

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



The First Sunday in Lent
The Great Litany and Holy Eucharist
February 22, 2026
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

The 10:00 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Please keep silence in the Sanctuary.

The Great Litany

Today is the first Sunday in Lent. To mark this season of reflection and repentance, we begin our worship today with *The Great Litany*, the oldest portion of the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*. The prayers in *The Great Litany* express our longing for reconciliation with God, and they replace the Prayers of the People and the Confession in today's service.

The Great Litany is spoken during the 8:00 a.m. service; its full text can be found beginning on page 148 in *The Book of Common Prayer* (which is a red book available in the pews).

The Great Litany is sung during the 10:00 a.m. service. The music and lyrics can be found in the front of *The Hymnal 1982* (which is a blue book available in the pews) beginning on page S67. Everyone in the congregation is invited to sing the responses along with the choir.

Please enter the Sanctuary in silence and in prayer as we prepare to meet with God.

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

The Great Litany

Book of Common Prayer, p. 148; The Hymnal, S67

Spoken at 8:00; Sung at 10:00 am.

Song of Praise S91

Lord Have Mercy

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.**

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, ___ have mer-cy up - on us." The second staff is for the second line: "Christ, have mer-cy up - on ___ us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on ___ us." The third staff is for the third line: "Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, ___ have mer-cy up - on us." The music features a simple melody with some phrasing slurs and a final double bar line.

Presider The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Reader In this reading, we hear the story of creation from the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden, their disobedience, and their loss of innocence as a consequence.

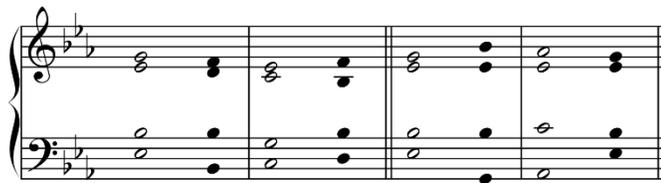
The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Spoken at 8:00 am & Chanted at 10:00 am.

Psalm 32



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are **forgiven**, *
and whose sin is put **away!**
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no **guilt**, *
and in whose spirit there is no **guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered **away**, *
because of my groaning all day **long.**
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and **night**; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of **summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to **you**, *
and did not conceal my **guilt.**
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the **Lord.**" *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my **sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of **trouble**; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not **reach them.**
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from **trouble**; *
you surround me with shouts of **deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should **go**; *
I will guide you with my **eye.**
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no **understanding**; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay **near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the **wicked**; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the **Lord.**
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the **Lord**; *
shout for joy, all who are true of **heart.**

The Second Reading

Romans 5: 12-19

Reader In this reading, Paul tells how the history of human sinfulness and death has been transformed by the free gift of Jesus Christ. He explains how the disobedience in the Garden of Eden led to sin and death, but the righteous and obedience of Jesus give acquittal and new life for all.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung at 10:00 am.

Gospel Hymn 148

Creator of the Earth and Skies

The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Sandi Albom

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of “our life and labor, “which we present to God. The ushers will pass the offering plate to receive your donations in person. You may also give online at Tithe.ly or scan the QR code located in the pew.

Offertory Anthem

Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley

Oh, Jesus walked this lonesome valley
He had to walk it by Himself
Nobody else could walk it for Him
He had to walk it by Himself. (repeat)

And we must walk this lonesome valley
Got to walk it by ourselves
Nobody else will walk it for us
We’ve got to walk it by ourselves.

Jesus walked, walked, walked
This dark and lonesome valley
And he walked, walked, walked
It all by Himself,
Nobody else could walk it for Him
He had to walk, walk, walk it
All by Himself.

You must go and stand your trial
You’ve got to stand it by yourself
Nobody else will stand it for you
You’ve got to stand it by yourself.

Oh, Jesus walked this lonesome valley
He had to walk it by Himself
Nobody else could walk it for Him
He had to walk it by Himself.
He had to walk it by Himself.

Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 am

Presentation Hymn LEVAS 178

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
 here be - low, Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise
 Fath - er, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Spoken at 8:00 am; sung at 10:00 am (music on next page)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are
 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Anna Morris Buchanan (1889-1983) © Church Pension Fund

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Spoken at 8:00 am; Sung at 10:00 am

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

Angus Dei S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worth so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Episcopal Church we believe that God is uniquely present with us in the Bread and the Wine—and we also believe that receiving only Bread or only Wine does not limit God. Bread is offered in the form of a small wheat wafer. Gluten-free wafers (wrapped to prevent cross contamination) are available—ask for one if you need it. All are welcome to take a small sip from the Common Cup. You may now intinct (dip the bread) into the cup. Please cleanse your hands with the alcohol-based hand cleanser in the dispensers at the foot of the stairs leading to the altar rail prior to receiving. Thank you.

Spiritual Communion

Let us pray together in solidarity with those who are unable to receive communion in person this prayer of Spiritual Communion:

O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, you appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. — (Ilia Delio, OSF, adapted)

Communion Meditation

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider Bow down before the Lord.

Presider may pray over the people, who respond **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn 559

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

PERMISSIONS

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	8:00 am	10:00 am
Altar Guild	Gail Meehan	Alice Ehresman
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PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.
Contact office administrator at program@atonementwestfield.org or call 562-5461.*

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Neil Newman, Robert Trask, Eleanor and Gerard Morency, Bernadette Morency, and Jennie Frennette.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for The Church of Ireland.

Diocesan Prayer for St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Easthampton; Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross; Episcopal Conference of the Deaf.

For those suffering throughout the world especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

For these families and individuals Chris, Caryl, Frank, Jenny, Mark, Sally, Fred, Sue, Hala, Tom, Michael, Mark, Jessica, John, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Lily, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Brittany, Rick, Katie, Sherry, Niko, Mervin, Frances, Toby, Theresa, Philadelphia, David, Jean, Jonathan, Natalie, Lisa, Elaine, Tracey

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday February 22	First Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person live-streamed 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
Monday, February 23	4:30 TOPS (SMGR) 5:30 Girl Scouts 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)
Tuesday, February 24	12pm Tuesday Morning Club (SMGR) 6:00 pm Music Together (SMGR) 6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (Great Hall) 7:00 pm Bridge Fellowship
Wednesday, February 25	10:30 am ECOTA Coffeehouse 12:15 pm Healing Service 1:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)
Thursday, February 26	5:30 pm Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall) 7:00 pm Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)
Friday, February 27	
Saturday, February 28	9:00 am Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel) 4:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)
Sunday, March 1	Second Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person live-streamed 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

**Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)*

*“Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love”
God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work
in the world. God’s grace draws us in—all of us.
And together all of us reach out with God’s love.*



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The Rev. Sandi Albom, *Priest in Charge*

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The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe, *Presiding Bishop and Primate*

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ECOTA Happenings

February 22, 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:00 am *Worship & Holy Eucharist (in person)*

10:00 am *Worship & Holy Eucharist (in person & live streamed)*

Tuesdays: *Bridge Fellowship, 7:00 pm* | **Wednesdays:** *Healing Service & Holy Eucharist, 12:15pm*

Lenten Resources from the Episcopal Church:

2026 Lenten Meditations (videos): <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

2026 Lenten Reflections (videos): <https://ssw.edu/lent2026/>

Living Compass (downloadable or printed booklet): <https://www.livingcompass.org/lent>

Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent (videos):

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed-the-way-of-love-in-lent/>

Brown Bag Bible Study: Small Books, Big Meaning - Wednesdays 2/25 & 3/4 1:00-1:30pm

Some of the shortest books in the New Testament carry some of the biggest questions, encouragements, and challenges for the early church and for us. Join us as we explore several of these brief but powerful letters together. Size does not necessarily mean short on meaning! Come one and all. No preparation required.

Upcoming sessions:

February 25 — *Titus, Philemon, and James*

Practical faith, reconciliation, and what it really means to live out what we believe.

March 4 — *1 & 2 Peter, 1-3 John, and Jude*

Hope in difficult times, living in truth and love, and discerning faithfulness in a complicated world.

Lent Grief Support Group – Tuesday, February 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 @ 2:00pm

Grief expresses itself in many ways, and during the season of Lent, uncomfortable feelings may arise. As a Certified Grief Educator, Lyn Casey will be facilitating an online support group to provide a safe place to share and witness each other's experiences. These sessions will offer a judgment-free space for sharing, as well as an opportunity to learn new ways to navigate loss. The group will meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm for the six weeks of Lent, starting this Tuesday, February 24, and running through March 31. For more information or to sign up, contact Lyn at GriefGratitudeAndGrins@gmail.com.

Lenten Talk about Immigration – Thursdays, February 26 and March 12 & 19 @ 5:00pm

Lent invites us into prayer, reflection, and courageous conversation about the realities shaping our neighbors' lives. This year let's gather for a four-week Lenten series to learn and talk about immigration history in the United States, how current policies impact families and communities, and what our faithful responses might look like as followers of Christ. Join us for a Simple Supper, prayer, and guided conversation.

ECOTA Coffeehouse ~ Wednesday, February 25 @ 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Good coffee (or tea). Good friends. Good music. Come join us for all three at our next **ECOTA Coffeehouse** on Wednesday, February 25 starting at 10:30am. We'll set up the St. Margaret's Guild Room and the Narthex with comfy places to sit, sip, socialize, and listen to music provided by Jerry and Kara Noble. Do you have a favorite song you'd like to hear played? Email Kara or Jerry to let them know (program@atonementwestfield.org). We could use some volunteers to set up, make coffee, and clean up—and we would be very grateful for donations of baked goods. If you can help, sign up in the Narthex or contact Kara.

Stations of the Cross – Fridays February 27 and March 6, 13, 20, 27 @4:30pm

During Lent, you are invited to walk the path of Christ's final journey through the ancient devotion known as The Way of the Cross, or Stations of the Cross. Josh Velez will lead this prayerful service each Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary throughout Lent. This year offers a special opportunity to experience the devotion through our newly installed Salvadoran Stations, whose vivid imagery helps us enter more deeply into the suffering, courage, and love revealed in Jesus' journey to the cross.

Lenten Art Day – Saturday, March 14 ~ 9:00am – 1:00pm

Join together for a day of art and a retreat from the busyness of life on March 14th from 9:00am-1:00am in the St. Margaret's Guild Room with Rev. Sandi and Nikki Danis. Nikki will guide us through creative time, and we will wrap up the day with lunch. More detail to come. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex (Lobby). All are welcome. Bring a friend.

Games & Pizza – Sunday, March 22 ~ after 10:00am service

Let's play games again! Join us on March 22 after the 10:00 am service. Bring a game to share, something to drink, and a sweet treat, and we'll provide the pizza. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex (lobby)

Egg Hunt Candy Donors Needed

We are seeking donations of wrapped candy to stuff into the eggs for our hunt this year; candy donations can be placed in the basket in the Narthex until March 30. **PLEASE: No Candy Including Nuts Or Peanut Butter.** Join us if you can help stuff the eggs on Tuesday, March 31 from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Bunny ~ Saturday, April 4, 11:00am

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the church's front lawn on Saturday, April 4. Registration will be between 10:30-10:45 am; **the egg hunt begins at 11:00 am, rain or shine.** And the Bunny will be on hand for photos with the kids!

2026 ASH WEDNESDAY & HOLY WEEK

March 29: Palm Sunday	8:00am	Holy Eucharist
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist
April 1: Wednesday	7:00pm	Taize Tenebrae
April 2: Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar
April 3 Good Friday	11:00am	Stations of the Cross
	12:00pm	Worship Service
	7:00pm	Worship Service
April 4 Saturday Easter Egg Hunt	11:00am	
April 4 Saturday Great Vigil	7:00pm	Worship with Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Easter Acclamation
April 5: Easter Sunday	8:00am	Holy Eucharist
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist