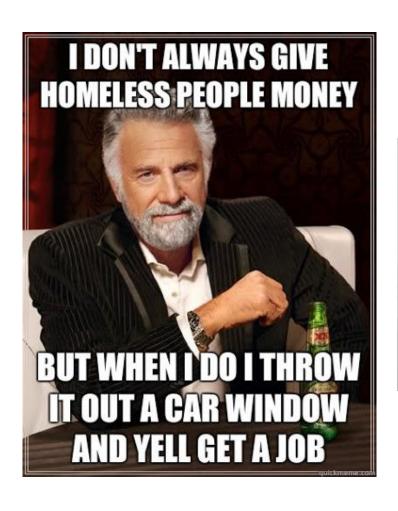


# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**April 21, 2024** 

9:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



# 1 JOHN 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

## **Prelude**

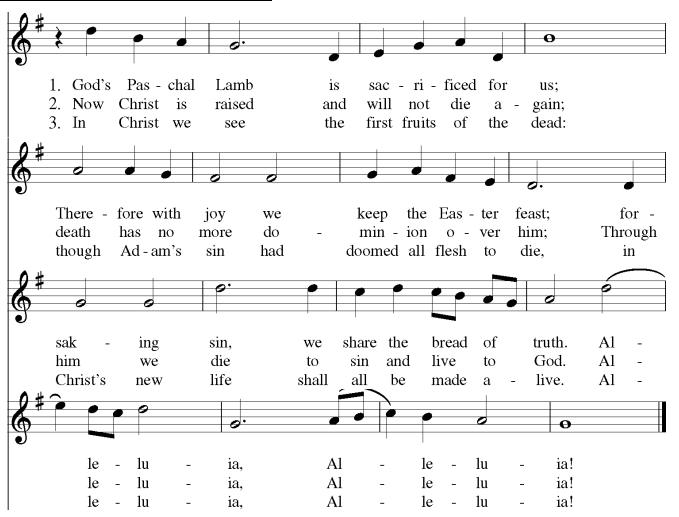
#### **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## Easter Cancticle: Pascha nostrum

Wonder, Love and Praise, 880





#### The Word of God

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: O God, whose Son Jesus

is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice

we may know him who calls us each by name,

and follow where he leads;

who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

The congregation sits.

First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

Remaining seated, all say together [in unison] the

<u> Gradual: Psalm 23</u>

Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \* I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*
and guides me along right pathways
for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Lesson: I John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

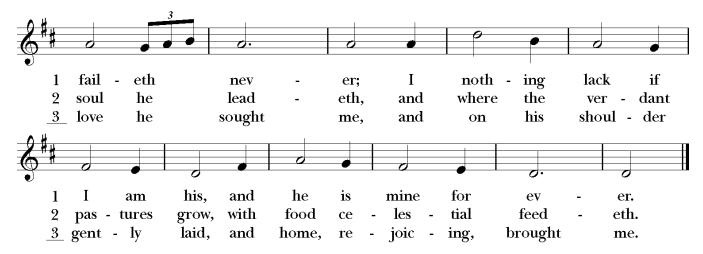
People: Thanks be to God.

All then stand to sing the following

## Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 645, vv. 1-3





All remain standing for the reading of the

**Gospel: John 10:11-18** 

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

All sit to hear

The Sermon The Rev. Tom Wand

All stand to say

## The 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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

All remain standing for the

## **Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: O God our Shepherd, you spread a table before us and reassure our hearts

with your guiding care: Hear our prayers for all your people, as we say, the

Lord is our shepherd; we shall not be in want.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd;

People: we shall not be in want.

Leader: You know your own and your own know you, good Shepherd of the sheep:

Guide the Church in gentleness and peace, that we may obey your commandment to love one another and live out that love in truth and action.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; for Daniel, our Bishop; for Tom, our Priest; for all the baptized in this parish, ministering here and in the world; and for all lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for God's guidance as we look to our life together as Resurrection

parish.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; **People:** we shall not be in want.

Leader:

The rejected stone has become the cornerstone for the whole world's salvation, the power and name for all healing: Be present, O God, among our leaders and with those who exercise authority for the nations of the world, that they may guide us along right pathways for your Name's sake.

We pray for the leaders of the nations of the world, especially those who work for peace and justice in Ukraine, and in Israel and Palestine, most especially those who seek to protect the innocent; those who work to protect the environment; and those who seek to end gun violence in our cities and communities, our state, and our nation; Joseph, our President, along with members of Congress and the judges of our courts; Joshua, our Governor, along with the General Assembly and the Courts in our Commonwealth; the leaders of this Township of Aston, and the leaders of all the townships and boroughs in which we live.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; **People:** we shall not be in want.

Leader: You have given your life for the protection of your people: Open our eyes to

see our brothers' and sisters' need throughout the world, and then empower

us to respond with generous help.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; **People:** we shall not be in want.

Leader: The Spirit that you have given us is alive in this community: Revive our souls

that we may abide in Christ, lay down our lives for one another, and lie down in green pastures beside the still waters of fellowship and reconciliation.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; **People:** we shall not be in want.

Leader: Hear us as we bring the prayers of our hearts to you, O Gracious One,

remembering especially for those recovering from hurricanes, floods, fires, tornados, and earthquakes, both in our country and around the world; and those who are in danger and suffer in countries torn by strife; we pray for those mentioned in our parish's prayer list; and those we name before You now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; **People:** we shall not be in want.

Leader: Hear us as we bring the prayers of our hearts to you, O Gracious One,

remembering especially for Bridget Thomas, James Idun and Nikolien Bezuidenhout, as they celebrate their birthdays this week; Mikya Jackson, as we commemorate her baptism; Stella Thompson and Sarah Laxton, as we commemorate their confirmations; this parish's fellowship and its

ministry; the mission you have given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves; and those other blessings we remember before You now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; **People:** we shall not be in want.

Leader: Hear our prayers for those who have walked through the valley of the shadow

of death; grant that they may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. We remember especially, those killed in mass shootings during the last month,

and those whom we name before You now

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; **People:** we shall not be in want.

Celebrant: Reassure our hearts, O God, with the comfort of your guiding presence, that

we may know that you are with us, and we will fear no evil. Strengthen us to join in the Spirit's work of leading all people into your divine abundant love, that goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life, through Jesus

Christ our Savior.

People: Amen.

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Christ.
All are then seated.

Please note that Christian tradition from the Council of Nicea in 324AD onward discourages kneeling at any point in worship during Easter season.

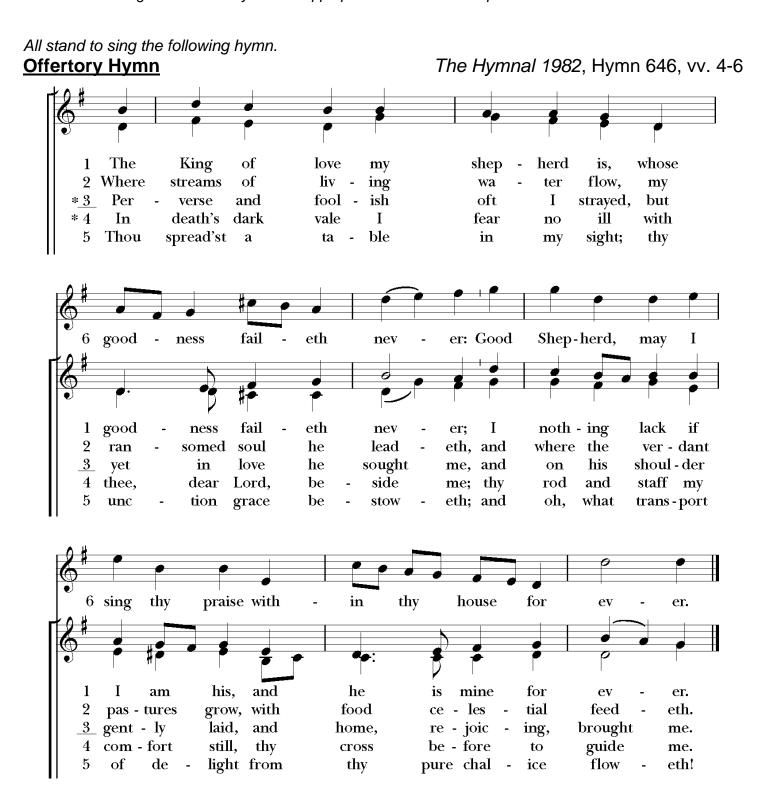
## **Announcements**



**The Holy Communion** 

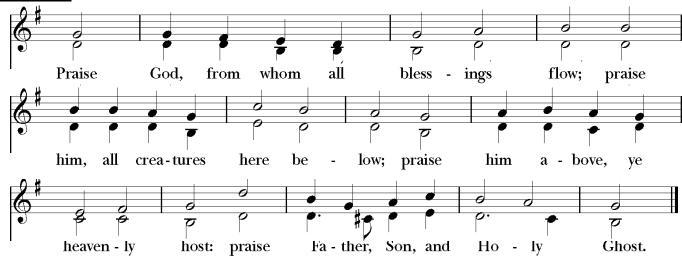
#### Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with an appropriate sentence of Scripture.



 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever. As the gifts of money, bread and wine are offered at the Altar, all sing the following

#### **Doxology**



At the conclusion of the Doxology, all remain standing; the Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

## **Eucharistic Prayer A (Expansive Language)**

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

## **Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

As the People remain standing, the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify \* them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify \* us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People: <u>AMEN!</u>

# <u>The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Translation)</u> The Book of Common Prayer, page 364 Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

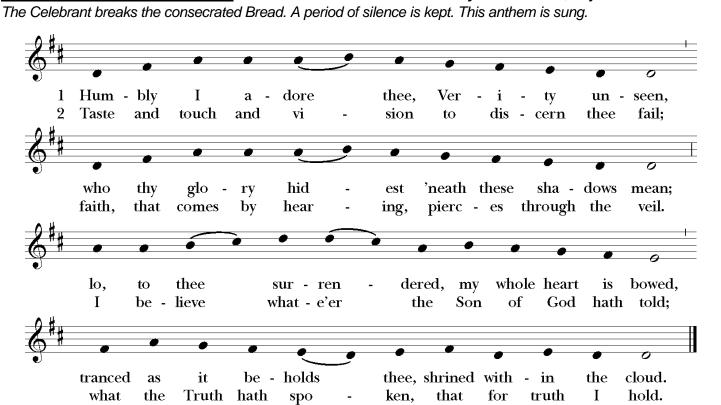
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
For ever and ever. Amen.



#### The Breaking of the Bread

All

The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 314 vv. 1-2



#### The Invitation

The Celebrant raises the elements and says
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

are his

we

child-ren.

"If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but...is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth."

[*BCP*, p. 457]

#### **The Communion**

The people come forward for Communion, as directed. Please (preferably) stand [or kneel] at the altar rail.

# All are welcome to receive Communion with us today.

Remaining seated, all sing this Wonder, Love and Praise, Hymn 767 **Communion Hymn** Bap - tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spi-rit, cleansed by the Bap - tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spi-rit, dead in the Bap - tized the Spi-rit, marked with the in wa-ter, sealed bv blood of Christ King: heirs of sal - va-tion, our tomb with Christ our King: with his ris - ing, one of Christ King: of one Fa - ther. sign our born faith - ful-ly God's trust - ing his prom-ise, now praise sing. we freed and for - giv - en, thank - ful-ly now God's praise we sing.

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## **Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors**

Celebrant In the name of this congregation,

I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: We who are many are one body,

because we all share one bread, one cup.

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

All: God of abundance,

you have fed us

with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us

with Christ and one another; and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth

in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **Blessing**

Celebrant: Our God revives your soul and guides you along right pathways where

goodness and mercy may follow you all the days of your life.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Christ the Good Shepherd lays down his life for you; knows you and loves

you; follow him with confidence and trust.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: You have been given the Spirit that you may abide in love. Dwell in that

love.

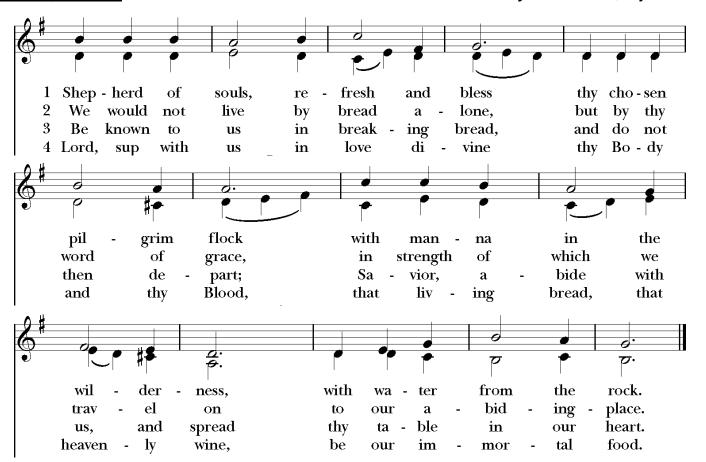
People: Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of our comforting God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be

with you and guide you, now and always. Amen.

People: Amen.

#### **Closing Hymn:**



#### **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## **Postlude**

The flowers at the Altar today have been given to the Glory of Almighty God by the Flower Fund of the Altar Guild.

If you know of anyone in the parish to whom Communion should be brought by the Priest and Eucharistic Visitors, please notify the Church Office.

Your contributions are the main funding source for our parish.

We thank you for your continued support!

WEEK 15	04/14/2024	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET 52 WEEKS
Pledge	\$1,184.00	\$25,791.50	\$27,115.38
Contribution	\$25.00	\$1,893.50	\$1,415.09
Expenses		(\$46,099.84)	(\$50,126.83)
TOTAL	\$1,209.00	(\$18,414.84)	(\$21,596.35)



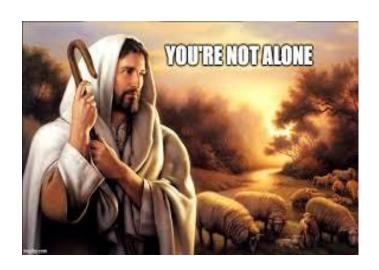
#### **Participants in Today's Liturgy**

The Rev. Tom Wand
Debbie Ney, Organist
Pieter Bezuidenhout, Acolyte
Nikolien Bezuidenhout, Lector
Rosemary Bezuidenhout, Lector & Intercessor
Leigh Oppelt, Coffee Hour
Rosemary Bezuidenhout, Counter, Monday, April 21st @ 10:30am

## **Participants in Next Sunday (April 28)**

Helen Dunlap, Acolyte
Ruth Soule, Lector
Linda Leiby, Intercessor
Barbara Krisack, Coffee Hour
Linda Leiby, Counter, Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am

**WAWA HOAGIE SALE**: Our Wawa Hoagie coupon fundraiser continues! We are selling coupons at \$4.50 each for a Wawa "shorti" hoagie, of which we keep a small profit from every sale. The coupons can be used at all area Wawa's and have no expiration date. If you are interested, please see Rosemary Bezuidenhout or contact the office.





My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

- Join 10:27 No.



#### **Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Sadly in the News:**

We've talked a number of times about the fact that Episcopal Relief and Development, our Church's disaster relief agency, often operates in the background, working through local dioceses or other agencies who are established in the area. Our work tragically has

been in the news. Among the hospitals bombed in Gaza City is a hospital founded and funded by the Anglican Churches around the world. We all have a faith family connection to the appalling loss of life there. Remember those killed (and their families) in your prayers and support ERD for rebuilding.



The Mission and Goals of Resurrection Church

The <u>mission</u> of Resurrection Episcopal Church is to nourish the spiritual lives of our diverse parish family and to follow the example of Jesus through service to our community.

The <u>Internal goal</u> for Resurrection Episcopal Church is to grow stronger in faith, care for those who cannot be present, and unify as a family sharing in faith-based activities.

The Resurrection Episcopal Church <u>outreach goal</u> is to become more visible and listen to the needs of the community by doing God's work through service to others.



## Food Outreach Contributions Update from Leigh Oppelt:

As announced, local food pantry outreach needs have changed. Below is a chart for each month of the foods we will be collecting. A tote has been placed in the front of the church for the collection. Additionally, we continue to collect monetary donations to purchase monthly food items, to assist the "Kensington Project", and aid when supplies are needed to the Delco Food Pantry.

#### **APRIL**

## **Delco Pantry**

Canned soups/chili/stew Rice **Boxed Potatoes** Cooking Oil or Spray **Paper Products** 

## Kensington Project

Singular Pack Snacks Wound care products [i.e. bandages, band aids, gauze, antibiotic creams, etc] Small size wipes Hand-warmers (\$1 store has 3 in a box

On a personal note, I just want to say thank you to everyone that has been generously donating through the whole pandemic; you have helped supply/feed many, many, needy folks/families. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone/text at 610-368-1776 or by email at oppelt5@verizon.net

Through April 14tht, our congregation has contributed \$20,710 to this ministry (above and beyond regular pledge contributions). to assist those suffering from food insecurity. As always, thanks be to God for the generosity of these gifts, and may God help us persist as this need grows ever greater.

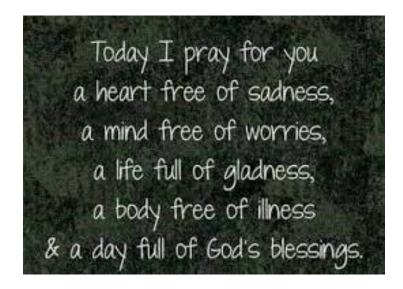


## **Resurrection Pre-School**

9am till 12noon 3-day & 5-day classes for 3's & 4's Reasonable rates Children need to be toilet-trained Please call the office 610-459-2013

or more information and pricing Dawn Viscusi, Pre-School Administrator REMEMBER:

IT'S YOUR WORD OF MOUTH PROMOTION OF OUR PARISH'S PRESCHOOL THAT KEEPS THIS OUTREACH PROGRAM OF OUR PARISH ALIVE AND DOING ITS GOOD WORK!



## Please remember in your prayers those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially:



those recovering from hurricanes, floods, fires, tornados, and earthquakes, both in our country and around the world; and those who are in danger and suffer in countries torn by strife; All our Military, Police, Firefighters and EMS workers; Savannah Ezra, Ernestine Franz, Ronald Houpt, Carole Sorokanych, Dale Tibbetts, Judi and Andrew Wales.

## Those blessings for which we offer thanks, especially:

Bridget Thomas, James Idun and Nikolien Bezuidenhout, as they celebrate their birthdays this week; Mikya Jackson, as we commemorate her baptism; Stella Thompson and Sarah Laxton, as we commemorate their confirmations; this parish's fellowship and its ministry; the mission you have given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves.

## Those who have died, especially:

those killed in mass shootings during the last month.





(From top left:) Jude Winters, Kelly McNerney, Janet Russello, Fr. Wand,
Rosemary Bezuidenhout, Jim Geiger;
(From bottom left:) Jill Graham, Phyllis Russell, Linda Leiby, Barbara Krisack, Helen Dunlap



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