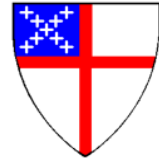




The Cloak ¶

Love God, Love Your Neighbor. ¶
Change the World. ¶



April 2024

Easter is more than just one day. The feast of Easter is a season of fifty days, from Easter Eve to Pentecost. The Greek word Pentecost (fiftieth day) was used for the whole Paschal season. During this season there is no fasting, and the alleluias (praise the Lord) return. The white vestments are used, and the Paschal candle is lit at every service during the Easter Season. The Alleluia, Alleluia may be added to the dismissals during the great fifty days. St. Martin's uses Rite II, Prayer D during Eastertide.

Easter isn't just about eggs, jellybeans, and chocolate Easter bunnies. It's about the **new life we have in Christ**, in which we are set free to love, forgive and serve, and thereby find a sense of peace and joy in all that we do. By grabbing hold of the cross, we share in Jesus' victory over sin, death and all that would destroy us.

Let us follow the example of Jesus' first disciples, the Apostles. After Jesus walked through locked doors to appear to the eleven disciples and to show himself to Thomas, seven of the eleven disciples went back to their fishing business. They went back to their vocations or stations in life and took the witness of the resurrection with them. They lived in the joy of the resurrection of Jesus while carrying out the daily, ordinary labor and responsibilities given to them.

Now, we go forth from Easter Sunday and the celebration of the empty tomb free as God's forgiven children in Christ. Now we go forth empowered by God's Spirit living and active within us to live in the joy of the resurrection as "every day" witnesses.

I wish you all a blessed Eastertide!!

Mtr. Kim+

Prayer Requests

*You may make prayer request additions, deletions, and modifications via Mtr. Kim Roberts at bkeroberts@msn.com, Rev. Mark Kowalski, Deacon at kowalskimjk@gmail.com or through the Parish Administrator Ann Chambers at smartinomaha@gmail.com (402)-733-8815. *Always confidential*

- **PRAY FOR:** Cathy Wylie, Mike, Clay, Doreen, Stephanie, Steve, Benji, Becky, Rita K, Gary, Bill, Greg, the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, victims of natural disasters.
- **PRAY FOR** victims of violence and war, victims of gun violence, victims of sex trafficking; people with HIV/AIDS; members of the armed forces and their families, immigrants, and refugees,
- **PRAY FOR:** Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev Michael Curry; Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Scott Barker,
- **PRAY FOR:** the poor and the hungry; the unemployed; the uninsured and underinsured; prisoners and their families; the homeless and near homeless; shelters and food pantries.
- **PRAY FOR** peace in the world and in our hearts.
- **PRAY FOR** those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month: Carol Durham, Kim Roberts, Conner Mowery, Steve Mincer, Jim Ruegge
- **PRAY FOR** our church family, the growth of this baptismal community.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

St. Mart's News and Announcements



All are welcome: All worshipping at St. Martin of Tours who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's altar. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

Vestry Meeting: The Vestry of St. Martin of Tours will meet on **Sunday, April 14th** following Second Table.



Healing Prayer Station: If you wish to receive a prayer and anointing for healing, please come to the chapel during communion. The healing station will be available occasionally.



Sadie Murphy Fund: A fund has been established to honor and memorialize our beloved pets that have passed. It is named after Sadie Murphy, a wonderful dog and friend. A plaque will be installed in the Chapel. People can donate toward the purchase and engraving of a nameplate in memory of their pet(s). The minimum donation for each nameplate is \$40. Please see Ann Chambers for more details.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Monday in Easter Week					 Carol
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Easter 2 Thomas Sunday Holy Eucharist 10am	The Annunciation	Dietrich Bonhoeffer	Eid al-Fitr	Kim		
		 <small>Pop in Jesus April 16, 2023 Linda Lammiman Susan Hill Brenda McManis St. Dr. Alan McManis</small>				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Easter 3 Holy Eucharist 10am						
 		 Conner				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Easter 4 Holy Eucharist 10am				St. Mark the Evangelist		
 						
28	29	30				
Easter 5 Holy Eucharist 10am	Catherine of Siena					
 		Jim R. 				