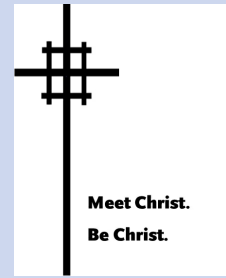


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From the Rector



**The Rev.
Randy W. Johnson**

Rector

Try to keep him dead *by Fr. Randy+*

They tried to keep Jesus safely dead then, and they try it still today.

Over and over, again and again, when the media want to talk about God, they ignore Jesus. Experts and pundits proclaim that science has disproved God--without realizing that the 'god' you try to squeeze out of the picture by more and more 'scientific discoveries' is not the God whom Christians worship. Our world is still full of modern equivalents of 'high priests' going to the governor to have a guard placed on the tomb—the sceptics appealing for help to the powerful. *It didn't work then and it won't work now.*

Sometimes, though, we Christians need to observe a moment to settle down and breathe—to observe what we could label a holy pause...a time to watch and wait. By most observations, the Christian faith suffers, apparently, great defeats. Scandals and divisions, crowing and arguing. And the world stands by—reveling in the turmoil and controversy—loving the chaos and confusion much like the bystanders jeering at the foot of the cross. Maybe we all just need a bit of time to stop, to kneel in silence, which may be the most appropriate posture and response.

But God will do what God will do, in God's own time. The world can plot and plan, but all of that will count for nothing when the victory already won on the cross turns into the new sort of victory on the third day. Yet, even today, it appears that the church is afraid of being sneered at. It seems as though the 'prosecuting chief priests' of our current culture, the media, and the political

climate have won. *Give them their day to imagine that.* It's happened before and it will happen again. There is really nothing new under the sun.

The Romans tried to stamp out the Christian faith once and for all at the end of the third century, but within a few years more than half the empire had converted and the emperor gave in. Over the next many centuries, many people were skeptical about the Christian faith, yet revivals kept happening. Who knows what will happen next, after the sneering and scheming of the sceptics today! Our part in this story is to keep the faith and hope, grieving over the ruin of the world that sent Jesus to his death, trusting in the promises of God that new life will come in God's way and in God's time.

There are yet some things to do in the present—even when times are sad and hard. It took great courage to remain faithful—to remain a follower of Jesus in the face of the pain and adversity. Joseph of Arimathea was bold enough to come to Pontius Pilate to ask for Jesus' body. Peter and the others had run away and hid because they were afraid of being charged as accomplices of Jesus. Joseph had no such qualms, even after Jesus' death.

Some of Jesus' followers might well have thought that, if the Romans crucified him, he can't have been the Messiah, so he must have been a charlatan. Joseph didn't see it that way. A clean linen cloth; the tomb he had prepared for himself; and the security of a great stone. It had to be done in haste, with the Sabbath approaching. But, it was done decently.

Sometimes, as we work for and with Jesus, it may feel a bit like that. We aren't sure why we've got to this place, why things aren't going as we wanted or planned, and the life seems to have drained out of it all. I believe that is why it is a Holy Week moment. *The Alleluias of Easter are coming.*

Do what has to be done, and wait for God to act in God's own way and in God's own time. *He has risen!*

Randy+

Footprints April 2023

News from Children's Ministries



Marion Hunner

**Director of
Children's Ministries**

Sunday School

We are working on a special project. One of our favorite stories is the Circle of the Church Year. This story presents the different colors of the liturgical year in

a circle that never ends. We enjoy seeing how these colors are used in the sanctuary, and how they change with the seasons. We are preparing to present this story to all who are interested on Sunday, April 30th in the Parish Hall at 9:30am.

Family Worship

There will be NO Family Worship in April, as that is Palm Sunday. The children are very excited to help with the blessing and procession of the palms.



Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 9 following the 10:30
service

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School 2023

Knights of North Castle

July 24-28 9am-noon

Invite your family and friends to join you!

Participants are age 3 – 5th grade

Youth Volunteers have completed 6th – 12th grade

Adult Volunteers are . . . well, older than that!



Registration is available on the [VBS page of St. Christopher's website](#) for participants and youth volunteers.

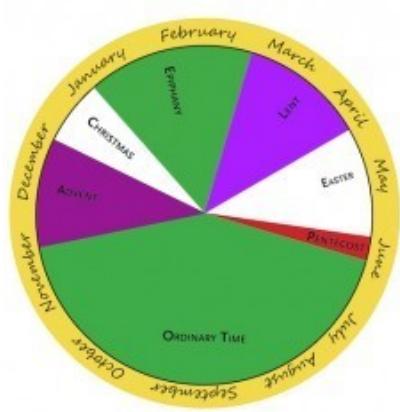
Adults who are interested in helping, please reach out to Marion.

Ministry Schedules

New Sunday Ministry schedules came out via email last week. You should have received your 2023 Quarter 2 schedule(s) if you serve on any of these teams: Usher, Lector, Intercessor, LEM, Crucifer, Acolyte or Jr. Acolyte. If you did not receive the schedule, please contact Marion.

Lenten Reflections

We had another great season of Lenten Reflections from so many of our faith family members. We truly appreciate the contributions of: Kathy Ackerman, Ross Ackerman, Robert Allen, Marilyn Baldwin, Karla Cole, Jean Crow, Madisen Crow, Christopher Haack, Kathy Hagen, Karen Hartman, Connie Hendrick, Barb Hovey, Ann Jones, Barb Jordahl, Lyn Lawyer, Cindy Lee, Becky Lucas, Gayle Marsh, Chris Mayr, Leslie Norton, Mary Pendergrass, Angela Robinson, Mary Rowe, Robyn Schmidt, Mike Sirany, Elizabeth Stoltz, Ann Trapnell, Sue Triebenbach, and Jennifer Wright.



Please join Marion and the Sunday School kids in the Parish Hall at 9:30am on Sunday, April 30th, where they will present a lesson on the colors of the liturgical calendar.

75th Anniversary Planning

Look! The 75th Anniversary Team has its own mail slot outside the parish office! Please mark the date: **October 6, 2024**. Photos and other info you have to share of the past 25 years (1999 and on) can be put into the box.



From the Green Team

Eating less meat has been cited by academic researchers as a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. Even intentionally choosing one day a week to not eat meat will help! An added benefit is that that a day without meat is also a weekly reminder to care for the earth.



Here is a delicious vegetarian soup recipe to help you get started. For those of you who came to the recent Lenten soup supper, Ann DePaolis made it, and the reviews were 5 stars!!

Enjoy,
The Green Team

Moroccan Lentil and Vegetable Soup

Warm intoxicating spices make this vegetable filled Moroccan Lentil and Vegetable Soup perfect for cold Autumn nights.

Prep Time 5 mins
Cook Time 45 mins

Servings: 8 (1.5 cups each)

Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 yellow onion
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 ribs celery
- 1/2 Tbsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 15oz. can chickpeas
- 1 28oz. can diced tomatoes
- 1/2 lb. frozen cauliflower florets
- 6 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup brown lentils, dry
- 1 bay leaf

Instructions

1. Dice the onion and mince the garlic. Sauté both in a large pot with olive oil over medium heat until softened. Dice the celery while the onions and garlic are sautéing, then add to the pot and continue to sauté for 2-3 minutes more.
2. Add the cumin, turmeric, cinnamon, and cayenne pepper to the pot. Stir and cook the spices with the vegetables for 1-2 minutes.
3. Add the diced tomatoes (with juices), chickpeas (rinsed and drained), and cauliflower florets (no need to thaw). Stir the pot until everything is well mixed.
4. Add the vegetable broth and bay leaf, turn the heat up to high, place a lid on the pot, and allow it to come to a boil. Once it reaches a boil, add the lentils. Stir and let it come back up to a boil, then turn the heat down to low. Let the soup simmer on low, with the lid, for 30 minutes.
5. After simmering for 30 minutes, the lentils should be tender. Remove the bay leaf and give the soup a taste. Add salt if needed (this will depend on the type of vegetable broth used. I did not add any additional salt), then serve.

NOTES:

You can also add a diced sweet potato, diced squash, kale, and/or spinach. Serve with chopped cilantro and siracha sauce.

March Pulse of the Parish

-The Vestry met on Monday, March 20th, and report that:

- Finances are on track
- Vacation bible school will be July 24-28, put out the word to friends and family
- Fellowship/Social Activity group to be formed, more information coming soon!
- Wednesday Soup Supper has been fantastic! Shoutouts to Kim Johnson, Pat Steward, Debby Murphy, and Ann Trapnell for spearheading this event.

Want to know more? The meeting minutes will be available after they have been approved at the next Vestry meeting, in April. Thank you for all *you* do for our faith family!

CALENDAR for APRIL

1 Saturday

8:30 AM *Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 10 AM*

9 AM *Flute Lessons – Music Room*

2 Sunday – PALM SUNDAY

8 AM **Holy Eucharist – Church**

9 AM *Coffee Hour*

10:30 AM **Holy Eucharist – Church**

11:30 AM *Coffee Hour*

3 Monday

10 AM *Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 11 AM*

3 PM *Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM*

4 Tuesday

8:30 AM *Private Spiritual Direction – Gathering Room – to 5 PM*

1 PM *Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:30 PM*

7 PM *Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall*

5 Wednesday

12:15 PM **Holy Eucharist-Church**

1:30 AM *Private Spiritual Direction – Library*

4 PM *Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM*

6 PM *Bell Choir-Balcony*

6:30 PM *Roseville Wednesday AA – Gathering Room*

7:15 PM *Parish Choir – Music Room*

6 Thursday – MAUNDY THURSDAY

3:15 PM *Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM*

7:00 PM **Holy Eucharist - Church**

7 Friday – GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 PM **Worship for Good Friday**

4 PM *Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM*

7:00 PM **Way of the Cross**

8 Saturday – HOLY SATURDAY

9 AM *Flute Lessons – Music Room – to 11 AM*

9 Sunday – EASTER

8 AM **Holy Eucharist – Church**

10:30 AM **Holy Eucharist – Church**

11:30 AM **Easter Egg Hunt for Children**

10 Monday

3 PM *Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM*

5:30 PM **Finance Team – Parish Hall**

11 Tuesday

1 PM *Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:30 PM*

7 PM *Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall*

12 Wednesday

10:45 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist-Church

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

6 PM Bell Choir-Balcony

6:30 PM Roseville Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

7:15 PM Parish Choir – Music Room

13 Thursday

3:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

14 Friday

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM

15 Saturday

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room – to 11 AM

12 PM Flute Student Recitals – Church

16 Sunday – Easter 2

8 AM Holy Eucharist – Church

9 AM Coffee Hour

9:15 AM Adult Forum

9:30 AM Children's Christian Education - #107

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist – Church

11:30 AM Coffee Hour

17 Monday

8:50 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 11 AM

3 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

6:45 PM Vestry – Parish Hall

18 Tuesday

8:30 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Gathering Room – to 5 PM

10 AM Tuesday OA – In Person - #218

11 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library - to 12 PM

11:30 AM Meals on Wheels – Offsite

1 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:30 PM

7 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall

7 PM Meditation Group - #218/Chapel – to 8:30 PM

19 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist-Church

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

6 PM Bell Choir-Balcony

6:30 PM Roseville Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

7:15 PM Parish Choir – Music Room

20 Thursday

3:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

21 Friday

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM

22 Saturday

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room – to 11 AM

9 AM Kitchen 101 – Kitchen & Parish Hall – to 11 AM

23 Sunday – Easter 3

8 AM Holy Eucharist – Church

9 AM Coffee Hour

9:15 AM Adult Forum

9:30 AM Children’s Christian Education - #107

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist – Church

11:30 AM Coffee Hour

24 Monday

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9 AM 75th Anniversary Committee – Gathering Room

3 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

25 Tuesday

1 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:30 PM

7 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall

26 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist-Church

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

6 PM Bell Choir-Balcony

6:30 PM Roseville Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

7:15 PM Parish Choir – Music Room

27 Thursday

3:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

28 Friday

10 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM

29 Saturday

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room – to 11 AM

10 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

30 Sunday – Easter 4

8 AM Holy Eucharist – Church

9 AM Coffee Hour

9:15 AM Adult Forum

9:30 AM Children’s Christian Education - #107

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist – Church

11:30 AM Coffee Hour

Please note that MOST of our outside groups have returned to meeting in the building. Those groups are now on this calendar (*in italics*) to avoid over-scheduling. Always check with the church office before scheduling a meeting.



I hope you have enjoyed the April e-Traveler!

Spring is arriving a bit too slowly, for some of us, but, EASTER will arrive right on schedule! Thanks be to God!

Ruth Thillen
Parish Administrator

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VESTRY:

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Karla S. Cole, Director of Music Ministries
Rev. Christopher Haack, Deacon
Rev. Marilyn Baldwin, Assisting Priest
Rev. Randy W. Johnson, Rector

Our Schedule:

Recorded Sermons for each Sunday are on our website.

Sundays Through Memorial Day:

8 AM Holy Eucharist

9 AM Fellowship

9:15 AM Adult Ed – Parish Hall

9:30 AM Sunday School (except 1st Sundays)

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Fellowship

Wednesday: 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

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