

Bendersville Lutheran Parish

St. James
Wenksville
8:25 am

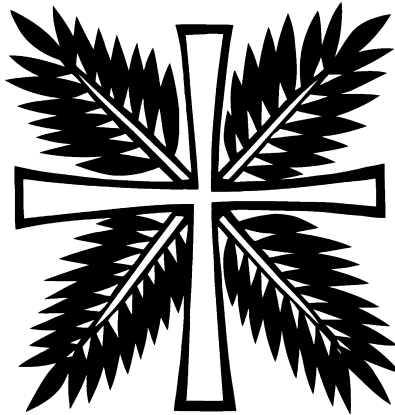
Christ
Aspers
9:45 am

Bethlehem
Bendersville
11:00 am

“We are rooted in scripture, watered in baptism and fed by communion. Our mission is to connect with God in community as we care for one another. Our vision is to bear fruit in the Upper Adams community by showing Jesus’ love to our neighbors, planting seeds of kindness, service and hope, trusting the Holy Spirit to grow this fruit in surprising ways.”

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

• April 13, 2025 •



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand as you are able.*

*ACCLAMATION

The congregation stands and faces the rear of the church.

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

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

P: The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path

down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***BLESSING OF PALMS**

The members of the congregation raise their branches.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: **in the name of the Lord.**

*PROCESSION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*” LBW 121

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, your road pursue,
With palms and scattered garments strewed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.
5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791-1868, alt.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the fiftieth chapter.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:

Psalm 31:9-16

L: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

C: **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

L: I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

C: **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

L: For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

C: **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**

L: My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

C: **Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING:**Philippians 2:5-11**

The Second Reading is from Philippians, the second chapter.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE: “Let Your Steadfast Love”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.
 Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL: The Passion from Saint Luke

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke ...
until you have denied me three times that you know me.

HYMN: “*My Song Is Love Unknown*” (verses 1 & 2) **LBW 94**

Jesus came out and went ... and the power of darkness!

HYMN: “*My Song Is Love Unknown*” (verses 3 & 4) **LBW 94**

Then they seized Jesus ... and Peter went out and wept bitterly.

HYMN: “*In the Hour of Trial*” (verse 1) **LBW 106**

Now the men ... before this they had been enemies.

HYMN: “*Go to Dark Gethsemane*” (verse 2) **LBW 109**

Pilate then called together ... and Pilate handed Jesus over
as they wished.

HYMN: “*My Song Is Love Unknown*” (verse 5) **LBW 94**

(Please stand.)

As they led Jesus away ... today you will be with me in Paradise.

HYMN: “*Jesus, Remember Me*” (sung 3 times) **WOV 740**

It was now about noon ... The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN: “*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*” **LBW 115**

(Please be seated.)

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world,
and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way
of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith.
Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce
their own power. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

- P: Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- P: Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- P: Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering, especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. God, in your mercy,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- P: Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- P: We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, especially Fay Black, Dorothy Gochenauer, and Suzie Taylor, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
- C: Amen.**

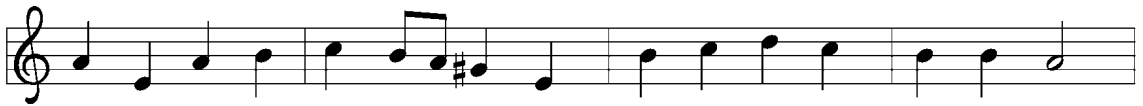
PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

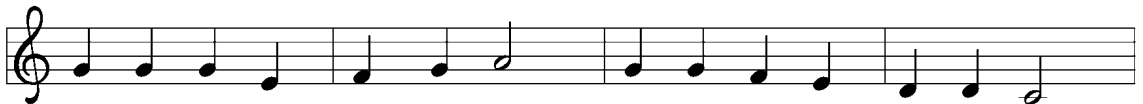
OFFERING HYMN: *“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”* LBW 102



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!



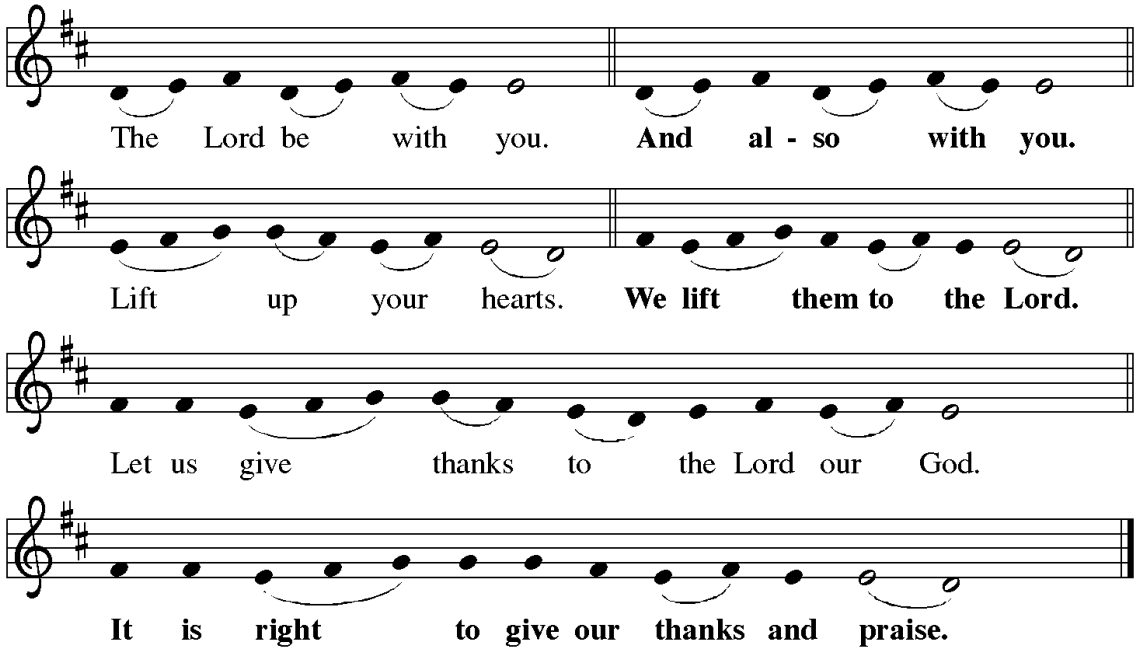
OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

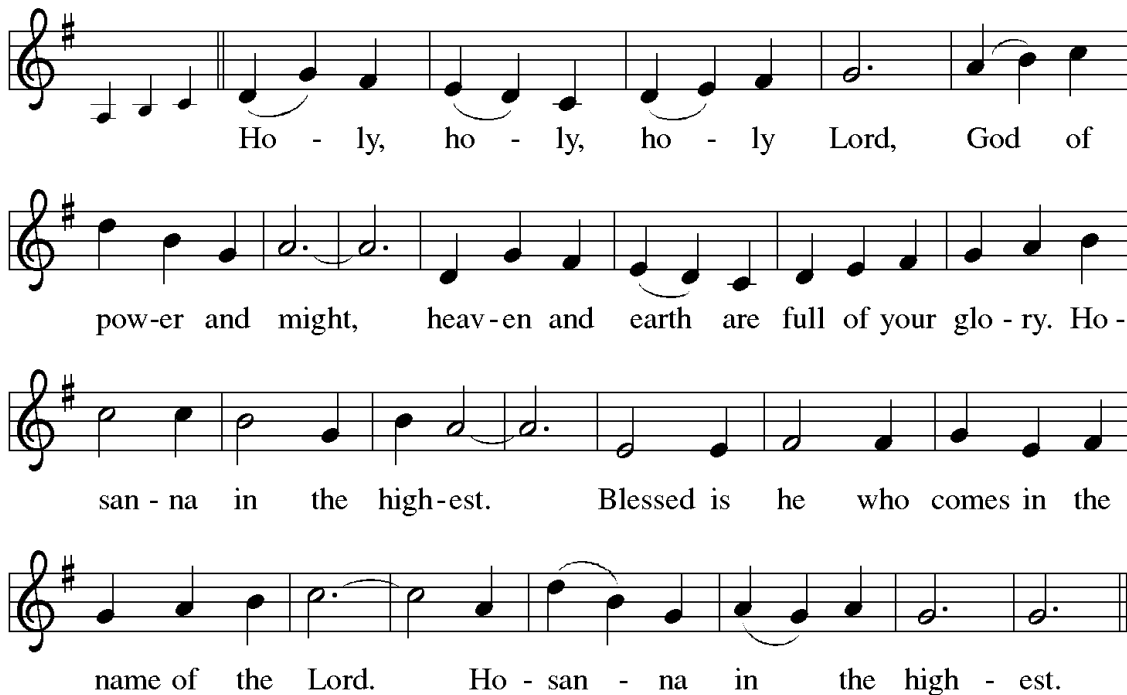
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE *(sung by the pastor)*

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, ... both now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray ...

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

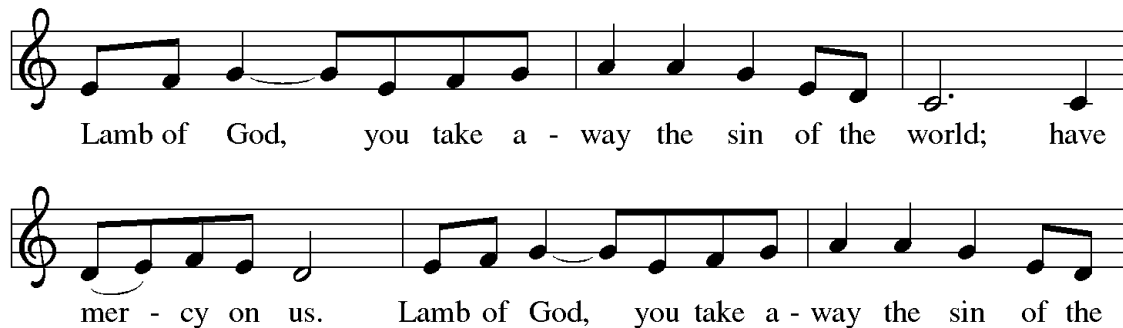
THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to encounter Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to the Table. As directed, please come forward. The elements will be given by Pastor Susan or the Communion Assistant. If you would like a verbal blessing only, please let the Pastor know. Holy Communion may also be received at your seat. Just inform the Pastor or usher. The elements will be partaken at the Pastor's or Communion Assistant's direction:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Lamb of God"



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef (treble clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The second staff contains the lyrics: "mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the".

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: “Now the Silence”

LBW 205

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed
 Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come
 Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing
 Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion
 Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

(“Communion Hymn” continues on Next Page.)



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

***POST-COMMUNION**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P: God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*”**

LBW 107

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God!

***POSTLUDE**

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• APRIL 2025 •

| SUN. April 13 | MON. April 14 | TUES. April 15 | WED. April 16 | THURS. April 17 | FRI. April 18 | SAT. April 19 |
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| <p><u>Palm/Passion Sunday</u></p> <p>8:25 am: St. James</p> <p>9:45 am: Christ</p> <p>11:00 am: Bethlehem</p> | <p>1:00 to 3:00 pm: New Hope Ministries (Bethlehem)</p> <p>7:00 pm: Council Meeting (Bethlehem)</p> | <p>7:00 pm: Knit/Crochet Ministry (Bethlehem)</p> <p><i>Birthday:</i> Felipe Caloca Gary Bretzman Dan Turner</p> <p><i>Anniversary:</i> Jerry & Barbara Mahoney</p> | <p><i>Birthday:</i> Michael Wolfe</p> | <p><u>Maundy Thursday</u></p> <p>7:00 pm: Service (St. James)</p> <p><i>Birthday:</i> John Ascencio Beverly Slaybaugh Brayden Mickley</p> | <p><u>Good Friday</u></p> <p>7:00 pm: Service (Christ)</p> | <p><u>Easter Vigil</u></p> <p>7:00 pm: Service with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Bethlehem)</p> |
| SUN. April 20 | MON. April 21 | TUES. April 22 | WED. April 23 | THURS. April 24 | FRI. April 25 | SAT. April 26 |
| <p><u>Easter Sunday</u></p> <p>8:25 am: St. James</p> <p>9:45 am: Christ</p> <p>11:00 am: Bethlehem</p> | | | <p>7:00 pm: Bible Study (Bethlehem)</p> <p>• Amos • 1-5</p> | | <p><i>Birthday:</i> Adam Albright Adam Ascencio</p> | |

ON-LINE SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship is livestreamed on YouTube at 11 AM on our Bendersville Lutheran Parish channel
(this info can also be found on our website – www.bendersvillelutheranparish.com).

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector

J Harold Stoner
C Chris Cooley
B Nancy Miller

Greeters/Ushers

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Loren & Ginger Mortorff

Altar Guild

Harold & Kathy Stoner
Deb & Dave Copenhaver
Kathy Singley



ALTAR FLOWERS

St. James, Christ & Bethlehem

(Lent: No Flowers)



OFFICE HOURS AND PASTORAL NEEDS

Pastor Susan has office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. at the Parsonage. You are welcome to stop by the Parsonage to visit. Her official day off is Friday, but she is available for pastoral emergencies.

For all your pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Susan Scott by phone/text at 717-497-1013 or email pastorsusanscott2022@gmail.com.

• HOLY WEEK SERVICES •



April 17: MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. at St. James

April 18: GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. at Christ

April 19: EASTER VIGIL

with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

7:00 p.m. at Bethlehem



Prayer List - Parish Members

Adam & Laura Albright b
Dixie Atha c
Tony Bretzman b
Dolly Chronister c
Mary Chronister b
Patsy Gochenauer j

Wahnetta Harvey c
Harold Heller j
Linda Heller j
Lois Rinehart b
Mike Rinehart b
Alan Showers j

Bill Slaybaugh j
Rhonda Slaybaugh c
Dan Turner c
Mike Wolfe c

Friends of the Parish

Douglas Barbour
Mary 'Sis' Becker
Adam Black
Jeff Black
Tracy Brandt
Bev Bretzman
Nathan Bretzman
Valerie Bushey
June Cline
Nancy Cline
Nicole Cline
Dick Cook

Carl Corl
Jeanne Cuttitta
Peter Cuttitta
Bonnie DeHaven
Diane Feters
John Gantz
Galen Hartz
Cody Johnson
Susanna Kidwell
Deb Litten
Nicole Mackey
Barbara Mahoney

Emily Maiolo
Doug Miller
Glenn Mulvey
Diane Myers
Zach Pelc
Brian Reed
Maurine Rickard
Ginny Rinehart
Robert Tate
Marlea Williams

With Deepest Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have died in the faith and who are now at rest with their eternal Father (our saints who have gone before us).

Fay Black, Dorothy Gochenauer, and Suzie Taylor