

# **Sherwood Episcopal Church**

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February 25, 2024 Second Sunday in Lent 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Elegy and Passacaglia - William Walton

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN - 401

1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love; the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed: we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend; we shall, on eagle-wings upborne, to heaven ascend: we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore, and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

The God of Abraham praise

3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness, triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace; on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains, and, glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

4 The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King! Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be: eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee." 5 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high; "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry;

hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise; all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

The God of Abraham praise, #401 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 



Lord, have mercy upon us - setting by John Merbecke



### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

#### THE FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and

you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:22-30

Said responsively by whole verse

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \* stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; \* but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*
  I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \* "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \* and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \* he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \* all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \* they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \* the saving deeds that he has done.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

### Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 8:31-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

### Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.

THE NICENE CREED

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Said by all, standing as you are able.

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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessions for the Christian People, p. 94

Jesus Christ intercedes for us at all times period together let us remember and pray to God through Christ, saying: have mercy, O Lord.

For the church, that the fasting of these 40 days may clear away much that is needless and so open our eyes to the bright glory of the cross, we pray: Have mercy, O Lord.

For the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that the Jewish people may find blessing and a zeal for justice in their covenant with God, we pray:

### Have mercy, O Lord.

For the church, that those baptized at Easter will learn from us to read and ponder and cherish the scriptures, we pray:

### Have mercy, O Lord.

For all who suffer want, that God and mercy may turn our hearts toward one another and bring us to end our faithless reliance on weapons, war, and the threat of war, we pray:

### Have mercy, O Lord.

For prisoners, that all who are bound in body may find such a strength of spirit to lift up all of us, we pray:

### Have mercy, O Lord.

For ourselves, that this church may walk with both as burdened and as free as Jesus, we pray:

### Have mercy, O Lord.

For those on our parish prayer list: Joe C., Chip, Raymond, Peggy, Sally E., Kevin M., Victor, Joyce T., Kim, Bernie C., Tony, Midge, Barbara, Joan L., Rachael, Doreen, Norma, Virginia, Don M., Tom D., Josh F., Michele G., Kathryn, Charles, Bill P., Mike, Don, Karen K., Olivia, Mary Ellen, Andrea, and Francis. We pray:

### Have mercy, O Lord.

For the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, we pray:

### Have mercy, O Lord.

For all those who have died, that they be at peace, we pray:

### Have mercy, O Lord.

A period of silence follows after which the Celebrant concludes with the following prayer:

God, whose ways are beyond our knowing or approving, place the world's troubles ever in our plain sight, and be yourself in our seeing and in our praying. We ask this always through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.

### Please be seated.

We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. <u>Give online</u> (sherwoodcockeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, 21030. Thank you!

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes <u>you</u>, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Mother Nancy following the service. To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. To receive the wine, please assist the Chalicist by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips. If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Sherwood!

#### THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world.



You may now make your offering via PayPal through this QR code. Open the camera on your phone, hold it over the box to the left and follow the link that appears. You will need to already have a PayPal account in order to use the code. A Vanco Give+ code for our preferred online giving platform is coming soon. Thank you for your gifts!

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester - L.J. White

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own we have given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A - BCP pg. 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

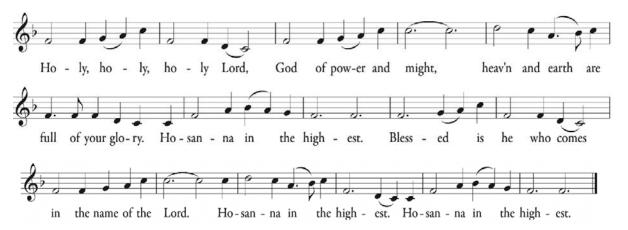
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people sing:

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS** 

Holy, holy, Lord, setting by John Merbeke



The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer and at the conclusion says

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.** 

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

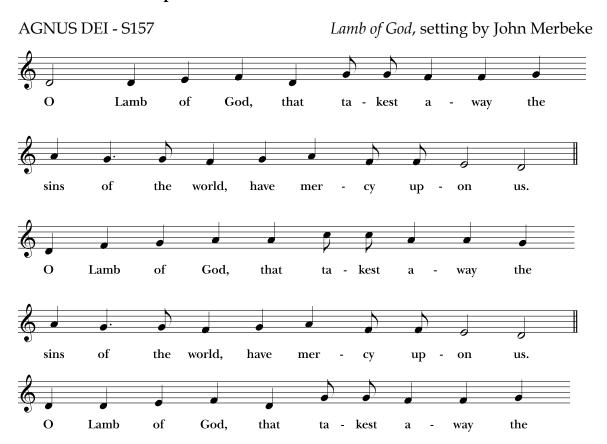
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.





Music: John Merbecke (1518?-1585?); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*; acc. Thomas Foster (b. 1938). Melody: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

### The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Facing the people, the Celebrant offers an invitation to Holy Communion. For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

#### A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988): In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

#### COMMUNION HYMN - 691

My faith looks up to thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine.

2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day;

wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

My faith looks up to thee, #691 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, Amen.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN - 636

How firm a foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, #636 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: K. in John Rippon's Selection, 1787, alt. Music: Foundation, melody from The Sacred Harp, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929).

#### THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Postlude

### **Worship Participants**

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Bronwyn Strong, Dylan Strong

Acolyte: Dylan Strong

Ushers: Kathleen Stewart, Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau (Mason Strong training)

Altar Guild: Connie Bonsiero, Sandy Thompson

### Lay Participants for Sunday, March 3

Lectors: Bronwyn Strong, Mason Strong

Acolyte: Dylan Strong

Ushers: Karyn Galetto, Cindy Haraughty

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Altar Guild: Dolly Guarini, Sandy Thompson

Hospitality: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A very special welcome to visitors and newcomers! Thank you for joining us for worship. If you are seeking a church home and are interested in learning more about Sherwood Church, or if you would like to receive weekly emails and announcements from our parish, please contact Carey Mednick at <a href="mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com">sherwoodparish@gmail.com</a>. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Please remember those on our prayer list with ongoing needs ... Louis, Shannon T., Sally, Shannon, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Dante, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, Jessica, Ruth, Guy, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.

This Week @ Sherwood

**Monday** Office closed

### **Tuesday**

Lenten Book Study 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom

### Wednesday

Office hours 10 am-3 pm Lenten Book Study 3:30-4:30 pm @ Faith Lutheran, Conference Room

### Outreach Update - Toiletries Needed:

The most recent pantry day at Cockeysville Middle School was held on February 15th. Approximately 50 families from the surrounding community were served. The CMS PTA held a breakfast food drive to supplement the usual offerings from the Student Support Network and Maryland Food Bank.

We were very happy to welcome three residents from Broadmead who were interested in seeing how the Student Support Network assists the students and families at CMS. They will be taking their observations back to Broadmead and looking for ways to support SSN future activities.

Thanks to the Sherwood team and our new friends from Broadmead for their hard work in making another successful pantry day.

There is an ongoing need for toiletries at Cockeysville Middle School. The shelves at the SSN warehouse are almost empty. Through Lent we will be asking our Sherwood members to help to restock the shelves with donations of regular-sized & unopened shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, liquid hand soap and hand cream/body lotion.

Finally, Sherwood recently made generous monetary donations to UCAN and the Student Support Network. These contributions were a combination of targeted individual donations and money included in the budget that is funded through your stewardship pledges. Thanks to all who made targeted donations and those who pledged for making this possible. – *Joyce Mann, Outreach Chair* 

### The Annual Meeting and Second-Sunday Soup Sustenance Day!

Please mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 10 following our worship service. We will vote for our new vestry members, have

reports from the treasurer, say thank you to those coming off the vestry, and have the chance to look back as we look forward. The vestry will be hosting the Second Sunday Soup Sustenance Day with food and beverages during the Annual Meeting. You won't go hungry!

### **Lenten Study Begins this Week:**

Our Lenten Study begins this week via Zoom on Tuesday, February 27 @ 6:30 pm or in person on Wednesday, February 28 @ 3 pm in the Conference Room at Faith Lutheran. Everyone who

has registered should have received an email from Mother Nancy this week.

### **March Youth Outing:**

Sherwood youth will join the youth from St. Francis and Trinity, Long Green for indoor miniature golf on Friday, March 8 from 5-7 pm @ Monster Mini Golf at 1969 East Joppa Road, Towson. Parents, look for an email from Mother Nancy for details.

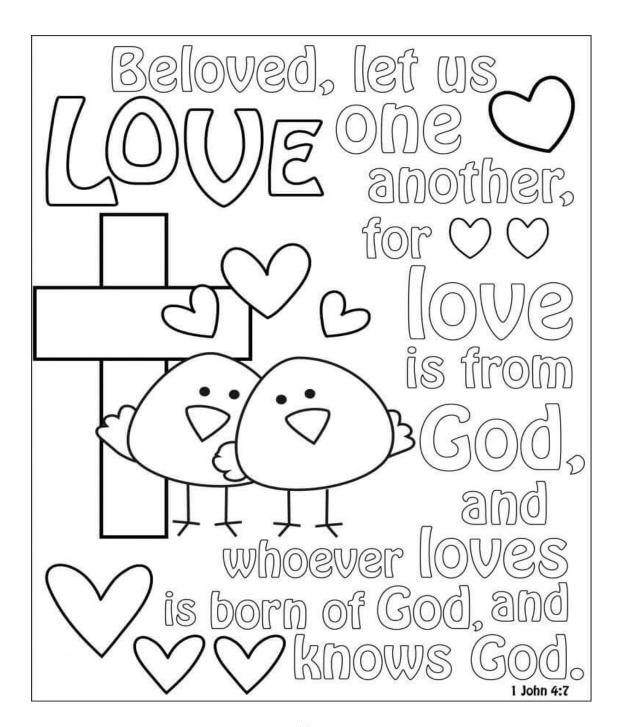
#### Are You Detail Oriented?

Mother Nancy is looking for one more person to be a part of the Audit team for this year. It is a project that has an easy-to-follow audit outline and should only encompass a few meetings to

review documents. The meetings will be set at the discretion of the team. Interested? See Mother Nancy.

### **Altar Flower Dedications After Easter:**

Donate flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, to note a special occasion, or just because! You choose the Sunday and we will choose the flowers or you may provide your own ... even from your own garden. Flowers from our florist, Janda, start at \$80. Please see the binder in the church wing with the big flower on it!



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### Sunday Worship at 10 am

Services are recorded and/or photographed

#### **Parish Office Hours:**

Closed Monday; Wednesday 10 am-3 pm or by appointment

#### Parish Staff:

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