

Grow ... Go ... Gather
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The Third Sunday in Lent

The Order of Service (DS 3, p. 184ff.)

A Song: "Lead Me to the Cross" (Brook Ligerwood) The Call to Worship, and the Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 430, "My Song is Love Unknown" (All: verses 1, 2, 7; Men: Verses 3, 5; Women: Verses 4, 6)

ALL
ALL
Men
Women

1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and

me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their

be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these

My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them-selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

Men 5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes

That He His foes
From thence might free.

Women 6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

ALL 7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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The Invocation, Confession and Absolution LSB p. 184-185

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with
a true heart and confess our sins unto God
our Father, beseeching Him in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
forgiveness.


P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

- C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions
unto the Lord,
- C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess
unto You all my sins and iniquities
with which I have ever offended You
and justly deserved Your temporal and
eternal punishment. But I am heartily
sorry for them and sincerely repent of
them, and I pray You of Your
boundless mercy and for the sake of
the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings
and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus
Christ, to be gracious and merciful to
me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of
my office, as a called and ordained servant
of the Word, announce the grace of God
unto all of you, and in the stead and by the
command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive
you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

The Gloria and the Kyrie LSB p. 186



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day LSB p. 189

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistles Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1-9

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed (on the back cover of the hymnal)

The Sermon Hymn: "God So Loved the World" (We the Kingdom)

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love **(2Xs)**

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

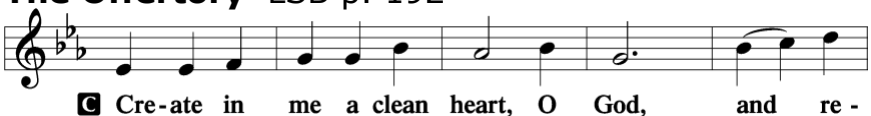
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The Sermon: Matthew 10:32-33, "Lent: A Time for Renewal of Witness"

Matthew 10:32-33

³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

The Offertory LSB p. 192

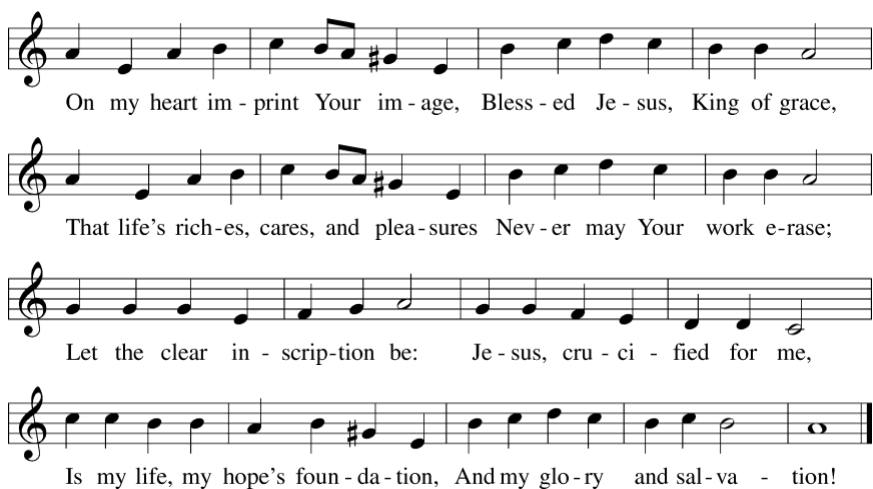


Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The Offering: During the offering you are invited to sing, LSB 422, "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
 That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;
 Let the clear in - scription be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
 Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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The Prayer of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

A Hymn: LSB 624 "The Infant Priest was Holy Born"

1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who

ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the

forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
 As at the rail on bended knee
 Our hungry mouths from Him receive
 The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
 A priestly food and priestly meat;
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
 His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim
 Our voices join the endless hymn,
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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Announcements and Blessing for Online Worshippers

T The Service of the Sacrament T

The Preface LSB p. 194

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

The Proper Preface LSB p. 194

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . .
evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus LSB p. 195



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



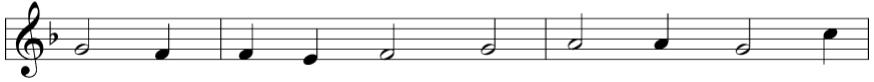
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



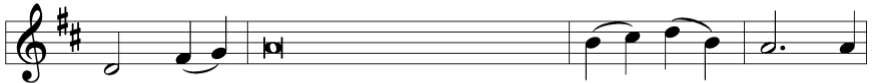
feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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The Nunc Dimittis LSB p. 199-200



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



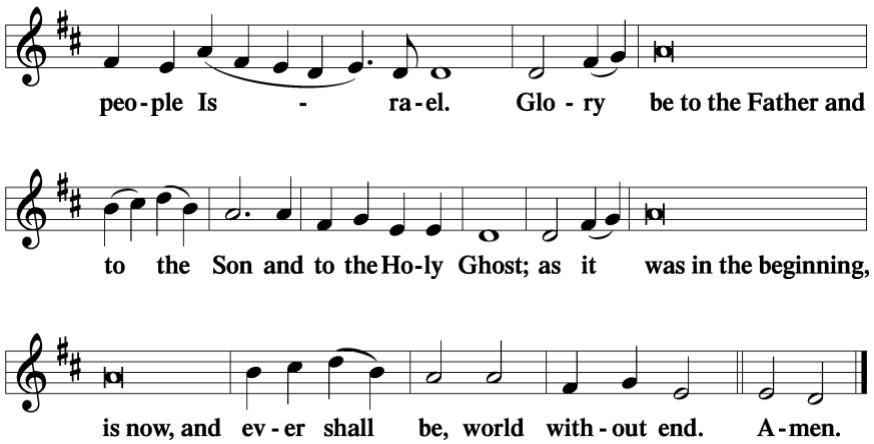
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



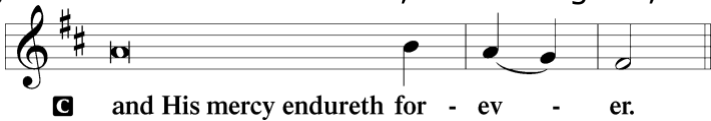
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

The Thanksgiving LSB p. 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

The Salutation and Benedicamus LSB p. 201-202

P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.



The Benediction: "The Blessing" (Carnes and Jobe)

Verse

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen

Bridge

May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

Bridge

May his presence
Go before you

And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

Bridge

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen

Verse

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: March 20 – March 27

- TODAY:** **KIDZ TIME** during the sermon, pre-2nd
Coffee Hour following the service
11:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship
Service w/ Holy Communion
- Wed:** **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study w/ Darrell
7:00 p.m. LENTEN WORSHIP
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Saturday:** **2:00 p.m.** Memorial Service, Therese
Kirt, at St. James (visitation 1-2pm)
- Sunday:** **8:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at St James & FBL.
KIDZ TIME during the sermon, pre-2nd
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Those who serve Today:

Deacons: Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden & Heath Urbanski

Lector: Carol Bifulco

Organist/pianist: Christina Shourds

Vocalists: Christina Shourds, Kelsey Butler, Hayden
Urbanski

Video/Sound/Recording: John and Marjie Weiss
and Nathan Urbanski

Those who serve Lenten Worship: March 23

Deacon: John Weiss

Ushers: Dale and Grace Rosema

Those who serve March 27:

Deacon: John Weiss

Ushers: Walt & Karen Kryzanowski

Lector: Cindy McAuliffe

March Altar Guild: Carol Bifulco and Kim Urbanski

HELP WANTED: We are in need of a person with Microsoft computer skills for software support/upgrades. This tech support opportunity does not involve significant time. If you have these skills, please see either John Weiss or Jim Spears.

Midweek Lenten services will be held on March 23, 30, and April 6. They begin at 7:00 p.m. and will also be livestreamed on Facebook Live.

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: March 13, 2022

General Fund	\$4,175.00
Plate Collections	25.00
ISJ Academy	250.00
Memorials	25.00
Total:	\$4,475.00
On-line giving	290.00
Total:	\$4,765.00

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE: The LCMS Office of International Mission is currently working with five partner churches to help refugees from this conflict. To support the people of Ukraine, please pray for them. If you desire to contribute to their needs, there are three ways to donate: Text LCMSUKRAINE to 41-444; [Give online](#); or call [888.930.4438](tel:888.930.4438).



Spring IS coming and so is the next **Friends in Faith 2nd Best Sale!** It will be **May 4-6.**

A **Drop-Off Day** has been planned for **Saturday, April 30th, 1-4 p.m.,** but items can be brought any time the church is open. Contact Walt or Dale if you need to drop off donations or have any questions.

Dying Well. Pastor Schaeffer will begin a new Sunday morning Bible study **TODAY**. The theme of this Bible study is "*Dying Well.*" Join him as he explores: Why do we die? What is death? How do we die well? As well as many other questions concerning death. You will also have the opportunity to complete a funeral preparation identifying hymns and scriptures you would like at your funeral.

Our St. James LWML will be collecting items throughout the month of April to be given to Phil's Friends; an organization that provides Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer.

A box is located in our church entryway for anyone from our congregation who would like to donate. Items needed: *women's fuzzy socks, fragrance-free 5oz. or smaller lotion, puzzle books (word search), journals (not spiral bound) and decks of playing cards.*

Also offered on a table in our entryway are *cards to color and directions/examples of short messages of hope to write within.* Phil's Friends will include these cards, and the other items we collect, in care packages that will be sent to individuals battling cancer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

An opportunity is available to join the St. James Altar Guild. This is a 1-month commitment of setting-up & cleaning-up for Communion Sundays, Monday Evening Worship services, and filling candles. Multiple people and/or families can be on an Altar Guild team. If you are interested in serving during the month of May, please contact John Weiss.

St. James VBS 2022 SURVEY

In order to determine when, how, and if we can offer VBS to our community this summer, we need YOUR input, please!! (This is NOT a commitment form.)
THANK YOU!

Please check the options below which best fits your opinion/preference:

#1 - Would it be more manageable for you to participate in our summer outreach if VBS was held:

_____ 4 consecutive days (M-TH am) in a week

OR

_____ 1 day (am or pm) per week in 4 consecutive weeks (like 4 Tuesdays in a row)

#2 – If you were to participate in VBS would you prefer to help:

_____ 1, 2 or 3 days OR

_____ All 4 days OR

_____ Not work the days it's held, but help with preparations.

#3 – Please list any weeks or weekdays this summer you are not available:

Complete and RETURN no later than Wednesday, March 23, in the box by front door or by mail.

Or go to: bit.ly/stjamesVBS

VBS Co-chairs: Nancy Spears, Cindy McAuliffe

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help present:

An EGGS-traordinary Easter EGGS-perience

This outreach event will be held on the Saturday after Easter, **April 23, from 1-3**. We are still looking for more help to man the event stations. Volunteers will receive an information letter in the near future!



Everyone can get involved:

- **Pray** for families in our school and community to participate
- **Pray** for the event organizing committee
- **Donate** individually wrapped candy
- **Donate** fun Easter trinkets (i.e. cross necklaces, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, pencils, gel pens, play dough, skipping ropes)
- **Donate** money to help us purchase supplies
- **Donate** new or used "fat" watercolor markers
- **Volunteer** for the event
- **Volunteer** to fill Easter eggs with treats and to do some prep work

ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH BY EASTER SUNDAY!
We welcome plastic eggs that are already filled!

With Thanks from your Easter Outreach Committee!

Christina Shourds, Cindy McAuliffe, Marjie Weiss & Sandra Schaeffer

thank you!

Easter Breakfast

Friends in Faith is planning for the Easter Breakfast on Easter morning, **April 17th**, before the 9:30 AM church service. Everything will be provided through a generous donation so all we ask is that you preregister how many people will be attending. This way we know how many to plan seating for and how much food to order.

There is a **sign-up sheet** by the office entry door. We will be serving promptly by 8:00 AM.

