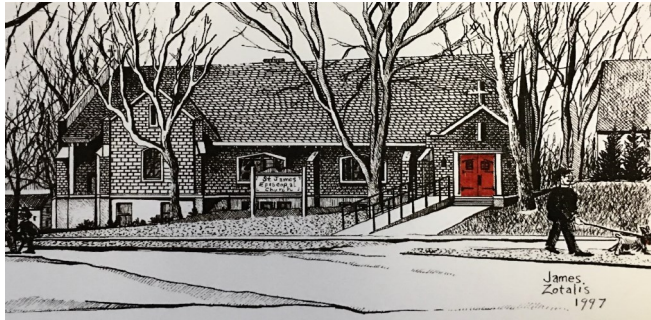


Good News Epistle 2

February 2024

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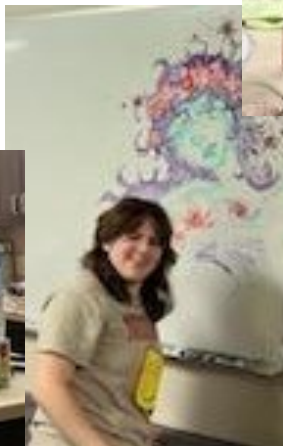
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FROM

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
321 South Lakeside Drive
(on Lake Alice)

To:

Shrove Tuesday— Pancake Supper held on 2/14/2024 5:00- PM



A Visiting
Guest
awed us
with her
Art. She
helped
cook the
pancakes
as well.



Many hands made this event a huge Success

March



March 2024	Lent 3 Sunday	Lent 4 Sunday	Lent 5 Sunday	Palm Sunday	Easter Sunday
Date	3/3/2024	3/10/2024	3/17/2024	3/24/2024	3/31/2024
TYPE SERVICE	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
Officiant	Kristin Tuel	Rev Tom Sinning	Pastor David	Pastor David Strom	Pastor David Strom
Musician	D. Embretson	D. Embretson	D. Embretson	Deborah Embretson	Deborah Embretson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Kristin Tuel	Mark Helland	Ramona Heitmann	Ramona Heitmann	Mark Helland
LECTOR	Jan Nygaard	USHER	Steven Vergiels	Janet Nygaard	Carole Mitchell
USHER	Jan Nygaard David Emery	Roger Harty David Emery	Steven Vergiels David Emery	Jan Nygaard David Emery	Carole Mitchell David Emery
ALTAR	B. Erickson	B. Erickson	B. Erickson	Bernadette E.	B. Erickson
HOSTESS	Carole Mitchell		Clare Laznano		J. Clark & J. Harty
FLOWERS	No Flowers durring Lent	No Flowers durring Lent	No Flowers durring Lent		

March 2024	3 Lent Wed Evening Prayer	4 Lent Wed Evening Prayer	5 Lent Wed Evening Pray-	Holy Week Maundy Thursday	Holy Week Good Friday
Date	3/6/2024	3/13/2024	3/20/2024	3/28/2024	3/29/2024
TYPE SERVICE	Evening Prayer	Evening Prayer	Evening Prayer	HE & Stripping of altar	Good Friday Wor-
Officiant	Kristin Tuel	Mark Helland	Kristen Tuel	Pastor David Strom	Mark Helland
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March
2024

Greetings in the name of Jesus; the Savior of the world.

The Gospel text for Sunday, February 25 in Mark 8:31-39 is a striking reminder of the contrast between the Kingdom of God and the autocracies and republics of the world.

The Apostle Peter had just made His Spirit inspired confession regarding Jesus, being the Christ; the Messiah. Yet in the next section, Jesus described His upcoming betrayal, crucifixion and ultimately His resurrection. I suspect that Peter hardly heard the word resurrection at the time because he couldn't get past Jesus' news of His impending death. Jesus, forcefully declares that this is the nature of His kingdom. It will be inaugurated through suffering and death, and will be sealed by His resurrection. Peter probably didn't know what hit him. But as time passed, he would experience the power of God working through him for the rest of his life, culminating in his own death by execution. By the time of his death, Peter had a much clearer grasp on what Jesus' words were all about in Mark 8.

For you and I, we may find ourselves stressing out about the wars in Ukraine and Gaza, and maybe equally, very concerned about the upcoming Presidential and Congressional elections in November. We would like to see all wars cease. We would like to see sensible and principled people at the leadership helm of our republic. Yet whether world events calm down or not, or if our candidates of choice get elected or not, the Kingdom of God, which has no borders supersedes them all. Ultimately, God will guide and direct our steps individually, congregationally, locally, nationally and internationally continuously. He has promised to be with us to the end of the age, and we can rest assured that God keeps His promises.

To assume that life will be smooth and free of conflict is a faulty foundation upon which to build your life. God never promised us smooth sailing, problem free lives, especially if we follow Jesus. Following Jesus includes following Him through the stress, turmoil, and pain of life, along with following Him through the joys, the peace, and ultimately the good times. Jesus bore His Cross, and we are called to carry ours as well, whatever that might mean for you and for me. Yet, our crosses do not begin to match the intensity of the Cross Jesus bore for us. His Cross brought salvation history to its pinnacle. Our crosses draw us closer to God and to each other.

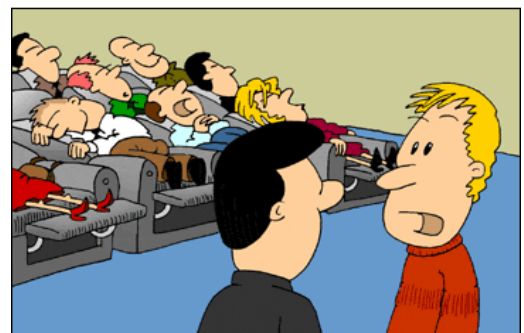
I prefer a life free from pain, absence of conflict, and so on. But I know that part of being human in a fallen world, means that I will experience suffering and hardship. However, I am promised as you are too, that Jesus will be with us to the end of this age and beyond (the last two words are mine). In the meantime, we trust Jesus to grant us wisdom, strength, and an appreciation for the small and larger joys of life in the midst of the chaos which sometimes surrounds us. Trust Jesus and lean on His everlasting-arms.

Blessings to you all:

Pastor David



Give it to God & then go to sleep. —



But not during the Sermon!

George's Corner





HOLY WEEK

March 24 Palm Sunday
10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite 2
Pastor David Strom, Celebrant



March 28
Maundy Thursday
6:30 PM

Stripping of the Altar by the Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist Rite 2 - Pastor David Strom, Celebrant

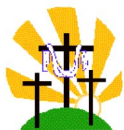
March 29 Good Friday

Service Noon

Mark Helland—Officiant



Christ Is Risen!



Alleluia!

March 31 Easter Sunday 10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist
Pastor David Strom—Celebrant

Altar Guild News

The deadline for ordering Easter Lilies is this coming Sunday. We order plants from The Flower Mill. The cost this year is \$18 each. If you would like to order a Lily please do one of the following:

1. Use an order form which you will get on Sunday morning when you come for church.
2. Reply to this email: [<cmp45@charter.net>](mailto:cmp45@charter.net) and mail your check immediately.

Checks for \$18 should be made out to "The Flower Mill."

Be sure to indicate whether your plant is IN HONOR OF, IN LOVING MEMORY, IN CELEBRATION OF, or a designation of your choice. LIST THE NAME OR NAMES OF THOSE YOU ARE HONORING OR REMEMBERING.

Thank you, and have a blessed Easter.

Cathy Peterson 218 205 - 9524



Someplace Safe Tea Party St James Table February 17th 2024



This years theme "A gardener's Tea"

we wore clothes for going to the Garden and straw hats

Left: Each place set had a treat dish with a Cheddar cheese Tulip, an apple peanutbutter Snail, a grape raspberry pretzel Butterfly

Right: A "Dirt Cake" with gummi worms in a mini flower pot, a raddish Rose apacket of garden seeds a pair of garden gloves held the napkins and tableware.

