



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

*That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from our children.*

*We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God,
and the wonderful works God has done.*

Ur Psalm 78:3-4

May 4, 2014

Third Sunday of Easter

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From Mary Anthony

Today's lessons from the Lectionary in church are Acts 2:14a,36-41, Psalm 116:1-3,10-17, 1 Peter 1:17-23, and the Gospel is Luke 24:13-35.

In our Godly Play class today our children will hear the story of "Jesus and The Twelve". This lesson builds on the presentations about the Last Supper during the preparation for Easter. The main point of this presentation is to enter more deeply into the stories and symbols of the twelve Apostles. Melinda Rucinski is our Storyteller today and Kathleen Chase is Doorkeeper.

The youth's Homeless Awareness Sleep-out was a huge success. They were able to collect \$417.17 for OPERATION:Homes, the organization in Medina County that helps the homeless get back on their feet. A great Big Thank You to those adults who helped to make this a successful weekend.

This week in Youth Group we will begin with dinner at 6 pm followed by our lesson and then, an activity. The lesson from Making It Real and Relevant will focus on Luke 24:13-35.

The last Children's Service of this school year will be on Mother's Day, May 11, at 10 am. The children have been busy preparing the offertory anthem for that Sunday along with working on a special project for their Moms. Please make every effort to have your children here every Sunday so they can practice their song and participate in the project.

The Easter Egg Hunt is May 18. I am looking for donations of Easter candy to stuff the eggs. Please leave candy donations in the box outside my office. Thank you.

Collect for Sunday

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



☪ Sunday Schedule ☪

9:00am - Nursery opens

9:45am - Godly Play Choir

10:00am - Godly Play Class (Pre-K - 5th grade)

6th - 12th grades meet Wednesday evenings 6 - 9 pm

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Children join their parents in

Church at the Peace

11:45am - Youth Choir

Nursery (Infants to age 3)

Unless otherwise noted, the Nursery is open from 9:00 am until the end of the 10am service. Please sign your child in and out, and remain in the building in by watching **Mickens**. Please come meet Cara.

Primary – (Pre-k – 2nd Grade)

The Godly Play classroom is located in Canterbury House, just inside the door on your left. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language – parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action – to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God’s presence in their lives. The ideal Godly Play session has four parts- Opening, Hearing the Word of God, Sharing the Feast, and Leaving the Space. Led by **Storytellers Mary Anthony, Kathleen Chase, Heather Coyle, Linda Garman, Carol Goslee, Kim Hennigan, and Melinda Rucinski** and **Doorkeepers Tracy French, Michelle Meade** on a rotating basis. Visit them in the classrooms. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of some great children and have fun doing it, contact Mary Anthony about assisting on a rotating basis in the Godly Play class. See the sign-up calendar on the Christian Education Bulletin Board.

Intermediate (3rd – 5th Grade)

The Intermediate class is meeting with the Primary class in Canterbury during construction. The curriculum for this age level is also Godly Play. Led by **Heather Coyle, Kim Hennigan, Tracy French, Roanne Lisi and Melinda Rucinski** on a rotating basis.

Middle School & High School (6th – 12th Grade)

The Middle and High School Sunday School Class will meet every Wednesday evening at the beginning of Youth Group starting at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted. The curriculum for this age level is Making It Real and Relevant, which is Lectionary based. Our teachers in this class are **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

Youth Group (6th Grade & Up)

The Youth Group meets at St. Paul’s on Wed. evenings starting with dinner at 6 pm. Led by **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

Children’s Ministry Committee

Fr. Eric Funston, Mary Anthony, Heather Coyle
Rosana Powell, Kim and Sean Hennigan and
Melinda & Steve Rucinski.

For Parents

THE BLESSING OF A B MINUS

The Blessing Of Strange Fruit: But...But...It’s College!

Continuing from last week Dr. Wendy Mogul, PhD. writes; *He has to take a pre-AP course now, in eighth grade, or he won't be set up to take APs later on. And without APs on his transcript, he's looking at state school, maybe not even the main campus of a state school. No, he can't take time off from Model United Nations to join film club,. Everyone knows that film club is code for "slacker kid."* *We need to hire a professional to polish his personal statement because everyone else does. It's not a level playing field from the start.*

Teenagers who are running the transcript gauntlet plan their overstuffed schedules with military precision. They come home later than their parents, work longer hours, and go to bed later. When parents act as if their child’s future---and parental love---is riding on every test grade, the teens turn into prematurely anguished, disconnected thirty-five-year-olds.

Sending your children out into an economically uncertain world, one that is continually remaking itself, is terrifying. But this has always been true. *Bitachon* – trust in God – does not come naturally, and this is why rabbis have always made such a point of emphasizing its importance. It is the familiar “let go and let God” formula. Our fears about an apocalyptic future say less about reality than about our lack of trust in reality. Here’s the paradox: Parents need to place more emphasis on a loving acceptance of the dizzying spiral of adolescent development than on narrow, focused effort to make their teenagers college-worthy. By doing this, parents provide the spiritual nourishment their children need to fulfill their potential, to reach the promised land of adulthood with their vitality intact. “”

Next week “You Reject Me? I’ll Reject You”!!!
From “The Blessing of a B Minus” by Wendy Mogul, PhD.



In Church School this week:

Each week, the children's and youth Sunday School classes focus on a passage from Scripture. These follow the same Revised Common Lectionary that provides readings for Sunday services. We use a curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, to tailor a lesson for each class that is interactive, fun and age appropriate. This section features the Scripture learned that week in Sunday School, along with some questions to ask about during the week.

Focus Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of Jesus' followers were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place here in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

~From the Lectionary Page

What's it all about?

It is later on Easter Day, the day on which Mary Magdalene and the other women have discovered the empty tomb. As two of Jesus' followers walk to Emmaus, they talk about the day's news, the recent startling events. Eusebius, the first church historian, tells us that "Cleopas" (v. 18) was a relative of Jesus.

The two do not recognize our Lord. Jesus asks "What things?" (v. 19). Their reply shows the limitations of their understanding of who Jesus is: they do realize that he is a prophet and, like Moses, "mighty in deed and word", but they have no idea how much more he is. Jesus has disappointed them: they expected him to deliver Israel from Roman domination, and to begin an earthly kingdom of God ("redeem Israel", v. 21). Three days have passed (long enough, in Jewish belief, for the soul to have left the body) and, despite Jesus' statement that he would be raised from death, nothing has happened! The women told us that he is alive, but when Peter and John went there, all they saw was the empty tomb! (v. 24).

Jesus tells them how slow they are to grasp how the Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled in him. Was it not God's plan ("necessary", v. 26) that Jesus should be crucified and ascend to be with the Father? He interprets his life as a fulfilment of all of Scripture, from "Moses" (v. 27, the first five books of the Bible) to "all the prophets". The meal seems to be a Eucharist: "he took bread, blessed and broke it" (v. 30). Then, from Jesus' interpretation and their hospitality to this "stranger" (v. 18) "their eyes were opened" (v. 31), i.e. they develop a deeper understanding of who Jesus is, that he is divine. At the Last Supper, Jesus said he would not again share food with his disciples until God's kingdom came. He has now eaten with the two, so the Kingdom has indeed come. "The Lord has risen indeed ... !" (v. 34).

*~From Revised Common Lectionary
Chris Haslam 1996-2014*

Questions:

- ? How do you think Jesus felt when he walked with two close friends down the road and they did not recognize him ?
- ? How do you think Jesus felt when he heard his friends tell him that they couldn't believe that Jesus might have actually risen from the dead, as the women had said that morning...especially after all the time Jesus had spent in the time leading up to his death and resurrection teaching them who he was according to the holy scripture ?

~From Making It Real And Relevant

Prayer:

Elusive God,
companion on the way,
you walk behind, beside, beyond;
you catch us unawares.
Break through the disillusionment and despair
clouding our vision,
that, with wide-eyed wonder,
we may find our way and journey on
as messengers of your good news. *Amen.*

~From The Revised Common Lectionary



Meditation

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

~Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Happy Birthday...

None this week!!!



Planning Ahead

Sunday, May 4

- Nursery opens at 9 am
- Cherub Choir, 9:45 am
- Sunday School 10 am for Pre-k - 5th grades
- Homeless Awareness Sleep-out concludes at Noon
- Youth Choir, 11:45 am
- Gentlemen's Cake Auction

Wednesday, May 7

- Youth Group 6 - 9 pm

Sunday, May 11

- Children's Service, 10 am, NO Sunday School

Saturday, May 17

- Scrapbooking CROP Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser here at St. Paul's 9 am to 9 pm

Sunday, May 18

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Parent/Teacher Meeting following Easter Egg Hunt

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Please remember to get a sub by the Wednesday before you are to serve if you are unable to make your commitment, and then let the office know no later than that Wednesday before.