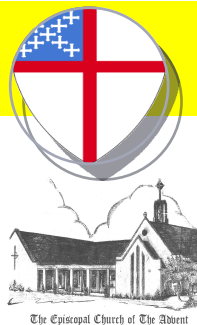


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“But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;” 1 John 2:1

The Advocate

FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER

May God continue to guide and strengthen us as we seek to do his will.

We gathered during Lent to re-examine our life as a church and as the Church. We looked back at our history – appropriately since we celebrate our 125th anniversary this year. We also looked at what we had done over the years and what we wanted to do in the coming years. The vestry will make decisions as to how we will proceed, but those that gathered made some recommendations:

First our Mission Statement – “Advent ministers.”

Next, four things were selected to begin to try to assist how Advent ministers:

- Enable blood drives;
- Initiate concerts in the park;
- Improve signage; and
- Create a brochure.

Questions and comments are welcome.

The Lenten season was relatively quiet until the Fish Fry/Bake Sale. Things got very active and it appears that this year’s event was very successful. There was abundant participation and we thank all of the individuals who participated and also the Boy Scouts, AA, Coyote Cooks, Dorsal Services and all who bought tickets to support the work of the church.

Following the Fish Fry/Bake Sale we welcomed Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson. She and her husband Carrick were able to join a group for dinner Saturday night. Sunday worship was celebrated by Bishop Jennifer and we enjoyed hers and Car-

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FROM THE HEART (CONT'D)

rick's presence with us at a brunch following.

Sunday, March 18th, was inspirational not only for the Bishop's presence, but because we also received Alex Saenz into the Episcopal Communion. Though Alex has been with us six of seven months, and we have considered him a part of our congregation, it is now official that he is a member of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Alice, TX.

We are proceeding through Palm Sunday and Holy Week with services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (5:30 p.m. each night) as we anticipate Resurrection Sunday.

There will also be noon worship services at Immanuel Lutheran Church at which various churches will preside at worship and provide a meal. Advent will be coordinating with First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday.

Easter Sunday is on April 1st and we will have our traditional flowering of the cross to initiate our worship.

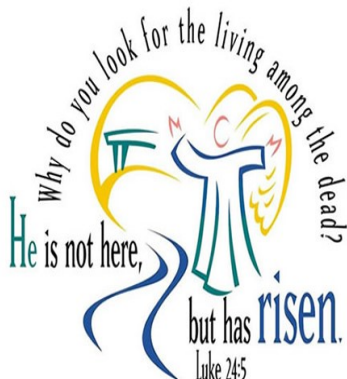
On April 20th an evening of "make-your-own-salad" and games is being planned and we will hear more about that as time draws near.

Easter season will continue through April and into May until the Day of Pentecost on May 20.

Our next 5th Sunday lunch will be on April 29th at First United Methodist Church and I suspect it will start around "noonish".

God Bless you.

Tom



In the early days of the Christian church, Easter was celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the first astronomical full moon after the vernal (spring) equinox. Over the course of history, beginning in 325 AD with the Council of Nicea, the Western Church decided to establish a more standardized system for determining the date of Easter. Astronomers were able to approximate the dates of all the full moons in future years for the Western Christian churches, thus establishing a table of Ecclesiastical Full Moon dates.

These dates would determine the Holy Days on the Ecclesiastical Calendar.

Though modified slightly from its original form, by 1583 AD the table for determining the Ecclesiastical Full Moon dates was permanently established and has been used ever since to determine the date of Easter. Thus, according to the Ecclesiastical tables, the Paschal (Passover) Full Moon is the first Ecclesiastical Full Moon date after March 20 (which happened to be the vernal equinox date in 325 AD). So, in Western Christianity, Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the Paschal Full Moon.

The Paschal Full Moon can vary as much as two days from the date of the actual full moon, with dates ranging from March 21 to April 18. As a result, Easter dates can range from March 22 through April 25 in Western Christianity.

by Mary Fairchild

<https://www.thoughtco.com/paschal-full-moon-700617>

April 1 Easter Sunday

Celebrant – Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister – Steve Findley
Lectors – Roge & Liz Hoffman
Oblationers – Andy & Aaronette Housley
Usher – Phil MacCord

April 8 Morning Prayer

Worship Leader: Steve Findley
Lectors: Roge & Juliette Wood
Usher: Andy Housley

April 15

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister: Cookie MacCord
Lectors: Phil MacCord & Liz Hoffman
Oblationers: Andy & Aaronette Housley
Usher: Bruce Hoffman

April 22

Celebrant – Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister – Gail Hoffman
Lectors – Phil MacCord & Bruce Hoffman
Oblationers – Steve & Eddie Findley
Usher – Andy Housley

April 29

Celebrant – Rev. Tom Turner
Eucharistic Minister – Cookie MacCord
Lectors – Roge & Liz Hoffman
Oblationers – Bruce & Gail Hoffman
Usher – Phil MacCord

May 6 Morning Prayer

Worship Leader: Gail Hoffman
Lectors: Roge & Bruce Hoffman



CHRIST THE **LORD**
IS RISEN TODAY!

Spring Social

Build Your Own



Bring your family and your favorite salad ingredient for all to share **AND your favorite board/card game.**

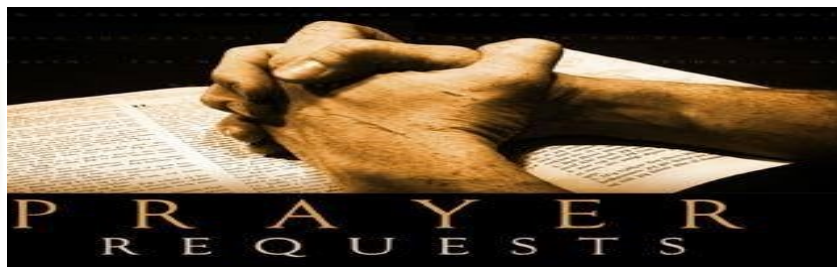
**Friday, 20 April at 6pm
in the Parish Hall.**

Please coordinate your salad ingredient(s) with Gail Hoffman.



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER SUNDAY 9am HE Rite I 10:30 Egg Hunt 	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tom & Darlene gone						
8 9am Morning Prayer	9	10	11	12	13	14
Tom & Darlene gone						
15 9am HE Rite II	16	17 5:15pm Vestry	18	19	20 6pm Spring Social Game Night	21
22 9am HE Rite II	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9am HE Rite II 10:30am WOA/MOA 12 noon- Community of Churches Luncheon at the Methodist Church	30					



The Lord's Prayer

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.

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Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

Ashton Adams
 Lydia & Marie Bertrand
 Martha Blackwell
 Denise Bowen
 Sue Brown
 Mike Carper
 Cindy Case
 Aspen Coffee
 Kathleen Eddlemon
 Gracie Fields
 Mike Fields
 Bill Findley
 Jeff Fuchs
 Robin Fuchs
 Melba Gafford
 David Garza and family
 Gilbert Garza and family
 Gwen Guinn
 Aaron Henson
 Natalie Hoelscher
 Oralia Hughes
 Carolyn Hunter
 Kelly Hunter
 Kristin Johnson

Jill Kirby
 Juanice Kirby
 Lewis Kutschke
 Darla Lee
 Lee Lozano
 Gerri Ann Martin
 Bea Sharp Miller
 Sandra Morin
 Ned & Kathy Morris
 Jack Muller
 Joseph Muschella
 Mickey Myane
 Aubryanna McGee
 Beatrice Nwosu
 Susan Paul
 Stephanie Poole
 Shirley Powers
 Bill Reed
 Joye Reed
 Jesse Richardson
 Pearl Riddle
 Gregg Robertson
 Delores Rodriguez
 Isaul Santos

Irene Seidel
 Kenny Sharp
 Jan Sierman
 Bud & Jimmie Alice Smith
 Dewey Smith
 Karen Smith
 Avery Stein
 Nick Stokes
 Bill Storgion
 David Sullivan
 Dr. Bandeira Texieria
 Brenda Timmons
 John Timmons
 Lainey Topacio
 Jesse Wells
 Bonnie Whitley
 Susie Wilkerson
 Carey Woods
 Cinco Woods

ONE NATION UNDER GOD!

Pray for our Military Family

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad; especially;

Benjamin, Brittany, Caitlynn, Caton, Drew, Jared, Joseph, Josiah, Luke, Noah, Phillip, Shawn and William.

Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils, which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~Amen~





ANNOUNCEMENT's

OUR APRIL BIRTHDAYS

During the month of April we will celebrate the birthdays of Gail Hoffman on the 4th, Aubryanna McGee on the 11th, Brooke Bolinger on the 14th, Alannah Gonzales on the 15th, Stephanie Hoffman on the 17th, Cynthia Powell and Winter Ross on the 21st, Tom Turner on the 22nd, Jayson McGee on the 25th, Philip Lemieux on the 27th, and Claire Keliehor on the 30th.

If we have overlooked someone, please let Debbie, in the office, know.

OUR APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

During the month of April we celebrate the Anniversary of Roge and Liz Hoffman on the 5th.

If we have overlooked someone, please let Debbie, in the office, know.

Volunteer's Needed

Trash & Treasures and the Alice Food Pantry

Located at 311 E Main Street, Alice Texas 78332 is in need of volunteers to help over the summer months.

If you are interested please contact Gordon Smith 361-701-3194.

The 5th Sunday Community of Churches Luncheon will be at 12 noon— on the 29th of April, at the First United Methodist Church.

If you have a loved one to add to — remove from the Birthday/ Anniversary list — or just want to correct a name on our list, please contact Ms. Debbie in the office

VESTRY will meet at 5:15pm on Tuesday, April 17th.

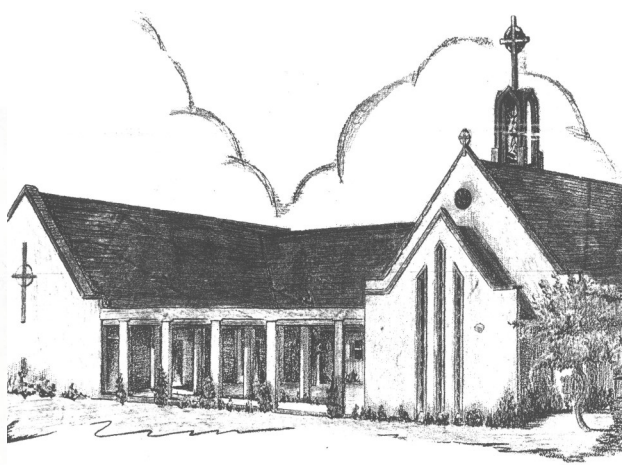
WOA and MOA will meet again on Sunday, April 29th following the service.

Please check the calendar for your scheduled meeting.

COMMUNITY



OUTREACH



The Episcopal Church of The Advent



Summer at Camp Capers

2018

SUMMER CAMP DATES

- Sr. High Camp A: June 10 - 16 (10th to 12th graders*)
- Primary Camp A: June 17 - 23 (3rd to 5th graders)
- Jr. High Camp A: June 24 - 30 (8th and 9th graders)
- Intermediate Camp A: July 1 - 7 (6th and 7th graders)
- Sr. High Camp B: July 8 - 14 (10th to 12th graders*)
- Jr. High Camp B: July 15 - 21 (8th and 9th graders)
- Good Sam Camp: July 23-27
- Intermediate Camp B: July 29 - Aug. 4 (6th and 7th graders)
- Primary Camp B: August 5 - 11 (3rd to 5th graders)

[Based on campers' grade in the 2018-2019 school year.]

*Sr. High Camps include seniors graduating in Spring 2018.

2018 Summer Camp Registration Fee = \$485

Easter Time

*Easter time is here again, but many do not know,
What this time really means, or what happened long ago.
Foiled eggs and chocolate treats, are masking the good news,
We get to take its holidays, but its message we may lose.*

*How many children know the truth, or parents teach the word,
The story of Jesus as a man, who came to save the world.
Our sins he bore on the cross, to save our souls from hell,
He rose from death to help man, spread words of God to tell.*

*Let our hearts fill with joy, as its meaning's understood,
To be with God for evermore, in presence of such good.
Our fleeting life upon this world, is just a moment past,
But taking God's wondrous gift, it won't be our last.*

By Bill Hoeneveld 24 April 2011

Our Continuous Community Need:

Clothing Donations:

Alice Trash & Treasures: 311 E Main Street, Alice Texas 78332

Food Donations:

The Alice Food Pantry: 311 E Main Street, Alice Texas 78332 .

Volunteer of your Time: Contact Gordon Smith at any time **361-701-3194.**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



from the kitchen of Sandra Ledbetter

Cheesecake Cupcakes

Ingredients

24 vanilla wafers
3/4 cup sugar
2 (8 ounce) pkg, cream cheese softened
2 teaspoons lemon juice
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 can (your favorite flavor) pie filling
1 tub cool whip (optional)
Fresh fruit (optional)



Directions

Put 1 wafer in the bottom of each cupcake liner. Mix sugar, cream cheese, lemon juice, egg and vanilla. Add to cupcake liners (no more than 1/2 full).. Bake 20 minutes at 350*. Top with cupcakes with your favorite pie filling or with cool whip and fresh fruit, when cooled.

FROM AROUND OUR DIOCESE

April 10 Coffee & Compline St. George, San Antonio

We invite you to gather with other young adults, ages 21 to 45, for an evening of worship, coffee, and Evening Compline on Tuesday, April 10, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This month, we're being hosted by St. George (6900 West Ave., San Antonio, TX 78213). Coffee and fellowship start at 7:00 p.m. and worship/compline takes place from 7:30 until about 8:15 in the sanctuary. We meet bi-monthly as young adults in San Antonio and welcome you to invite your young adult group and friends. Connect with us on [Facebook](#) to stay informed.

April 13-15 New Beginnings Trinity, Victoria

The fourth [New Beginnings](#) retreat for middle school youth (6th-8th grades) will be held Friday-Sunday, April 13-15, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Victoria. This unique weekend addresses the issues, concerns, and needs of young people in 6th to 8th grade, with the goal of helping participants grow in their love of the Lord Jesus Christ, and subsequently, themselves. The cost for the weekend is \$50. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact [Mary Hayden Manning](#). Staff training will be held on Saturday, April 7, also at Trinity. [Registration is open online](#).

April 13-15 The Good, the True, the Beautiful: Spirituality and Creativity REGISTER The Bishop's Spring Retreat at Camp Capers

Focused on creativity, the arts, and a life in the Spirit, The Good, the True, the Beautiful retreat will welcome the Rev. Becca Stevens back to the diocese, as well as her husband, Marcus Hummon, to Camp Capers, Friday-Sunday, April 13-15. All are invited to retreat for a weekend of creative activities that will lead to the culmination of worship centered on the Walk to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-53) and being in the presence of Christ. Becca, founder of [Thistle Farms](#), and Marcus, a [Grammy award-winning songwriter and artist](#), will lead plenary sessions. Saturday afternoon will have workshops with topics such as collage making, lettering, creative writing, cooking, and music, plus time for individual rest and reflection as well as group nature walks, star gazing, and a bonfire. Stay in the lodges (double occupancy, \$200) or the cabins (\$125). [Download the flyer / retreat schedule here](#).

April 21 Bishop Elliott Society Spring Lecture Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi

The Bishop Elliott Society presents the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, bishop suffragan of the diocese, for its spring lecture series on Saturday, April 21, at Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi. The morning begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 and will adjourn after Noonday prayers. Bishop Brooke-Davidson lectures, entitled "Thank God we are not like *those* people" will be a conversation about hospitality, orthodoxy, and cultural coding; what is essential, what is compelling (and to whom), and where God may be calling us in our time. If the knowledge of God is to cover the earth as the waters cover the seas, then the people of God—and Episcopalians in particular—must take seriously the challenges of contextualizing the ways we express our faith. This event is free to BES members and \$30 for non-members. [Register and RSVP here](#).

April 20 - 22 Nails and Prayers - Mens' Retreat Camp Capers

Gather for worship, fellowship, teaching, and the opportunity to give back to camp as we prepare for the summer season. There will be a variety of projects involving different levels of physical labor and construction expertise. Bring your work gloves, any tools you may want, and a servant's heart. Contact [Jamie Read](#), Camp Capers' Office Manager for more information.

April 22 - 27 Discovering Wholeness Retreat Camp Capers

Another Discovering Wholeness Retreat will be held at Camp Capers, Sunday through Friday, April 22 - 27. This is a retreat community that provides a safe place to become acquainted with your whole self by learning about the structure of psyche and exploring complexes and archetypes. The retreat format is a balance of teaching, individual time, small group work, and recreation. The retreat costs are \$1600 for single occupancy or \$1500 for double occupancy. (Early registration discount through February 15th: single occupancy, \$1500 and double occupancy, \$1400). Learn more and register [here](#).

April 27-29 Spring Women's Gathering Camp Capers REGISTER

The [Commission for Women's Ministry](#) presents the Spring Women's Gathering at Camp Capers Friday-Sunday, April 27-29, this year entitled "Finding Joy as Spiritual Practice." Leaders for the weekend are the women of Church of the Holy Spirit, Dripping Springs. At the gathering, women will focus on joy itself as a spiritual practice and consider the joy already present in current spiritual practices, such as prayer, journaling, and exercise, just to name a few. The cost includes all meals and materials and is \$165 for the weekend in a cabin or \$245 for the weekend in the lodge, double occupancy. Follow the link above to register online; and scholarships are available. With questions, contact Marjorie George at marjorie.george@dwtx.org.

April 28 Bishop's Valley Golf Classic Rancho Viejo Country Club

Returning for a 2nd year, this fundraiser benefits the diocesan Vital University Missions program on Rio Grande Valley campuses. The tournament fee is \$150 per golfer, with several sponsorship levels too. [Click here for printable registration form and flyer](#). [Online registration](#) is open. Email [Mark Hagelberg](#) with tournament questions or our Valley Regional Coordinator, [Chelsea Mueller](#), for more information about Vital UM in the Valley. (9:30 - Check In, Practice Rounds, Box Lunch; 12:00 PM Shotgun start; 5:00 PM Awards Reception)

From one Kitchen to Another

Spicy Garden Salsa

Ingredients

- 10 cups chopped peeled tomatoes (about 6 lbs)
- 5 cups chopped green peppers (about 2 lbs)
- 5 cups chopped onion (about 1.5 lbs)
- 2.5 cups chopped, seeded hot peppers (about 1 lb)
- 1.25 cups cider vinegar
- 3 garlic cloves minced
- 2tbs fresh minced cilantro or parsley
- 1 tbs salt



Directions

In a large kettle, combine all ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered for 10 minutes. Ladle hot mixture into hot jars, leaving 1/2 inch head space. Adjust caps. Process for 15 minutes in a boiling water bath. Yields about 8 pints.

Hamburger Soup

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 1 cup corn
- 1 cup green beans
- 1 cup peas
- 1 cup carrots, 1 cup barley
- 4 stalks of celery (chopped)
- 4 potatoes (cubed)
- 1/2 head cabbage (shredded)
- 1 medium onion (chopped)
- 1 bag of noodles
- 2 cans diced tomatoes
- 1 can tomato sauce
- 1 can beef bullion
- Salt & pepper to taste



Directions

Boil ground beef in large stock pot of water until done. Add all other ingredients, cook on medium heat for 1 hour. Eat & enjoy!

March Challenge SOLUTION'S

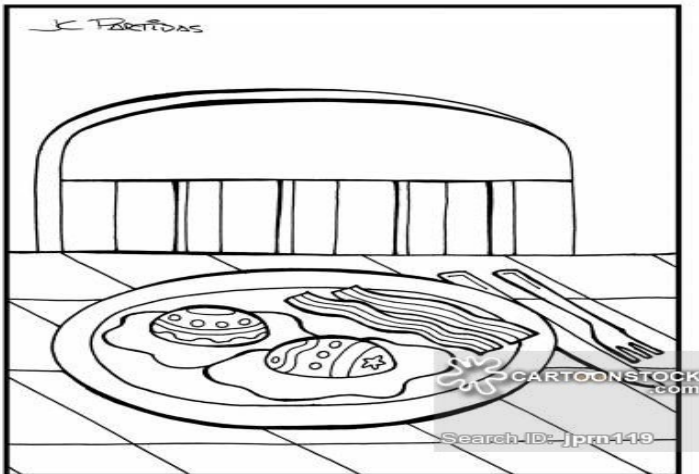
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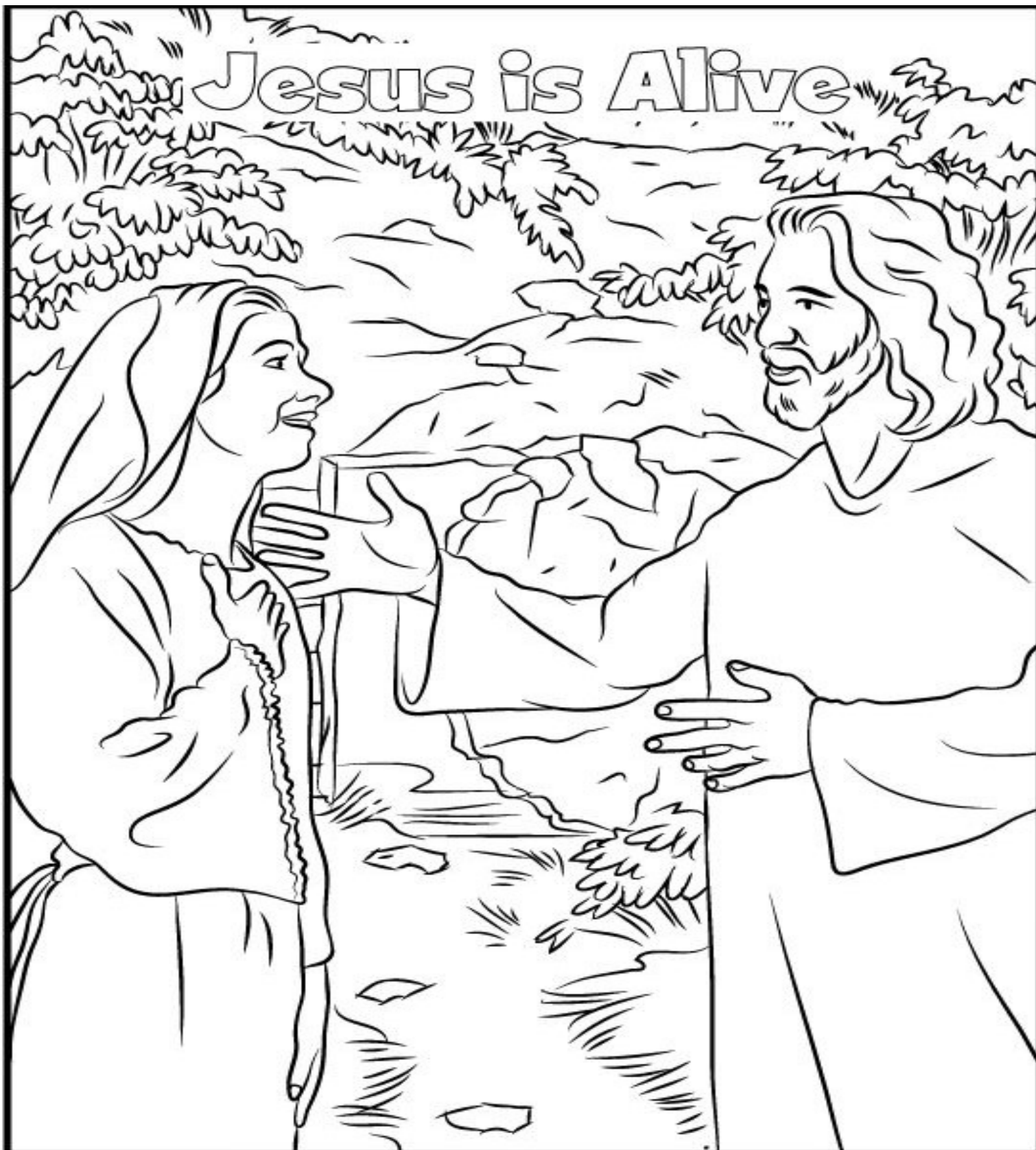
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BREAKFAST THE DAY AFTER EASTER

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APRIL coloring page



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WORSHIP:

**SUNDAY - 9AM - HOLY EUCHARIST AND
SERMON, FOLLOWED BY COFFEE HOUR AND
ADULT STUDY. SPECIAL SERVICES AS AN-
NOUNCED.**

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2018 VESTRY

“The Vestry is the body of elected parishioners called to cast vision, care for finances and property, and collaborate with the Rector in servant leadership of the church.”

Rev. Tom Turner

Aaronette Housley, Treasurer

Roge Hoffman, Sr. Warden

Darlene Turner

Bruce Hoffman, Jr. Warden

John Gust Tsesmelis

Gail Hoffman, Clerk

Elaine Broesche

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Juliette Wood

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Our Mission at Church of the Advent is to reach out to our community through the ministry of our members to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and to minister to those in need. Within our congregation, our mission is to promote individual and group worship, provide Christian Education for youth and adults and foster fellowship through our extended family in Christ by increasing participation and stewardship, time, talent and treasure.



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