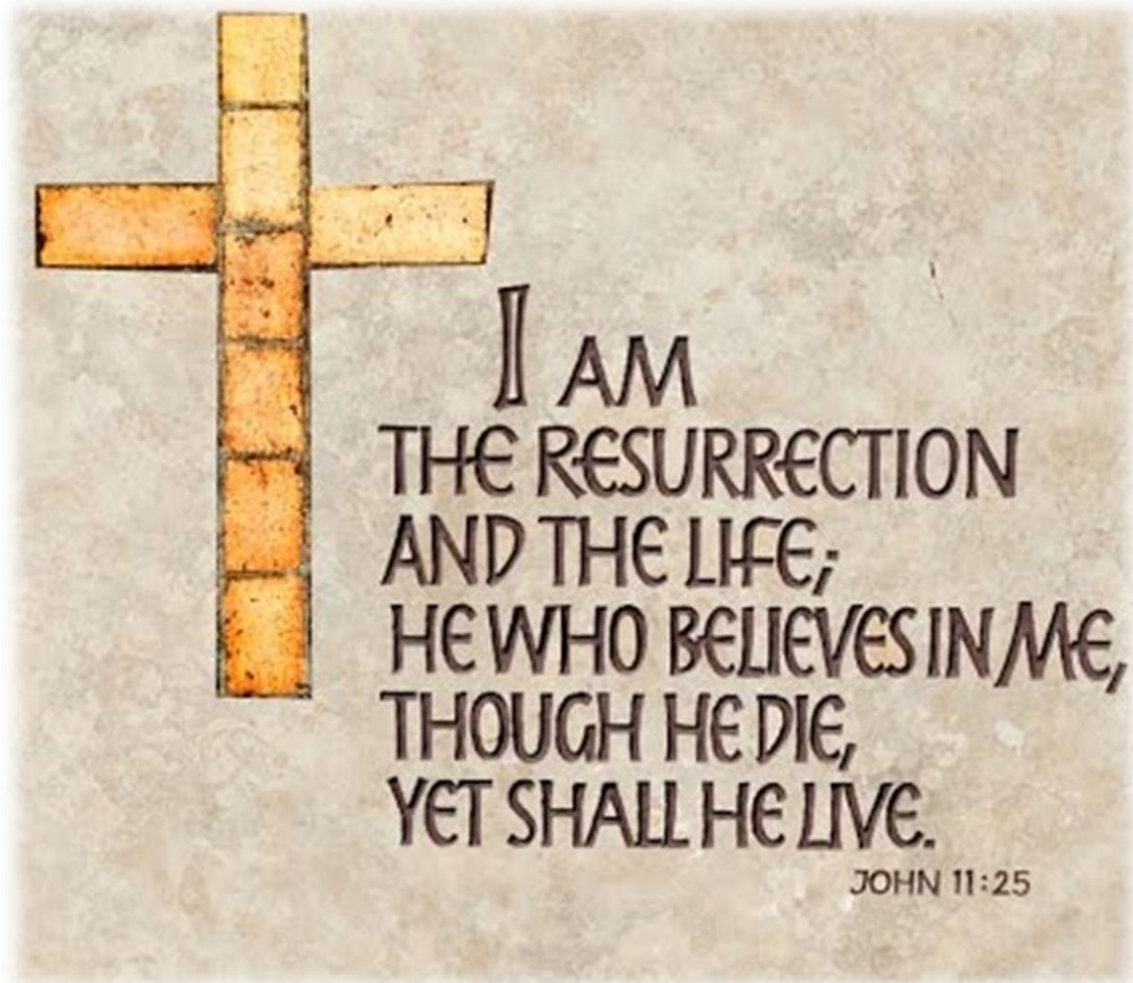


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*Sunday, April 2, 2017*  
*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

**Service Notes:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

### OPENING HYMN: #434 "Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"

STAND

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your

punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

**FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**37** The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter

you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

**PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 116**

*Refrain*



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,



in the land of the liv - ing.

*Psalm tone*



I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;\*  
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,\*  
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;\*  
when I was in great need, he saved me. ***Refrain***

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD\*  
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,**\*

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.      *Refrain***

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## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:11-19**

**8** <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the soloist)

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

## STAND

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!**

## **GOSPEL:** John 11:17-27, 38-45

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take



away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” <sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **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,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

## ***BE SEATED***

### **GOSPEL RESPONSE: “I Am the Resurrection and the Life”**

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Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.”

Hymns of praise, then, let us sing  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
Who endured the cross and grave, sinners to redeem and  
save.

Sing we to our God above, praise eternal as his love.  
Praise him all you heavenly host -  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: #110 “My Song is Love Unknown”**

## **SERMON**

**STAND**

**PSALM 51 RESPONSE** (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

**OFFERING**

**STAND**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SEASON OF LENT**  
(Page 125)

**M:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C:** We confess that without your love we are lost.

**M:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.**

*Silent prayer.*

**M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**C: Amen.**

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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 forever and ever. Amen.**



## **THE SACRAMENT**

### **PREFACE**

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the



forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C:** A - men.

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



**C:** O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

**DISTRIBUTION**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#605 "Asleep in Jesus! Blessed Sleep"

#608 "I Fall Asleep in Jesus' Wounds"

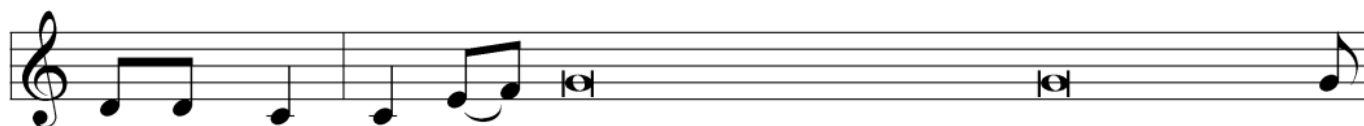
## THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

### SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

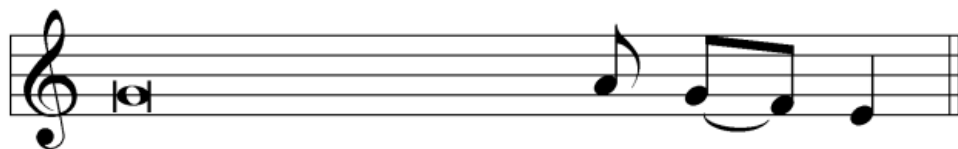


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We

thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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Communion Assistants: Jim Cutler and Mark Castellese

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Doris Tomlin

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
- Temple Talk and Door offering for Lutherfest 500  
- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Stewardship/Education, Trustees  
- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday - 9:00 AM Bible Class  
- 6:00 – 6:45 PM Lenten Meal in church basement  
- 7:00 PM Lenten Vespers Service:  
“Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven”  
(Luke 23:35-43)
- Thursday - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal  
-7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
- Door offering for Lutherfest 500  
-10:45 AM Preschool reception

Serving next week: Altar Guild – April 9: Jana Schultz;

April 13: Margaret Seppanen; April 15: Lois Bude

Ushering – Palm Sunday (4/9) Team 4; Maundy Thursday (4/13) Team 1

Good Friday (4/14): Team 2; Easter Vigil (4/15) Team 3

**Divine Call** - On Monday, March 21, the voter's assembly of St. Peter's issued a call to Pastor Jeremy Husby to serve as an Associate Pastor for our congregation. Pastor Husby is currently serving at Peace Lutheran Church in Hartford, Wisconsin. He is a graduate of Huron Valley Lutheran High School, Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Pastor Husby served as a vicar at Peace Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, before being called to serve at Peace Hartford in 2008. Pastor Husby has been blessed with one child and is the husband of the late Cassie Husby, daughter of Pastor Edward Zell of Darlington Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor. Please keep Pastor Husby in your prayers as he deliberates this call. Scott Beckerman and Pastor Schaefer are currently communicating with Pastor Husby and we ask that you let the congregational leadership be the voice of St. Peter's during the call process. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Schaefer or Scott Beckerman.

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**Lutherfest500--** Many of our congregations in Southeast Michigan are hosting a celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation this October 28, 2017 at Huron Valley Lutheran High School (Westland). It is intended to be a fun event, but also an evangelism opportunity for our region. We will take a **door offering on April 2 and 9 to help defray expenses of this event.** Watch for more information for opportunities to help and enjoy this "once in 500 years celebration!"

**Lenten Meals:** The April 5 Lenten meal will feature mostaccioli and salad, sponsored by the St. Peter's Wednesday morning Bible class. The dinners will be in the church basement from 6:00-6:45 PM. Please sign the attendance sheet so the servers can plan the meal.

**Palm Sunday** - Next Sunday (Palm Sunday) we are inviting our preschoolers to participate in our service. They will be singing as well as carrying palm branches. Please welcome our guests. Any member children are invited as well to participate in the Palm Sunday Procession. It would be a great service opportunity for our grade school age children to help the preschoolers.

**Easter Flowers** – Don't forget to sign up to purchase Easter flowers to beautify our sanctuary and to glorify our risen Lord! Easter lilies are \$10 apiece, daffodils are \$12, and tulips are \$8. There are order forms on the table in the narthex. Payment must be made at the time of ordering. Checks should be made out to St. Peter's. Place the form and check in the narthex mailbox of Carol Schwartz. The deadline for ordering is Palm Sunday, April 9. After the Easter services, you may take your flowers home or leave them for the Sunday after Easter. If you choose not to take your flower, the bulbs will be planted around the church building.

Start planning now for **Huron Valley Lutheran High School's next Rummage Sale.** Clean, usable items can be brought to HVL from 9am-5pm on April 24 or 25, or by appointment by calling HVL at 734.525.0160. The sale will be Thursday and Friday, April 27-28 from 9am-5pm, and Saturday, April 29, from 9am-12 noon. Thank you in advance for your much

appreciated donations. Please, NO upholstered furniture, computer equipment, TV'S, or electrical items that may not work. Organizers of the sale will be working in the Multipurpose Room from 9-4 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (April 24-26) to organize the sale; they could use your help if you are available. Questions? Please feel free to call: Jamie Kittle ( 734.419.4674) or Diane Wendland (734.455.9763).

### **Lenten and Holy Week Schedule**

Theme: Repent, Turn to Jesus...

April 5 Lenten Vespers 7:00 PM	He Holds the Key to Heaven Luke 23:35-43	Rev. Thomas Schroeder
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April 13 Maundy Thursday Divine Service 7:00 PM	Receive a Special Assurance of Your Forgiveness John 13:1-15, 34	Rev. Paul Schaefer
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April 14 Good Friday Service of Meditation on the Cross 1:00 PM	He and He Alone Finished Your Salvation John 18:1-19:42	Rev. Paul Schaefer
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April 15 Easter Vigil Divine Service 7:00 PM	Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 (Creation) Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 (The Flood Exodus 14:10 – 15:1 (Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea) Isaiah 55:1-11 (Salvation Offered Freely to All)	Rev. Paul Schaefer
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### **Easter Schedule – April 16**

7:00 AM	Easter Dawn Divine Service
8:15 AM	Easter Breakfast
9:30 AM	Easter Festival Divine Service

Let us all gather often in God's House for this most holy week of the Church year!

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those who needs have been reported.

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