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The Steeple

April 2, 2026

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

A reading from an ancient homily for Holy Saturday

"What is happening? Today there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence, and stillness, a great silence because the King sleeps; the earth was in terror and was still, because God slept in the flesh and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages. God has died in the flesh, and the underworld has trembled.

Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep; he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. He goes to free the prisoner Adam and his fellow-prisoner Eve from their pains, he who is God, and Adam's son.

The Lord goes in to them holding his victorious weapon, his cross. When Adam, the first created man, sees him, he strikes his breast in terror and calls out to all: 'My Lord be with you all.' And Christ in reply says to Adam: 'And with your spirit. And grasping his hand he raises him up, saying: 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

'I am your God, who for your sake became your son, who for you and your descendants now speak and command with authority those in prison: Come forth, and those in darkness: Have light, and those who sleep: Rise.

'I command you: Awake, sleeper, I have not made you to be held a prisoner in the underworld. Arise from the dead; I am the life of the dead. Arise, O man, work of my hands, arise, you who were fashioned in my image. Rise, let us go hence; for you in me and I in you, together we are one undivided person.

'For you, I your God became your son; for you, I the Master took on your form; that of slave; for you, I who am above the heavens came on earth and under the earth; for you, man, I became as a

man without help, free among the dead; for you, who left a garden, I was handed over to Jews from a garden and crucified in a garden.

'Look at the spittle on my face, which I received because of you, in order to restore you to that first divine inbreathing at creation. See the blows on my cheeks, which I accepted in order to refashion your distorted form to my own image.

'See the scourging of my back, which I accepted in order to disperse the load of your sins which was laid upon your back. See my hands nailed to the tree for a good purpose, for you, who stretched out your hand to the tree for an evil one.

`I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side, for you, who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side healed the pain of your side; my sleep will release you from your sleep in Hades; my sword has checked the sword which was turned against you.

'But arise, let us go hence. The enemy brought you out of the land of paradise; I will reinstate you, no longer in paradise, but on the throne of heaven. I denied you the tree of life, which was a figure, but now I myself am united to you, I who am life. I posted the cherubim to guard you as they would slaves; now I make the cherubim worship you as they would God.

"The cherubim throne has been prepared, the bearers are ready and waiting, the bridal chamber is in order, the food is provided, the everlasting houses and rooms are in readiness; the treasures of good things have been opened; the kingdom of heaven has been prepared before the ages."

Together we pray: Almighty, ever-living God, whose Only-begotten Son descended to the realm of the dead, and rose from there to glory, grant that your faithful people, who were buried with him in baptism, may, by his resurrection, obtain eternal life.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

May the Joy of Easter be with you now and forevermore.

Nick+

At Luke's Place: April 3rd – April 9th, 2026

April 3rd	**Good Friday service, noon**
April 4th	**Holy Saturday service, 9am, chapel**
	Great Easter Vigil, 6pm
April 5th	**Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel**
	Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
	YD Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30am, court yard

	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave
April 6th	Office closed
April 7th	Spiritual Discovery, 9:30am, Library
April 8th	YD, 6pm, Rodgers
April 9th	Men's Group, 7am, Metcalf
	Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf
	Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV

Prayer List

Please pray for: Ben Baker, **Steve** McCraw, **Josh** Harris, **David** Swindell, **Connie** Finch, **Terry** Grogan, **Tyler** Roberson, **Jerry** Nezam**, Lynette** Beebe, **Danny** Clem, **David** McAtee, **Steve** Linn, **Jean** Mason, **Adam** Thomas, **Bill** Pendley, **Mary** Wallace, **Lynda** Stephens, **Marcie** Zervas, **Audrey** Harris, **Peggy** Rockey, **Nan** Buhlinger, **Bill** Birk, **Dionna** Cameron, **Betty** Rogers, **Dan** & **JoAnn** Gallery, **Kathleen** Turner, **Steve** Clark, **Lauren** Gandy, **Dea**n Zervas, **Frank** Molina, **Diane** Mitchell, **Frank** Traylor, **Steve** Hand, **Donna** Steward, **Clay** Smith, **Penny** Johnson, **Kim** Shipman, **Fred** Whitson, **Dayna** Rathman, **Shaina** Smith, and **Ann** Morrow.

Please add the following to your prayers for Holy Week:

Church of the Resurrection, OKC **The Anglican Church of Melanesia**

April requested Item:

Highlighters of any color or size are the items for **April**

Theologian's Corner:

Martin Luther King Jr.
Preacher and Martyr 1968

Martin Luther King, Jr., was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta. As the son and grandson of Baptist preachers, he was steeped in the Black Church tradition. Following graduation from Morehouse College in 1948, King entered Crozer Theological Seminary, having been ordained the previous year into the ministry of the National Baptist Church. He graduated from Crozer in 1951 and received a doctorate in theology from Boston University in 1955.

In 1954, King became pastor of a church in Montgomery, Alabama. There, Black indignation at inhumane treatment on segregated buses culminated in December 1955, in the arrest of Rosa Parks for refusing to give up her seat to a white man. King was catapulted into national prominence as the leader of the Montgomery bus boycott. He became increasingly the articulate prophet, who could not only rally the Black masses, but could also move the consciences of Whites.

King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to spearhead non-violent mass demonstrations against racism. Many confrontations followed, most notably in Birmingham and Selma, Alabama, and in Chicago. King's campaigns were instrumental to the passage of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, 1965, and 1968. King then turned his attention to economic empowerment of the poor and to opposition to the Vietnam War, contending that racism, poverty, and militarism were interrelated. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his commitment to non-violent social change.

King lived in constant danger: his home was dynamited, he was almost fatally stabbed, and he was harassed by death threats. He was even jailed thirty times; but through it all he was sustained by his deep faith. In 1957, he received, late at night, a vicious telephone threat. Alone in his kitchen he wept and prayed. He relates that he heard the Lord speaking to him and saying, "Martin Luther, stand up for righteousness, stand up for justice," and promising never to leave him alone. "No, never alone." King refers to his vision as his "Mountain-Top Experience."

After preaching at Washington Cathedral on March 31, 1968, King went to Memphis in support of sanitation workers in their struggle for better wages. There, he proclaimed that he had been "to the mountain-top" and had seen "the Promised Land," and that he knew that one day he and his

people would be "free at last." On the following day, April 4, he was cut down by an assassin's bullet.

Together we pray: Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

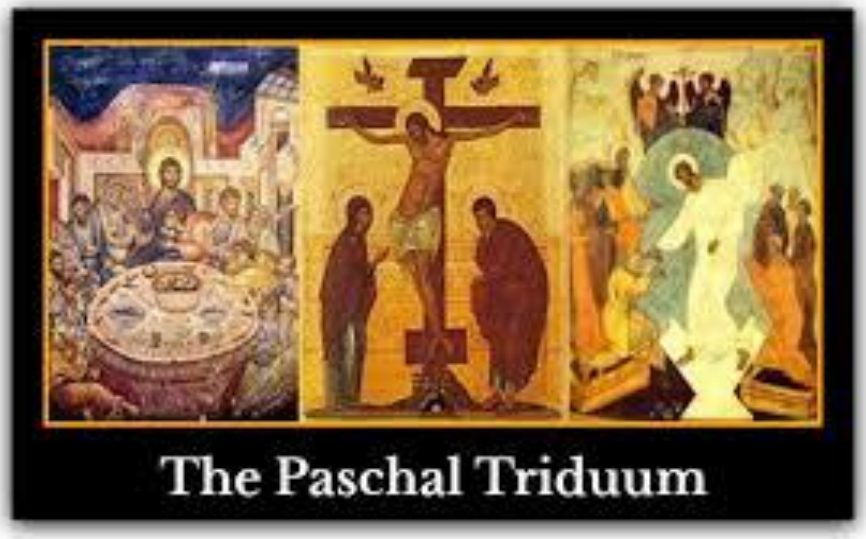
Birthdays & Anniversaries for April 5th – 11th , 2026

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Morgan Phares	(4/9)	Chad & Blair Ellis	(4/8)

If your or a love one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday and/or wedding anniversary.

Concern

Concern's current needs are : ramen noodles, Vienna sausage and Jiffy Mix. Homeless needs are: single-serve proteins, single-serve pudding and squeezable jelly.

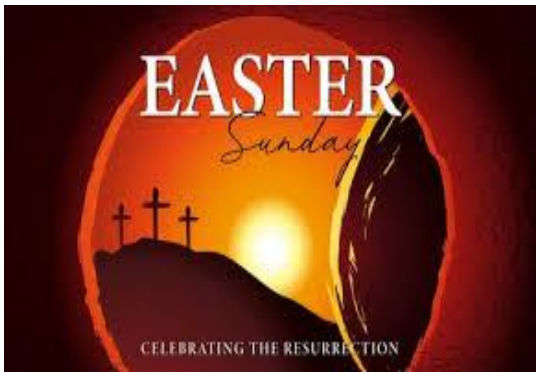


Maundy Thursday Service: April 2nd, 6:00pm. This service will include Washing of Feet

Good Friday Service: April 3rd, 12:00pm. Eucharist from the Reserve

Holy Saturday Service:
April 4th , 9:00am.

Great Easter Vigil Service:
April 4th , 6:00pm. Meet in Courtyard to begin service.



Easter Services:
April 5th , 8:am & 10:30am

For our youth, grandkids, and kids

YD Easter Egg Hunt is Easter Sunday at 9:30am

Meet in Metcalf and hunt will be in the Courtyard. Bring your baskets, kids!

The Office will be closed April 6th so your staff may recover from Holy Week. Have a Blessed Easter!

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Donations will be accepted on site.

MATERIALS WHICH *CAN* BE ACCEPTED:

Phillips 66 Parking Lot

- Compact fluorescent bulbs
- Household cleaners & toxins
- Yard-care products
- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Acids
- Caustics
- Paint thinners
- Paper shredding
- Household flammable liquids
- Smoke alarms
- Oil-based paints *(no latex paint)*
- Oil-based aerosol and hobby paints
- Fire extinguishers
- Electronics (cell phones, computers, TVs, VCRs, microwaves, rechargeable batteries, most electronic devices)

Washington County District 2 Barn
(2 Miles East on 9th St. off Highway 75)

- Used motor oil *(Max. 5 gal. container)*
- Antifreeze
- Automotive batteries
- Car/pickup tires *(limit 8, NO dealers)*
- Appliances - e.g. washers, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators *(with freon-free certification)*

MATERIALS WHICH *CANNOT* BE ACCEPTED:

- Ammunition
- Explosives
- Latex paints
- Dioxins
- Trash
- Pharmaceuticals (take to any pharmacy)
- Commercially generated waste
- Pressurized gas cylinders (BBQ tanks & home oxygen supplies)
- Biohazardous waste (sharps & needles)
- Radioactive waste
- Shock-sensitive materials
- Water-reactive chemicals
- Unknowns

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Collect for Easter Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* Book of Common Prayer

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