



Holy Cross **Crossroads**

Monthly Newsletter of:



Holy Cross
Lutheran Church

| *April 2019*

Mark Your Calendar

4.8 (Mon)

Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm

4.9, 4.23 (Tues)

Hooks & Needles @ 9:00 am

4.2, 4.9, 4.23, 4.30 (Tues)

Lectionary Bible Study @ 5:30 pm

4.4 (Thurs)

Quilting @ 9:30 am & 4:00 pm

4.24 (Wed)

Senior Lunch @ Noon

4.3, 4.24 (Wed)

Adult Bible Study @ 1:30 pm

4.3, 4.24 (Wed)

Women's Book/Bible Study @ 3:00 pm

4.3, 4.10 (Wed)

Soup/Song/Sacrament @ 6:00

4.18 (Thurs)

Seder Dinner @ 5:00 pm

4.19 (Fri)

Good Friday Services

Noon & 7:00 pm

4.21 (Sun)

Easter Services

6:00 am Sunrise @ Windy Hill

8:00 & 10:30 at Holy Cross

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

One of the first things that I learned a little over two months ago when I arrived at Holy Cross is that you all are a wonderfully warm and welcoming

congregation to everyone who comes through the doors. As I have been visiting with people, again and again, I hear how lives have been changed by your welcoming ways. That warms my heart because I know that not every congregation is that way.

However, as wonderful as it is to be so welcoming, it's time to challenge us all to be more inviting. I know inviting someone to church isn't always easy.

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Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

And when we think about inviting someone, we often get a knot in our stomachs, our throats get dry, our heart pounds, we break out in sweat, maybe our tongues are tied... or some sort of similar effects, am I right?

It's true that when we invite people to join us for worship, the majority of them will most likely say no, but if you ask 100 people to come and only one of them does, than isn't the effort worth it for that one person?

You will notice that we have some posters and invitations we have created for our Holy Week and Easter services. We would like for you to take some and share them in your community, put the posters up on community bulletin boards, hand out the smaller ones to friends and neighbors. You can simply say, "If you are thinking about coming to church for Easter, consider Holy Cross." Or something like, "You are always welcome at Holy Cross." And really unless they ask questions, that's all you really need to say.

In preparation for welcoming our friends and neighbors to our Holy Week services, we will be having our Spring Clean Day on Saturday, April 13, and we welcome everyone's help as we prepare our church home for the holiday. In addition, at our larger services, we invite you to save some parking spaces for our guests and if you are able, park your car over at the park, and if you would like to save the best seats in the church for our company, then come forward and sit toward the front of the church. (Guests tend to feel more comfortable sitting in the back of the church, as many of you can understand!)

We are looking forward to our Holy Week services and we hope and pray that you all will find them a meaningful way to remember the wonderful love and kindness that God has shown us through the sacrifice and resurrection of our dear Lord, Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Kathy



Wednesday Bible study meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, continuing

our study of the Lord's Prayer. Note that we will NOT be meeting during Holy Week, so **NO CLASS on 4/17**. You can join the class any time. Contact Becky at 775-360-0553 or beckyb485@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Council News...

Sue Gonyou led us in devotions—Where have we experienced Jesus in our lives?

Soren Lancaster from Thrivent gave us a presentation on Thrivent programs that support Lutheran Churches—Thrivent Action Teams and Thrivent Choice. We will pursue using these programs to further the mission of Holy Cross.

We received reports from Pastor—highlighting, Holy Week services, Bible study, new member class, visitation, and community connection; Finance Committee; Live Nativity Task Force

Richard Eggers will lead the “Clean Team”—to prepare our House of Worship for Easter. Clean Day set for Saturday, April 13. The theme is to prepare Holy Cross to welcome our neighbors and friends to our Easter Season Worship and Events. We will apply for a Thrivent Action Team to support this event. Sue Volinkaty will lead organizing the Cottage Meetings targeted for the summer. Laurel Lindstrom will write information on the Thrivent programs for the bulletin and the April newsletter. The Council approved the 2019 Theme, Goals and Action Steps developed at our Feb. retreat.

Theme: *"Growing into Change"*

Goals:

- 1) Expand communication, consistent, constant and tells the story.
- 2) Stewardship—building up all that God has given us.
- 3) Exploring and preparing for growth.
- 4) Special projects Each goal has specific action steps.

Council Liaisons will share the goals and action steps with committees and teams—seeking input and coordination.

The following Council Liaisons were made:

- Worship and Music—Mark Calise and Sharon Voss
- Education and Learning—Diane Torry and Sue Volinkaty
- Outreach and Service—Stephany Robison and Sue Gonyou
- Fellowship—Laurel Lindstrom and Richard Eggers

The Council Liaison's will be in contact with the committees and groups to introduce themselves, share the council Goals and Action Steps, ask what the council can do to support the committees/groups ministry work and gather information.

Pastor led us in closing prayer.

Next Meeting: April 8—5:15 Gathering time, 5:30 Call to Order





Greetings from the HCLC Council!

We would like to hold a series of Cottage Meetings in June and July offering everyone the opportunity to meet Pastor Kathy in a smaller, relaxed and informal setting.

The council is asking for volunteers to host and coordinate these gatherings of 6 to 15 people. The size of the gathering depends upon the space available but ideally, meetings would not exceed 20 people. If you have access to a communal space or would like to use fellowship hall that is encouraged as well. We would like to spread the meetings across the Reno/Sparks/Washoe area to make attendance possible for everyone.

These meetings should have a simple agenda. Attendees can:

- Share with Pastor Kathy a little bit about themselves and their history with HCLC
- Share their stories and ideas for present and future ministry
- Get a chance to hear Pastor Kathy's stories and ideas for HCLC

Meetings should include some fellowship time and possibly a snack or meal.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Sue Volinkaty for more information. Look for me, Sue V., at the Coffee with Council session between services on April 28th. Or please feel free to message, call or email me anytime.

Email: volinkaty@hotmail.com

Cell: 775-722-2363

Thank you for your support, I look forward to working with you!
Grace and blessings on your path, Sue V.



Holy Cross Family,

Thank you for your love, kindness and support at the sudden passing of our husband, father and grandfather, Mike Torry. A special thank you to all who made his Memorial Service so welcoming, uplifting and comforting. Peace and Blessings, Diane, Katie, Natalie and Russell, Torry and Michael.



Senior Lunch

Sr. Lunch will be April 24th at NOON. Please bring sack lunch. *Note that it is the 4th Wed. due to Holy Week being the 3rd week.*

Service & Fellowship

Service

Chicks for ELCA God's Global Barnyard are on the Giving Tree. Please consider buying a chick(s) during the Lenten season - ten little chicks makes a big difference. Within months of birth, chickens are already laying eggs and families are receiving protein rich meals, as well as, selling their eggs for income.

The committee is discussing To-Go-Bags for Eddy House for God's Work - Our Hands in September. More info on this will be coming.

Fellowship

Plans are being made for our annual Spring Picnic at the end of May. More info about this event is coming soon.

Please consider ordering flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The choices are mums, daffodils, and tulips, and the sign up sheet is in the narthex. After Easter you can plant the flowers in your garden for beauty for years to come. The 7th is the last day to order flowers. You can email Dawn if you can't be at service on the 7th.



April Shopping List

40 chili
toothbrushes
toothpaste
gallon zip lock bags



Holiday Baking Class

The first Holiday decorating class will be held on April 15th for Easter. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to join in on the fun!





Holy Cross Quilters

Thank you for supporting our Quilt Raffle fund raiser! Your support provides the monies for the quilt group to purchase the batting and thread, making it possible for us to complete this ministry work that provides quilts to people in need in our community and around the world.

Thank you to our "Blue Basket Quilters". The Blue Basket was overflowing with quilt top kits and in a few weeks every kit had been taken by a blue basket quilter. Blue basket quilters complete the quilt tops on their own schedule, and then return the completed quilt tops. This significantly increases the quilt production of the quilt group — thank you!

We are "hard at work" (with a little time for occasional coffee and donuts) the first and third Thursdays of every month. Please join us!

Everyone is welcome to join the quilt group. No quilting or sewing experience is required. Although experienced quilters and seamstress are also treasured. During our quilt meetings we do a variety of things; designing quilt tops, cutting, fabric, sewing quilt tops, pressing the material, coordinating tops and backs and tying the quilts.

Quilts bring hope and emotional warmth to those that receive them. Each quilt is made with love and faith. God's Work our Hands!

Please join us for creative work, fun and fellowship. Thank you to all at Holy Cross for "Celebrating Generosity".

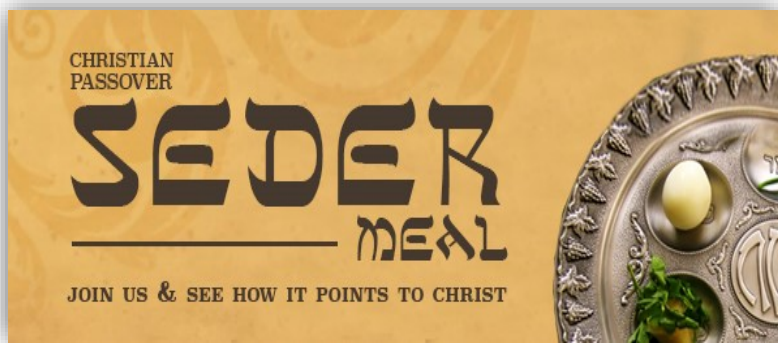
We all look forward to continuing to worship and work together living our Mission:

"To worship God and follow Christ's call to discipleship as we give of ourselves to the community and those in need worldwide."

CONGRATULATIONS
to our **WINNERS!**

The white, blue, and purple block quilt - Jody Morrison
The multi-colored rectangular-block quilt - Kathy Barcaskey
The car quilt - Charles Kiene
The "coveted" horse quilt - Marian Bond

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and helped support out outreach quilting efforts.

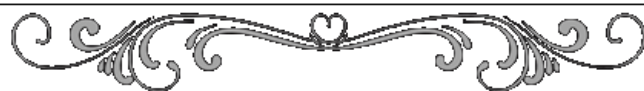


Dear Family of Holy Cross,

Why is this night different from all other nights? Please join us for worship and a participative reading of the Haggadah as we fulfill our commitment to new generations by telling the story of Passover, Exodus, and God's faithfulness to his people. This is a highlight of Holy Week you won't want to miss!

Our annual Seder Dinner on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week each year will be held on April 18th, 2019. Social hour begins at 5:00 pm, with dinner seating beginning at 5:45 pm. Worship with dinner and dessert begins at 6:00 pm and concludes at approximately 8:00 pm. Seating is limited and this is a ticketed event with paid reservations. Regular tickets are \$12, youth ages 5 to 12 are \$8, and children under 5 are free. The final Sunday for ticket sales is April 7th between worship services. If assistance is needed with ticket purchase, please see Pastor Kathy. Please contact Natalie Tegio or Paula Featherstone if you have any food allergies or special needs.

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Seder Dinner

Spring Salad with Vinaigrette

Matzoh Ball Soup

Parsley Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

Garden Green Beans

Filet Mignon with Bearnaise

Lemon Torte

Chocolate Torte

Sparkling Cider, Wine

Coffee, Tea

Non-Alcohol Fruit Punch, Cucumber Mint Water





Scheduled for **Saturday**
April 13, 2019, starting at 9 am.

It's time for spring! *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."* 2 Corinthians 5:17

We are rapidly approaching spring which means it is that time of year to have our annual spring cleaning! The pastor and council thought it would be nice to have the inside and outside all spruced up for the Easter services.

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019

Time: 9:00 – 1:00ish

Place: HCLC

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex with specific tasks that will need to be completed. We look forward to working together getting our "Home" ready for Easter Services.

Coffee & Danishes will be provided!

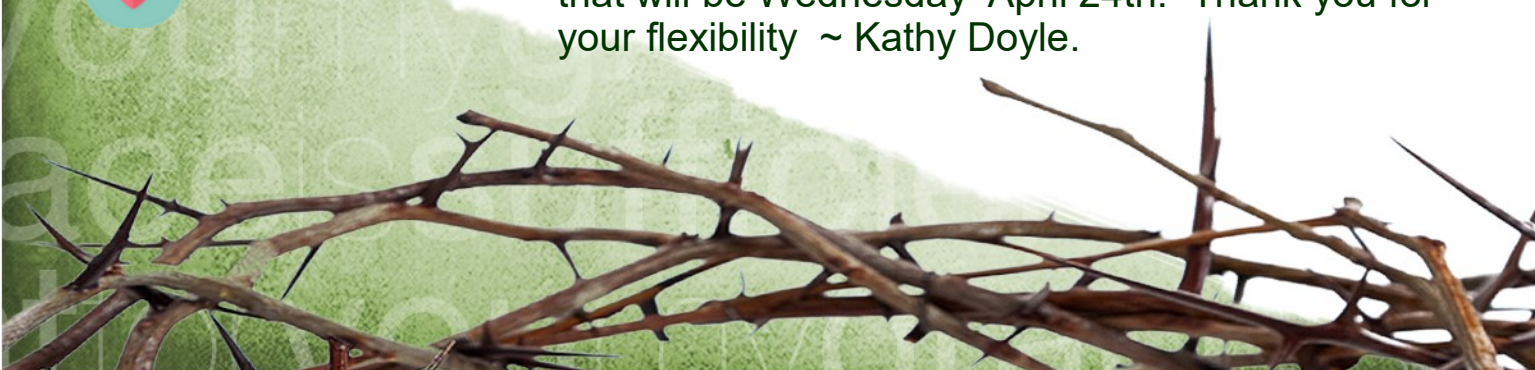
So sport your best cleaning duds, wear comfortable shoes, bring your sunny disposition, have your cleaning supplies armed and ready, and come join in all the fun! The more hands the quicker it goes. Thank you in advance for helping keep our worship space in great shape. Contact Richard Eggers if you have questions at Renogemini@aol.com



Live Nativity ~ We will be holding a Live Nativity meeting on Sunday April 7th at 9:15. Please reach out to Paula Featherstone if you have any questions...otherwise we will see you there to work on this wonderful community event.



A reminder to all that we changed the first April session of Women's B&B study to the first Wednesday, April 3rd, because I can't make it on April 10th. It's at the usual time - 3pm in Fellowship Hall. We're on Chapter 16 of Grace for the Good Girl, "Safe, Even in Failure." Our next session after that will be Wednesday April 24th. Thank you for your flexibility ~ Kathy Doyle.



New Members....

During worship services on April 7th, we will welcome 7 new members to Holy Cross: Sheldon, Flom, Holly Flom, Jacqueline White, Jeffrey Morris, Kathy Morris, Abigail Morris and Samuel Morris. These new members met for two orientation classes. During that time, they spent time getting to know one another; learning about Holy Cross ministry opportunities at Holy Cross; our history, values and beliefs of the broader Lutheran Church (ELCA) of which Holy Cross is a part. New membership classes are offered periodically at Holy Cross—speak with Pastor Kathy or team member Diane Torry if you know someone who may be interested.



Holly & Sheldon Flom: We just moved here from Spring, WY. We've been members of churches as far North as Ketchikan Alaska and as far East as Laramie Why. Sheldon works at DRI and Holly currently is staying at home. We have both been active members of our previous churches and look forward to being members of Holy Cross.



Jackie White: I was born and raised in Chicago until my Dad came back from the War, then we lived on Air Force bases. I attended Northwestern University for one year before deciding to study nursing at Augustana Hospital in Chicago. I worked in Illinois, Wisconsin and Nevada (Reno). I have 2 children, Patricia and Nancy. Two grandsons, Kyle and C.J. The last 10 years of my nursing career, I was a hospice admissions nurse here in Reno for Vista Care Hospice. I'm now retired. I was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Tahoe City, CA for over 30 years.



The Morris Family: We are a faith family that came to Nevada through Maryland, California, Washington and Minnesota. Abigail is seven years old and loves mermaids and princesses. Samuel is 3 years old and loves trains

and Mickey Mouse. Very early in our marriage and consistently throughout, Disney in it's various forms, is an uplifting part of our story. We are thankful and excited to be part of this faith community. Praise God!

Every
Family
has a
Story
to tell...
♡♡

WELCOME
to OURS~
♡♡



*Looking for a Church Historian
for Holy Cross.*

This would entail going through some old photos and paperwork to compile into a historical timeline for the church. If you are interested, please contact Dawn in the office.



Act Justly,
LOVE MERCY
AND
Walk Humbly
with your GOD.
Micah 6:8

Thrivent Generosity Programs

At March council meeting, Soren Lancaster from Thrivent spoke to us about two exciting programs Holy Cross can use to move us toward our Growing into Change Goals of:

- Expand communication – consistent, constant, and tells the story
- Stewardship -- Building up all that God has given us
- Exploring and preparing for growth.

Thrivent Action Teams:

If you are a member of Thrivent you can apply to lead a volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event. Think about an unmet need at Holy Cross, bring a team together and make an immediate impact. Thrivent will help with resources to plan the event, provide promotional items, and give a Community Impact Card with \$250 of seed money.

Action team ideas include:

- host a food event or rummage sale or car wash to raise funds for a program
- host a blood or food/toy/supply drive, create care packages, have an Easter egg hunt for local community
- host a basic budgeting class or teach a “how-to” class such as parenting, cooking, self defense, CPR

Associate Thrivent members can lead 1 team/year while Benefit members can lead 2 teams/year. For more information ask a council member, your Thrivent Representative or learn more at Thrivent.com/actionteam.

Thrivent Choice Dollars:

This program gives eligible members an opportunity to recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds each year. Eligible members can help Holy Cross in our goals for Growing into Change by directing Choice Dollars to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

If you have Choice Dollars, mark your calendar as a reminder to designate them every year before March 31st. Thrivent Choice can have a tremendous impact on Holy Cross.



We do not *Remember* days,
we remember *Moments*



**This is what
makes
Holy Cross
so special!**

You can cry here....

Hymns and worship music stir up in us a whole host of emotion. Joy, thanksgiving, wonder, gratefulness, belonging, courage, and at times deep, deep sadness.

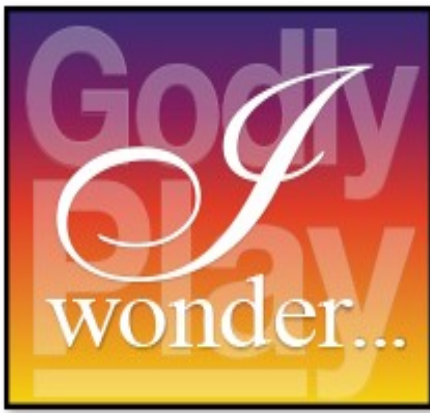
We sat, my friend and I, as worship moved through the paces. The children had come out from Godly play and two of the children came to sit with us. We greeted each other, giggled, and had some quiet conversation in the back row of the sanctuary about the story of today's Godly Play lesson as worship moved on.

Then came time for song. Oh my, the water works flowed. My friend was troubled by changes in her dad and what that would mean going forward, and I had recently lost my dad. And we had these two beautiful creations of God sitting with us. We had no tissue. I asked one of these children to go and get a box of tissue from the back table and hand it to my friend, I took some as well. I hugged my friend and said, "it's ok to cry here."

And these two beautiful young creations of God stayed with us, they didn't leave when we got teary. My friend and I cried together for a moment, and then as the song went on we noticed that a few other members were blotting eyes. And I heard one of these children say to the other very quietly, "its ok to cry here."

This is life at Holy Cross.





In Godly Play, we too have begun our Lenten journey getting ready for the Mystery of Easter. The stories that were told in March all were about helping the kids get ready. We heard lessons on Jesus & Jerusalem which went over the journeys of Jesus during Holy Week. We heard a lesson on Mary, Mother of Jesus. We will be finishing off the month with the first part of the Faces of Easter lesson.

April 7, 2019	Lesson 2: The Faces of Easter IV, V, VI, VII
April 14, 2019	Family Worship Day - Palm Sunday - Egg Hunt after 10:30 service
April 21, 2019	Family Worship Day - Easter Sunday
April 28, 2019	Lesson 10: The Good Shepherd and World Communion
May 5, 2019	Family Worship Day
May 12, 2019	Lesson 14: The Church
May 19, 2019	Work and Clean Day

Please note that there will be Godly Play the first Sunday, April 7th followed by Family worship days on Palm Sunday and Easter.

We encourage all children in the congregation ages 3-12 to join us. We begin the Godly Play session at 10:15. Thank you ~ Jolene Jaillet



We will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday April 14th following the 2nd service. This is a fun activity that kids of all ages look forward to every year. We are looking for donations of prefilled Easter eggs to hide. You can drop off in the church office or at Godly Play. Thank you ~ Jolene



Effective immediately by unanimous decision we have changed the days we will meet for Hooks and Needles from the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

Hooks and Needles will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in April, the 9th and the 23rd at 9 a.m. We welcome all knitters and crocheters and/or those who want to learn how to knit or crochet.

We are a small group and make afghans/lap robes, scarves, hats and shawls for local causes here in the Reno/Sparks area along with for our family and friends. We are now making crocheted Octopus for the preemies in the Neo Natal dept at Renown. They are so cute. Come join us to make a difference for our local people and for a fun time.



Easter Services

Sunday, April 14th, Palm Passion Sunday

Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. including palms and a dramatic reading of the last week of Jesus' life at both services.



There will be a special egg hunt for the children following the 10:30 service.

Friday, April 19th, Good Friday

Will be having a special worship services @ Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21st, Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. Sunrise service @ Windy Hill

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services at Holy Cross with



Coffee Hour

4/7: Brian & Kerrie Rees (1st), Jolene Jaillet (2nd)
4/14: Joan Julius (1st), Vinopals (2nd)
4/21: Sue Gonyou (1st), Carol Ritter (2nd)
4/28: Cross' (1st) Diane Torry (2nd)

Lectors

4/7: Cathy Kline (1st), Linda Puckett (2nd)
4/14: Chris Martin (1st), Diane Torry (2nd)
4/21: Becky Bradley (1st), Anna Lipton (2nd)
4/28: Ray Streit (1st), TBD

Ushers

4/7: Michael R. & James A. (1st), Fords (2nd)
4/14: Schlossers (1st), Jody M. & Logan K. (2nd)
4/21: Kathy D. & Charles K (1st), Richard E. & Peggy W. (2nd)
4/28: Namestkas (1st), Veralyn C. & Marla V. (2nd)

Altar Guild

April – Karen Ford & Jody Morrison

Offering Counter

April – Russ Tegio

Communion

4/7: Charles K. & Kathy D. (1st), Jody M. & Shirley F. (2nd)
4/14: Cheryl B. & Paula F. (1st), Katie W. & Sandi C. (2nd)
4/21: Cross' (1st), Karen F. & Veralyn C. (2nd)
4/28: Linda S. & Sue V. (1st), Linda P. & Sandi C. (2nd)

Birthdays:

4/2 Emma Lintz
4/3 Abigail Morris
4/3 Vario Birdie
4/5 Charles Kiene
4/8 Susan Volinkaty
4/9 Laloni Moell
4/10 Phillip Karam
4/12 Richard Moses
4/20 Sandi Ross
4/23 Wilma Hooker
4/24 Trent Blair
4/26 Joey Ginnetti
4/26 Torry Tegio
4/27 Bob Blair
4/27 Karen Ford



Anniversaries:

4/5 Jean & Bruce Bye
4/10 Morgan & Lynn Jaeck
4/11 William & Susan Borton
4/12 Wib & Nellie Namestka
4/17 Mark & Christine Calise
4/28 Kyle & Kelly Meseberg

Weekly Scripture

April 7th

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 14th

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14--23:56

April 21st

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

April 28th

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31



Easter Word Search

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