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#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

**Today's Theme:** Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

**Prayer:** Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through our Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. *Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.* 

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

# CALL TO WORSHIP

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God has done great things for us; we are glad! Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

We are waiting to hear what God would have us do;

We are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.

Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water.

Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our futures;

We press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(SEATED OR KNEELING)* 

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess together.

Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen

#### **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

#### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

## THE WORD OF GOD

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43: 16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God preformed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

#### The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

#### THE PSALTER

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. **Restore our** fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

### THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 12:1-8

Judas willingly misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD Praise be to You, O Christ.

#### SERMON

"God's Promise: Past, Present, Future" Pastor Rankin

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

#### 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 worshipped and glorified, and 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.

## **PEOPLE'S OFFERING**

## **OFFERING DEDICATION**

Bountiful God, we are glad for all the good things you have done for us. We count everything as loss before the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ. Receive our costly offerings and our best efforts, here dedicated for your use. May Christ be proclaimed and the poor be saved from the terrors of suffering and neglect. Fill the hearts of all your children with laughter and joy. To that end, bless our offerings this day. In the name of Christ. Amen.

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord! Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets. We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. Because you have come to us in Jesus Christ, enduring the Cross so that we might know eternal life, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise. With angels and archangels, saints and martyrs, the church on earth and the church in heaven we praise you with your holy name.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! (PLEASE BE SEATED)

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

#### THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

#### COMMUNICATION

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

#### The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.)

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

### POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you. And also with you. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**. Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations, especially in Ukraine. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

#### SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

## **CLOSE OF WORSHIP**

BENEDICTION

## CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chancel Flowers are given by Robert and Hedwig Hunsicker in memory of our Mothers' birthdays.

The Worship Aids are given by Joann Peck in memory of son Darrell Peck who passed 5 years ago.

**Money Counters:** Nevin Cooley, John Bailey, Pat Sensenig, Charlene Cristy, Cherie Cataldi

Building Trustee: Pat Sensenig	Lector: Rev. Bob Bistline	
Attendance for Sun., March 27 Lent Sunday School	8:00–16 10:30–61 14 10	TOTAL – 77

#### This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m2 p.m.)				
Monday	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/7:45 PM-Bells			
Wednesday	7:00 PM – Lenten Service			
Thursday	5:00 PM – Community Meal @ Zion, Landisville			
	7:00 PM – Lancaster Association Mtg.			
Friday	7:00 PM - Pinochle			
Saturday	8:30 AM – Men's Breakfast @ Family Fare			
	7:00 PM – Alanon			
	8:00 PM - AA			
Sunday	8:00 AM – Eucharist			
	9:00 AM – Sunday School			
	10:30 AM – Worship			

#### Happy Birthday!

Today – Lori Daly, Jordyn Schuessler Monday – Rosemary Minder Thursday – Wendy Harley Saturday – Lauren Eyer, Anita Rohrer

Why no alleluias or hymn of praise during Lent? You may have noticed that the act of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'"

(http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No\_Alleluia.htm).

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Paul Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel), Anne Rankin, Donna Zirkel, Bob Kilgore, Marvin Lehman and family, Lee Bossert, Sheldon Paulus (son-in-law of Chuck & Sue Husted), Sean McKelvey & family, Dr. Cathy Hoshauer, Joann Garvin, Herb Charles, Rev. Phyllis Baum, Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Herb Holbein (father-in-law of Danielle Huggins Holbein), Jean Otthofer (mother of Dan Otthofer), Rev. Paul Eyer (former pastor of St. Luke's), Danielle Huggins Holbein, Carole Connor, Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty), Mary Witmer, Mark & Mary Anne Ritter (friends of the Paulukows), Patrick & Mel(nephew of Marianne Gibble & his wife). the Martin family. Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards). Hillary Brennan (mother of John Brennan), Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong), David & Ann Potts (friends of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Pete & Nora Petrosky (friends of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer). Lvnn Dull. Hilma Slechta (mother of Mike Slechta). Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel). Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright), Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards), Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio), Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer), Donna Denlinger, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Jaimie & Aurora Commero (friends of Sarah Paulukow), Mark Zody (friend of Denise Huggins), Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Scott Summers, Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Betty Tyndall and family, Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Bob & Marlyn Wible, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Doris Leaman, Judie Bistline, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

**THE APRIL PARISH POST** is available on both floors of the church building.

**MEAL AT ZION LUTHERAN, LANDISVILLE:** There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the hallway across from the church office for our next community meal on April 7 at Zion Lutheran in Landisville. We are in need of volunteers to help serve the meal. The volunteers should arrive by 5:00 p.m. Contact Nancy Enders or Paula Dennes for more information.

### LENTEN SERVICES---Theme: Turning Toward God's Abundance

Lent is a season of repentance, turning to God and asking for God's goodness to wipe away our sins and to show us how to live anew. Lent also turns us toward Easter and the abundant life God will offer through the Three Days. This Lenten midweek service series turns us toward God's abundance by focusing on five divine attributes from the gospel texts for Lent (lectionary cycle C).

Week 5: Love (April 6 at 7 p.m.)—Rev. Sandy Morris (will include the order of healing)

#### HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Maundy Thursday (April 14 at 2 p.m./7 p.m.): Service of Word & Sacrament with Pastor Rankin preaching. The 2 p.m. service will be streamed on our Facebook page and later uploaded to our website.

### Good Friday Tenebrae Service (April 15 at 7 p.m.)

## Easter Morning Schedule (April 17):

6:15 a.m.—Sunrise Service in the parking lot with Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.—Service in the sanctuary with Holy Communion 9:15-10:00 a.m.—Breakfast in Isenberg Hall (sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office) 10:30 a.m.—Service in the sanctuary with Holy Communion

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**GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST:** The Lancaster YMCA is planning to have the Good Friday breakfast on at the Farm & Home Center on April 15 at 7:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:00 a.m.). The Rev. Gerald Simmons, Pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, will be the speaker. Pastor Rankin will offer the invocation and benediction. Trinity will once again have a table of 8 people for the breakfast. The cost will be \$20 per person. Contact the church office to make a reservation.

**LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR:** Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship on April 14 from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Isenberg Hall! You are invited to stay for the Maundy Thursday Service at 2:00 PM. **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The men will be meeting on Saturday, April 9 at 8:30 a.m. at Family Fare Restaurant in East Petersburg. This is open to all men of the congregation! Call the church office to let them know you will be attending. Don't miss out on this time of fellowship.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES: Christian Education classes will be held for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Here are the locations for the classes: 1. Children's Class will most in the classroom on the first floor

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2. Middle School/High School Class will meet in the classroom on the second floor.

3. **The Combined Adult Class** will meet in Isenberg Hall. They are using the book "Practicing Our Faith" edited by Dorothy C. Bass.

**"FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY" BOOK STUDY:** Pastor Rankin will be leading a book study after Easter. We will be reading *With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life* by Henri Nouwen. We will meet via Google Meet at 7 p.m. on April 28 and May 12, 19, & 26. Signup by contacting the church office.

**LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES:** The Board of Deacons decided to use all donations given through the Lenten Denial envelope to assist those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. Please be generous as we help our brothers and sisters in need.

## 2022 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AIDS SPONSORS

Contact Carol in the church office to sign-up for chancel flowers and worship aids for 2022. We recently changed florists and so the new price for flowers will be \$60. The price for worship aids will remain at \$26. Upcoming dates for chancel flowers are: **April 24.** Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **April 10, & 24.** 

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: When we returned to worship in the midst of the pandemic, Pastor Rankin has taken on the altar guild responsibility each week. The pastor now is looking for a few more volunteers to help prepare the altar for weekly worship. The following people have agreed to serve: Nancy Enders, Hedwig Hunsicker, Karen Olley, and Jamy Shelly. The pastor is looking for another 2-4 people to serve. Pastor Rankin is willing to offer a training session for all volunteers. You can contact him or Donna Denlinger, the Elder representative to the altar guild.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for worship volunteers on Sunday mornings and the Wednesday Lenten services (just greeters for those services). Contact the church office to sign-up!

**Greeters/Ushers:** To welcome worshippers at the door and to seat them in the sanctuary (10:30 a.m. service only)

**Lectors:** Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. services.



May 20 Masks may required per CDC guidlines Snacks and Drinks to share are welcome! Any Questions call: Karen Olley (717)598-0247



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Sweet Bologna - Ham - Italian - Turkey Roast Beef - Chicken Salad - Tuna Salad Each Sub Redemption Certificate: \$8.00

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> CHEESE OF YOUR CHOICE: American • Provolone • Swiss

YOUR CHOICES OF VEGETABLES: lettuce • tomatoes • onions • marinated onions • sweet peppers banana peppers • hot peppers • black olives • pickles salt • pepper • herb mix • Parmesan

Place your order form and money in church office

NAME	PHONE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	PAID (Please check)

Email:

Please make checks payable to: TRINITY PRESCHOOL

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:



You are invited to come in and be a **MYSTERY READER** for one of our preschool classes. You may choose a book of your own or one suggested by a teacher. For more information please contact Sean McKelvey (preschool@trinityeastpete.org).



## PRESCHOOL FOOD TRUCK FUNDRAISER

The Trinity Preschool will be hosting a food truck and bake sale fundraiser here at Trinity UCC on Friday **May 6** from 12pm to 4pm. **If you would like to donate baked goods** use this sign-up sheet or





**2021 ANNUAL REPORTS** are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on the both floors of the church building.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Copies of the new church directory are available on the table across from the church office and in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

**DEVOTIONALS:** The April-June edition of *These Days* & Lenten devotionals are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.



### Learning to See: A Memoir of Southern Africa by Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen

Teaching in the southern African nation of Botswana in the early 1980s, Richard Christensen faced a new world, one endlessly fascinating and challenging. Experiencing warm hospitality from many people, sharing both joyful celebrations and painful struggles with students, he and his family encountered a deeper sense of the true meaning of community. Travel in apartheid South Africa and war-weary Zimbabwe gave him a fuller understanding of the reality of oppression and how

people of faith endured their plight and kept hope alive. In this experience, so surprising in many ways, he came to a deepened realization of the genuine freedom of the gospel and the hope it affords us. He saw that relationships are what save us, that the salvation of God in Christ is not merely personal and individual, but communal, and that we are thus more dependent upon one another than we realize. Learning to see the world with new eyes, he discovered not only a more expansive vision of the church and the world, but also a more honest and complete understanding of himself as a product of an affluent and segregated society. You can purchase book at either <u>Amazon.com</u> or **wipfandstock.com** 

## CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION

Even though the air is cold and snow is on the ground, the warmer days of the Summer Camp season are right around the corner! Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa! There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. You can find printed brochures on the table across from the church office or view the schedule at <u>https://www.lutherancamping.org/forms/SummerBrochure.pdf</u>

As you know, Penn Central Conference paid for 50% of camp registration fees last year. It is wonderful to be able to announce that that same generous offer stands again this year! You can help send campers from Trinity by contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund. **Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with "Camp Scholarship"**.

## "HARTMAN CENTER SPIRIT WEEK" 2022

Save the date: "Hartman Center Spirit Week" will be returning this summer!

This will be a week of camp in the spirit, community, and traditions of Hartman Center. Registration information and a brochure will be available soon.

Saturday, August 6 through Friday, August 12 at Camp Mt Luther in Mifflinburg PA. Talk with Pastor Chris or Anne Rankin for more information.





Solutions For Churches & Communities



SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT TRINITY U.C.C.



Join us for fellowship and game between Lancaster Barnstormers and the York Revolution! The cost is \$30 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity). Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account and those under 4 are free. You can sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office. We will need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up!



Dear Trinity Members,

"Wade In The Water" is the theme for this summer's Vacation Bible School. It will be held Monday, July 18 to Thursday July 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, with the closing program on Friday, July 22.

We will need your help to welcome and teach the children of Trinity and the wider community. The ideal VBS program would touch and/or be touched by each member of the congregation. Please check the activities in which you would be willing to share during the week. Please return this form to the VBS Director's mail slot in the church office by April 15. If you have any questions please contact us. Thank you.

#### Dina Slechta and Diane Rice

\_\_\_\_\_Teacher—travels with group through stations and teaches the story lesson to the class each night.

\_\_\_\_\_Assistant Teacher - travels with the group through stations and helps with teaching the story each night.

\_\_\_\_\_ Caretaker And Me Class Facilitators - 2 people with clearances who can be available in the nursery for any caretaker and child who need to take a quiet time/play by themselves break in the nursery.

\_\_\_\_\_Games Leader—leads 10 to 15 minute games reinforcing the night's concept and story

\_\_\_\_\_Games Helper

\_\_\_\_Crafts Leader

\_\_\_\_Craft Helper

\_\_\_\_\_Floaters - we need some potential teachers and assistants who will be at VBS, ready to jump in as needed.

\_\_\_\_\_Registration—needs to be there 6:15 to 6:45 the first two evenings to register children

\_\_\_\_\_Help anywhere needed.

\_\_\_\_\_Youth Helper (7th grade on up)

Transportation Needed\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Days you would be available \_\_\_\_\_

#### FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

#### SECOND LESSON. Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

#### GOSPEL. John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

