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RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA



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Holy Week Service Schedule

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## Sunday Service

9:00 am Eucharist  
10:15 am Adult Education



Ministers **All Parish Members**  
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# Reflections from Tom

Holy Week is the culmination of our Lenten observance as a people who have chosen to follow the Christ. We journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem during Lent and then we are there, throwing our palms on the path with loud shouts of hosanna and then five days later yelling “crucify him” as Pilate asks us what should be done with our king. The liturgies of Holy Week can be very powerful liturgies. They are powerful because they call for us to participate once again in the events of that fateful week. It is my hope that you will be a part of our community as we participate in the remembering of those events that would change our lives and the world for all time.

Palm Sunday at 9:00 we will begin in the gathering space with the Liturgy of the Palms. We will process with our palms into the sanctuary to the wonderful hymn “All Glory Laud and Honor”, but notice how quickly the mood changes as we read the passion narrative.

The liturgy of Maundy Thursday will begin at 7:00 PM. This year we will once again incorporate the washing of feet into the liturgy. It is a Maundy Thursday practice within many churches and one that can be meaningful for those who chose to participate. At the very end of the service we will strip the altar, darken the church, and leave in silence as we prepare for Good Friday.

On Good Friday at 12:00 Noon, we once again read the passion narrative and pray the solemn collects, which is really Jesus’ prayer and our prayer for the world. Communion is served from the reserve sacrament as we once again leave in silence to await the promise of Easter.

On Good Friday in the evening (7:00 PM), we will be doing a special service of the Stations of the Cross. This service of the stations gives particular emphasis upon reminding us that we continue to carry the cross of calling forth justice and non-violence in our world today. It is a

very unique and meaningful rendition of the stations. Stations will be set up throughout the church building and we will be moving from station to station as we worship.

We will return to two services on Easter Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 with breakfast served between the two services. The glory of Easter surrounds us with its color, its music, its “alleluia’s” as we once again celebrate the meaning of Christ’s resurrection as Christian people.

This time of year, we are often amazed once again by the rebirth of nature that surrounds us. We hear the chorus of birds singing. Perennial plants poke their heads through the soil. Trees awaken from their winter dormancy and begin to display the pale green of emerging life. The sun warms our bodies and our spirits. Oftentimes we associate this glorious and natural reemergence of life with resurrection. But in so doing, I think we miss the truth of resurrection. There is nothing natural about resurrection. No matter how you understand resurrection, it shifts the paradigms of history and our experience in ways that could never be understood as natural. It is shocking. It is riveting. It is frightful. But it is ultimately the promise of life. “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” With those words, everything has changed.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Blessings,  
Tom



## ATTENTION

All Altar Guild Members

Big Clean

Saturday, April 23

9:00 AM

We Need Your Help!!!

## Mentoring in the Richfield Schools

Joey Page, the principal of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) School here in Richfield will be with us

on Sunday, April 17, (Palm Sunday) to talk about the possibilities for mentoring in the school. It is an excellent opportunity for us to reach out into our immediate community by helping the children in our community. Mr. Page will meet with interested, curious, questioning individuals following the 9:00AM service in the Fireplace Room. Please plan on joining us.

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# Spring Cleaning!



Saturday April 30 is planned for spring cleanup day. It will be from 8:30 AM until approx 12:00. Besides the usual outside cleanup, we would also like to clean windows and possibly do some misc. inside clean up. Please come for whatever amount of time you can. Bring rakes, gloves, blowers, etc.

Thanks For Your Help:  
Building & Grounds.

# Save The Date!

Sunday, May 22, 2:00  
Spring Fling Sing Thing  
with Blue Moon and  
Awesome refreshments

*In your prayers, you are asked to remember....*

Jill Aicher

Cassell Wherland

Betty Cope

Marge Stwora

Daisy Druhl

Heidi Makela

Betty Miller

Tom Frick

Mary Phyllis Meyer

Karen Bessler's and Carol Barthelemy's friend, Mary Kay Bissell

Gayle Ticen's sister, Shirley Hagenbuch

Judy Conn's granddaughter, Rebecca Gardner

Sharon Mills' friend, Ann Wilner

Don & Nancy Rowley's Grandson, Matthew La Macchia

Mary Jackson's granddaughter, Katy Holten

Denise Famodu's uncle, Larry Landreville

Dorothy Resse's family and friends

And the men and women of our armed forces.



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