney, VT
- **Creators' Choice:** "Fire Station" by seventh grader Joe Gomez of Springfield, VT. This award was voted the show's favorite by the contestants themselves.

Three winning exhibits are on display during April at Chester's Whiting Library: "The Jack House" by four-year-old Alexander Taylor of Chester; "The Clock Tower," which is 6' 4" tall and was constructed by Colton Gaudette of Springfield; and "A House That's Also Haunted" by the Reineman-Howard Family of Windsor, VT. The public is invited to come see at their leisure some of this year's award-winning constructions and consider what might be a good entry for the 2019 contest.

For additional pictures from the 2018 LEGO exhibits, visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org/lego-contest/lego-contest or www.chestertelegraph.org.



Above: Judge Andrew Pennell shaking hands with one of the participants.



Everett Mosher, Judge-in-Training, and Judge Andrew Pennell listen to second-grader Victoria Turco from Springfield explain the features of her "Lego Island Amusement Park," which won First Place in her age group.

Proceeds from the contest will enable St. Luke's to send a donation to the Children's Section at Chester's Whiting Library. The financial success of this event is attributed completely to generous in-kind donations from three local businesses; to financial contributions by St. Luke's parishioners Pat Fromberger, Bill Hoyt, Janet Hunter, Adelaide and Red Johnson, and Andrew Pennell; and also to Chris Meyer, who donated many LEGO prizes. Special thanks go to our five enthusiastic volunteer judges and to the amazing volunteer help provided by Jessica Buchanan, Janet Hunter, Rick Hunter, Adelaide and Red Johnson, Lew Watters, and David Willis. The support from so many at St. Luke's and the community made this family-oriented and inspirational program possible and effective once again. Thank you to all supporters, volunteers, and participants!

—Lillian Willis, LEGO Contest Organizer

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The Outreach Corner

The Partners in Service Committee of St. Luke's Church

Invites you to Participate in a

No Show: Do Not Attend Maple fest dinner


To Benefit the annual projects of PINS (Partners in Service)
Easter dinners, back-to-school backpacks, payments for
summer camp, and being available for requests when individual
needs and emergencies arise. As an outreach program
we work with the Dept. of Child and Family Services
for foster children and families in crisis.

Place: **Wherever you like!**

Attire: **Whatever makes you the most relaxed**

Menu: **No food or drink will be served. Eat and drink what you enjoy!**

PINS is a vehicle for putting faith in action; the ability to make
a difference in the lives of local children and youth.

 Donate to this no show dinner with a check to
St. Luke's Church, P.O. Box 8, Chester, VT 05143
with **PINS** in the memo

St. Luke's Mid-Week Adult Study To Focus On Two Apocryphal Writings

Did you know that there's so much more in our Bibles than what we hear or read in any given year or what we are presented with for three years in our lectionary cycle? Take the person of Daniel, for example from the book of Daniel. Most of us are familiar with the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den and, perhaps of Daniel prediction for King Nebuchadnezzar that is told in the book of Daniel. But I wonder if you have read the other stories about Daniel found in the Apocryphal Writings that are included in our **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**? In these other books that feature Daniel, we soon find out that Daniel wears many hats! Among other things, Daniel is a prophet, an interpreter of dreams, a judge, a seer and even an Ugaritic king who lived in 14 BCE.

This April for our Mid-Week Adult Study, we will be reading and discussing two books that introduce the man, Daniel, in our Apocryphal literature: "Susanna" and "Bel and the Dragon." Both of these stories are short, allowing us time to read together and then engage in some rich discussion among ourselves.

This April, make it your plan to come and join us for this Study. I promise we'll all discover something new. Our Study begins on the **11th of April** and concludes on the **18th**. We begin at **10:30 a.m.** both Wednesdays in this month.

Also, if you are looking for more worship and prayer opportunities, please join us for **Morning Prayer at 9:40 a.m. on Wednesdays** before the Study.

—Heidi+



APRIL Meetings & Events

WEEKLY

- **Lunch Bunch Book Study:**

Mondays, **Noon-1:15PM** in Willard Hall for bag lunch/sharing/discussion/prayer. We are currently reading, "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World," by His Holiness the Dalai Lama & Archbishop Desmond Tutu. All are welcomed to join us.

- **Mid-Week Morning Prayer and Adult Advent Study:**

Wednesdays: Morning Prayer: 9:40AM; and Adult Study 10:30AM in Willard Hall. We will begin a new study on **April 11th**, taking a closer look at 2 Apocryphal readings: "Susanna" and "Bel and the Dragon." Read the article on this page for information and plan to come join us!

- **St. Luke's Choir Rehearsal:**

Thursdays: **6:45PM-8:30PM** in Willard Hall. New members always welcomed! If you want to know more, contact **Anne Goodreau** at annegoodreau@gmail.com, or just show up at the rehearsal.

LESS THAN WEEKLY

- **First Foyer Gathering:**

Wednesday, **April 4th, 6:00PM** at David & Marjorie Careys in on 228 Meadow Road, Chester. Read the article on page 2 for details.

- **Monthly Vestry Meeting:**

Wednesday, **April 11th** in Willard Hall. **6:30PM** for Scripture Reflection and **7:00PM** for Regular Meeting Agenda. Focus topic will be "Fellowship." All church members are welcomed to attend these meetings.

St. Luke's Financial Information

	<u>Feb. 2018</u>	<u>YTD 2018</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD % of Budget</u>
Pledge/Plate Income	\$ 3,715	\$ 11,190	\$ 71,290	15.7%
Other Oper. Income	\$ 608	\$ 741	\$ 27,200	2.7%
Restricted Income	\$ 39	\$ 114	\$ 1,350	8.4%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 4,362	\$ 12,045	\$ 99,840	12.1%
Regular Expense	\$ 8,378	\$ 16,086	\$ 108,459	14.8%
Restricted Expense	\$ 39	\$ 109	\$ 1,350	8.1%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,417	\$ 16,195	\$ 109,809	14.8%
Net Ordinary Income/(loss)	(\$ 4,055)	\$ 4,150	(\$ 9,969)	41.6%
*Memorial Gifts		\$ 21,000		
NET INCOME		\$ 16,850		

We have completed 2/12 of 2018, so income and expenses to date should be 16.7% of budget. As you can see Pledge & Plate income overall is down 1% (up in Jan., down in Feb.) and Expenses are slightly under budget. The issue is primarily with Other Operating Income as there are no fundraisers in January or February and investment income, largely from the rectory sale proceeds, are paid quarterly. As long as pledges are kept current and we stick to our budget our comparison YTD to budget will improve. *The Memorial Gifts were either from The Estate of Norman Wright directly, or on behalf of. —**John DesLauriers, Treasurer**

MAY LITS Deadline:

👉 **APRIL 27th**

Send all articles, announcements, photos, etc. to:

Pat Fromberger, 180 Gates Rd.,
Andover, VT 05143

Email: panjoe@vermontel.net



APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

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| 5 Marcia Leader | 16 Sharon Haumann |
| 9 Kate Watters | 22 Jane Davis |
| 12 Gloria Deming | 25 David Willis, Sr. |
| 13 Rudy Winston III | 30 Dick Farmer |

Anniversaries:

- 2 Rudy & Cindy Roundy-Winston
- 9 John & Alison DesLauriers
- 12 Dick & Lynda Farmer
- 22 David & Lillian Willis, Sr.
- 27 David & Kathleen Willis, Jr.
- 29 Doug & Heidi Edson

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as true strength."
—*St. Francis de Sales*

**"St. Luke's
is an
intentional
Christian
community,
deepening faith
and
broadening
love."**

✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

April 1 EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 8 II EASTER
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 15 III EASTER
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 22 IV EASTER
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 29 V EASTER
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

✠ **CHURCH SCHOOL:** Sundays at 10:00 a.m. following reading of The Collect. All children are welcomed.

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