

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Feb 22, 2026

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We thank Pastor Davis for sharing the good news today.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

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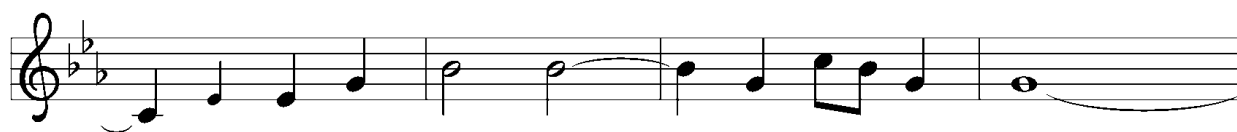
GATHERING HYMN

ELW 325

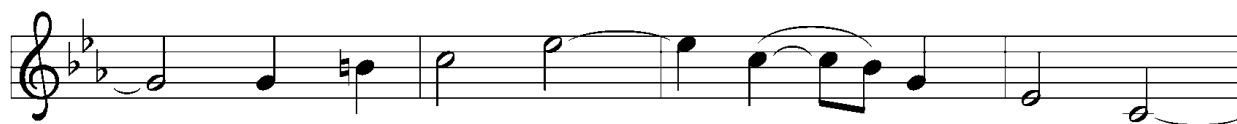
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



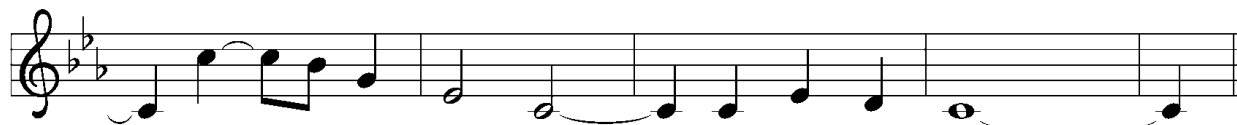
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Please be seated)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ THE WORD +

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

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ 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.”

^{3:1} 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?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ 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.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will

be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ 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.⁷ 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;**

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹ 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.”

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ 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 gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.
Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

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

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ 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.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to

him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

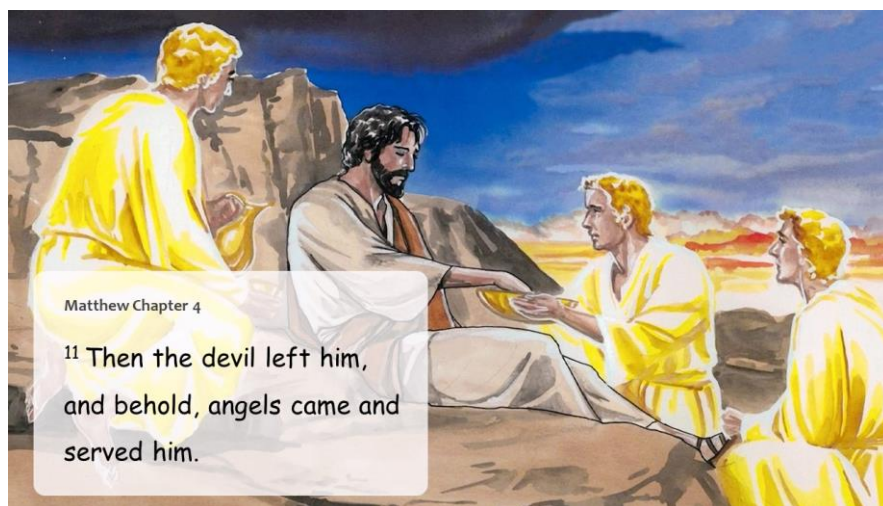
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Bruce Davis



*(Please stand as you are able)***HYMN OF THE DAY****ELW 504****A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

+ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD +

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: Merciful God

C: receive our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

OFFERTORY

ELW 481

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna, in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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,
forever and ever. Amen.
+ SENDING +**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.

(Please stand as you are able)

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 624

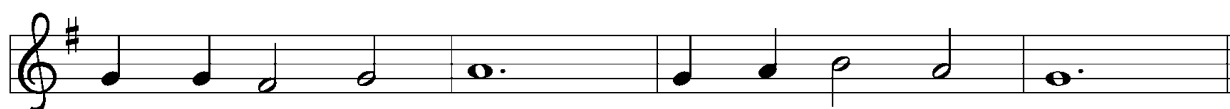
Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

DISMISSAL**A:** Go in peace. Believe the good news.**C:** Thanks be to God.**Jan's Income: \$ 6,239 Average Attendance: 19****Jan's Expense: \$ 8,507****Note: 2 Sundays no service/no deposits**

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Gail Briggs by Diana and Dolores Downey.

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD**Scheduled to serve 2/22***Alan S. – Assisting Minister**Klines – Ushers**Downey/Deemer – Counters**Barb S. – Altar***Scheduled to serve 3/1***Meghan G. – Assisting Minister**Gary P. - Usher**Gary P./Volunteer - Counter**Meghan G. - Altar********WEEKLY CALENDAR*********Mon, Feb 23****6:30pm – G/S (Mtg Rm)****Wed, Feb 25****6:00pm – Mid-week Lenten service @
Immanuel Norwood****6:30pm – G/S (Mtg Rm)****7:30pm – AA (Hall)****Thu, Feb 26****7:00pm – AA (Hall)****7:00pm – DA (Mtg Rm)****Sat, Feb 28****10:00am – AA (Hall)****11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)****2:00pm – Meet & Greet Candidate (Hall)****Sun, Mar 1****10:15am–Worship/Meeting Vote****12:30pm – Song of Praise (Sanctuary)**

MID-WEEK LENTEN GATHERING - Wednesdays, 6:00 during lent is as follows:

2/25 @ Immanuel Lutheran, Norwood

3/4 @ St. Timothy's, Aston

3/11 @ Matthew's, Woodlyn

3/18 @ St. Timothy's, Aston

3/25 @ Holy Spirit, Secane (Holy Communion)

Mark your Calendars!

Please take note of the following very important Holy Spirit events.

Saturday February 28 at 2 PM – We will be holding a “Meet and Greet” with Pastor Christopher Drummond. This is an opportunity to meet Pastor Drummond in a relaxed social environment. Light snacks will be served.

Sunday March 1st at 10:15 AM – Pastor Drummond will be leading the Holy Spirit congregation in worship. Immediately following the service we will be holding a special congregational meeting to officially vote on acceptance of our new Pastor.

Please plan to attend these two events and make your voice heard.

*******PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*******

Healing:

Annie Berner

Eileen Maloney

Lisa McDonough

Hugh Mullarkey

Lois Saunders

Betty Lake

Anne Rainsford

Dolores Maurer

Harry Collins

Geralyn Gerakaris

Joan & Harry Chaykun

Jackie Bernduer White

Jackie Dewitt

Maureen Colahan

John Turner

Lynn McGrane

Sue Thomas

Jean Cilurso

Phyllis Horton

Lou Vallies

Linda Martin

Bill McVian

Nikki Miller
Cyndi Kline
Marie Schall

Suzie Thomas
Tom
Saporetti family

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Feb, please call the office)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Hank Kuhn, Janet Kline, Dudley Henriques, Gerilyn Gerakaris, and Bob Kerns.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

COUNTERS NEEDED – We are in need of one or two counters for the first week of the month. If you are able to volunteer for this, please call the office.

NEW DIRECTORIES - Will be available by **February 8th**. Please look on the back table for copies. If you would like one emailed to you, let the office know.

CHURCH'S 75th ANNIVERSARY!

As you may have heard, this year is Holy Spirit's 75th Anniversary. We are going to celebrate this achievement on **Sunday, April 26, 2026** during a special worship service and a luncheon. There will be invitations coming to you in the next few months.

We would like to display pictures/mementos at the luncheon for everyone to see Holy Spirit through the years. If you have any pictures (or anything related to the church) that you could lend us, please put your name on it and hand them to Nancy Harris, Gary Pysher or Bill/Cyndi Kline. We will make sure you get them back.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are now \$20 per vase. There are several openings to sponsor flowers in January.**

BULLETIN COVERS –There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for **special occasions**. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

Outreach Activity for Lent

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” - Matthew 25:40

Lent, the seven weeks before Easter is a time for reflection and prayer, fasting or doing without luxury, and charity or service. These are all classic Lent practices.

I thought we would help out people in our neighborhood by supporting the Life Center in Upper Darby, a homeless shelter that provides many services and a meal every day.

The Life Center of Eastern Delaware County is run by the Community Action Agency of Delaware County (CAADC). Severe budget cuts and increased operating costs have caused a very big financial problem for emergency shelters in Delaware County. The CAADC created the Save Our Shelters (SOS) Campaign. This campaign is a cooperative effort between CAADC, the community, and faith-based groups to raise funds to bridge the shelter gaps. The CAADC shelters include: Family Management Center in Chester that serves families, Life Center of Eastern Delaware County in Upper Darby that serves individuals and provides a daily feeding program, and the Wesley House Shelter in Chester that serves families and women.

You can support this campaign by mailing checks made out to the CAADC to:
Attention: S.O.S. Campaign, CAADC, 1414 Meetinghouse Rd., Boothwyn, PA 19061
Another way to help the shelters is to donate items to them. I contacted the Life Center and they gave me a list of their most needed items. **There will be a box in the hallway to collect these items during Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. I hope that the congregation will support this project by filling up many boxes of the following items:**

Shampoo	Cleaning Supplies
Conditioner	Clorox wipes
Toothpaste	Towels
Twin size blankets	Washcloths
Twin size sheets	Paper towels
Pillows	Butter/margarine
Laundry Pods	Milk
Dish detergent	
Plastic spoons (we do not need plastic forks at this time)	

EASTER EGG HUNT



Holy Spirit is sponsoring its 20th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March, 28, 2026. The Egg Hunt will begin at 12 noon.

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Bags of candy to fill the Plastic Easter Eggs. ALL CANDY MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED (please send in candy that will fit in a one inch egg). There is a container in the Narthex for you to leave the candy in. Please bring in the candy as soon as possible so we can plan ahead. No hard candy please.
- For the food – needed are hotdogs and water. See the sign-up sheets in the front hallway. Please give the hotdogs to Bill or Cyndi Kline, Nancy Harris or Gary Pysher. The water can be left under the table when you first enter the social hall.
- HELP on the day of the hunt. We can use volunteers to help with the hunt, craft table, registration and just being on hand to greet our community and join in the fun.

ALL SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE FRONT HALL.

Thank you!



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