Rector’s Remarks

Virtually the entire month of March we will be focusing on Holy Week, Easter, and the Resurrection of Jesus. It seems odd to be writing about this when Lent has barely begun.

Someone once referred to every Sunday as “a little Easter.” As I greet people on a Sunday morning, I speak of our being gathered to celebrate the Resurrection. Even in the midst of the serious and penitential focus of Lent, there is a joy to our meeting on the first day of the week to remember and embrace the reality of Jesus’ new life, and ours.

We know what Paul Harvey used to refer to as, “…the rest of the story.” The Lenten Journey is much less frightening and sorrowful because we know that Jesus has risen from the dead. Maybe the journey is also missing some of its joy and delight for the same reason. We could almost be heard saying, “Yeah, Jesus is alive…and your point is...?”

My son Jon accidentally recorded Super Bowl 50, and as Jan was about the hit the “delete” button, I said, “Wait a minute! I think I’d like to see this again from the beginning. It might be interesting to know how it’s going to come out, while knowing that the players have no idea what is going to happen.”

Later on, I thought, “But what’s the fun in that?” And I hit “delete."

How can we make Holy Week and Easter come alive for us again? How can we make this today’s news, and not yesterday’s history? How can the drama of Lent, and the reality of Easter, be present for us once more?

The only way I have ever known this to happen is to re-live Lent, Holy Week, and Easter all over again. We wash real feet on Maundy Thursday; we agonize over the crucifixion on Good Friday. We shout “Alleluia!” on Easter; we remember that we were slaves in Egypt, brought to the Promised Land. The story doesn’t belong to folks long dead; the story belongs to us.

Let me beg you to embrace the drama, and joy, of the remainder of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Let the story become your story. Walk with Jesus and the disciples; break bread with them. Come to the garden and pray with them; watch from near or far as our Lord dies on the Cross.

Then come to the empty tomb on Easter; come to encounter the Risen Lord again, and for the first time. Meet him in the garden, and hear him say your name, and welcome you with a warm embrace. I hope you will catch yourself saying, “Thank you!”

And you will certainly hear Jesus say, “Yes, and thank you!”

Fr. Doug Dunn+

March Events

- Lenten Series continues on Wednesday Evenings 6:00-7:30 pm
- Holy Week begins March 20th with Palm Sunday
- Easter Egg Hunt for the kids, Saturday, March 26th, 1:00 pm

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“I don’t like that question.” One of our youth who has a bit of a reputation for not filtering herself informed me that my question left a lot to be desired. My question was, “Which is more important, Knowledge or Imagination?” Well my filter-less friend immediately informed me that it was a silly question and she refused to answer it.

It’s interactions like this that lead me to consider what my goals are with our youth group. I won’t lie that a part of me gets a little triggered when I have an Antagonist in my midst. My first reaction is to say, “Kindly be silent and let the others answer the question.” But it doesn’t take me very long to realize how critical the antagonist is to our community. My goal is not to have a youth group that spits out drones who think only how someone else tells them to think. I want them to trust that God has instilled them all with the ability to deeply engage this life, even if their conclusions are not popular opinion. So, for now I allow myself to be the test subject on whom they can practice their filter-less antagonistic responses. To be honest, I kind of love it.

As always, all Middle and High School students are welcome to join us at Youth Group on Sundays 5-7pm! During the month of March we will be meeting at St. Luke’s.

Peace.
Ben Edwards
bedwards1985@gmail.com

New Organ Update

Tom Strickland
Director of Music Ministries

The physical installation of the new organ is complete, and the finishing and voicing is expected by the time you read this. The organ was built by the Johannus Orgelbau of the Netherlands, now one of the largest digital musical instrument makers in the world, and installed by Church Organ works of Loveland, Colorado. Dan Bashor, President of Church Organ Works, has done a wonderful job in coordinating the removal of the old organ, fabrication of the screens covering the openings, and careful installation of speakers and wiring. Our organ has five “divisions” of sound controlled by four keyboards and one pedalboard. The Great and Pedal divisions sound from speakers in the lower openings on the north wall; the Swell and Choir divisions sound from the upper openings. The Solo division can sound from two places—speakers placed in the wall above the altar, or from speakers at the rear of the nave in the rafters. (By comparison, our old organ had three divisions—sort of. The Pedal division had only one stop of its own, the rest being borrowed. The great and Swell divisions had a few stops each, with some others shared. One particular rank of pipes was called on to do the work of seventeen stops.)

You may wonder why the organ needs any preparation other than just turning it on. There are many adjustable parameters that need to be balanced, beginning with how loud each division of the organ is, maintaining the proper balance between divisions, and the characteristics of each of the stops and how they work together and separately. This needs to be done in the organ’s “home,” as the physical characteristics of the room have a great influence on how the digital output is heard by the listener. Dan Bashor will be spending a lot of time working this out.

It will be exciting to get acquainted with the musical possibilities now available to us. I am going to be exploring them carefully, keeping in mind that all music in our liturgy is to enlarge our prayer and praise to God, and help us to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation.
The resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is considered the foundation of the Christian faith. Any person who chooses to follow Jesus receives "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). In Greek and Latin, the Christian celebration was and is called *Pascha*, or *Pesach* in Hebrew. The word originally denoted the Jewish festival known as Passover, which commemorated the Exodus from Egypt. At the Last Supper, Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples, on the night before his sufferings and crucifixion. Christ, the Paschal lamb, was sacrificed so that we, his followers, might be spiritually resurrected with him and receive eternal salvation. Easter is celebrated this year on March 27.

**Update on Church School:** In the Godly Play classes during Lent, we focus on “The Faces of Easter,” which help prepare the children for the Mystery of Easter. Through the recitation of seven stories, we remember Jesus’ life and ministry, beginning with his birth and ending with his resurrection. *Faces of Easter* proclaims, “In the beginning, a baby was born. God chose Mary to be the Mother of God. Listen to those words. God chose Mary to be the Mother of God, and the Word was born a wordless child.” The successive stories build upon this essential truth. The Storyteller and the children wonder together about the story by bringing other items from the room to put beside the picture.

**Update on Adult Education:** Several interesting adult education classes are scheduled for this spring. On Sunday mornings between services (9-10 a.m.), starting on April 3 and continuing through May 22, Gordy Tucker will lead a discussion on the book “Excavating Jesus,” written by John Dominic Crossan and Jonathan L. Reed. This collaboration between a leading historical Jesus scholar and noted Galilean archaeologist focuses on the integration of textual study (exegesis) with archaeological research to help explain the world in which Jesus lived. Two other classes will focus on different aspects of Celtic theology. On Tuesday mornings, starting at 11 a.m. on March 29, Fr. Doug will begin a study of “Celtic Theology,” which will continue through May 24. On Wednesday evenings starting on March 30 and continuing through May 25, Fr. Doug will lead a discussion of “Christ of the Celts: The Healing of Creation,” written by J. Philip Newell. Newell invokes the ancient traditions of Celtic Christianity as a way forward in healing humankind and the earth.
Easter Schedule at St. Luke’s

Sunday, March 20  Palm Sunday  Regularly scheduled church services, 7:45 and 10:15

Thursday, March 24  Maundy Thursday
10:00 am  Holy Eucharist and Maundy Thursday Liturgy
7:00 pm  Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing
8:00 pm  Vigil

Friday, March 25  Good Friday
1:30 pm  Good Friday Liturgy
7:00 pm  Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 26  Holy Saturday
10:00 am  Egg Prep
1:00 pm  Easter Party for the Kids
7:00 pm  The Great Vigil
9:00 pm  Easter Dessert/Appetizer Party

Sunday, March 27  Easter Sunday
7:45 am  Holy Eucharist with Music
9:00 am  Easter Brunch
10:15 am  Holy Eucharist with Music

Holy Week is the culmination of many weeks during Lent of introspection; examining our own lives and that of Jesus and his followers. The events of Holy Week are an experience of confusion, unpredictability, surprise and joy.

If you can attend as many of the Holy Week services and presentations as possible, you will find it a rich and rewarding time.

The kids are invited to attend the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26 at 1:00 pm. It is a wild and crazy time and the perfect photo op for all who attend! The children will not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday, and we hope that you will be able to join your parish family for the Easter Brunch at 9:00 am between the services. Our wonderful Choir and Director of Music Ministries will offer music at both the 7:45 and 10:15 services to enhance your worship.

Tremendous thanks to all of the volunteers who make all these events possible. What a great way to celebrate the coming of Spring and the Glory of God’s grace to us all.

Many, many blessings during this Easter Season!
Calling All Women! The High Tea is Coming!

It is with great excitement that we announce the 4th Annual Women of St. Luke’s High Tea! Save the date for Saturday, April 23rd from 2:00-4:00 in the afternoon. Look for your invitation coming in late March. Meanwhile we would like to invite all and encourage all women to help in the planning and production of this event. This is a fun event for all ladies and it requires many hands to make light work. We need Table Captains, scone bakers, and persons willing to help in the kitchen the day before and the day of the tea. Table Captains decorate a table in their favorite color scheme, choosing and playing with a fun theme, or showing off your grandmother’s special china. These are just a few reasons to consider taking a table and setting it for the event. You can do this yourself or you can include some friends and make it a team event. However it best suits you, please consider being a Table Captain this year.

We have scheduled a High Tea planning meeting for Sunday, March 13th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall on the stage. If this is not a convenient time for you to express your interests we will also be available after the 10:15 service to meet with you and discuss how you could help.

If you have questions or just want to let us know in advance of the meeting that you want to be a part of this fantastic event please do not hesitate to contact Joyce Imig (joyce.imig@yahoo.com, 303-550-7438) or Cathi Long (cathi.long@ymail.com, 970-389-3291).

Calling all Cleaners...

St. Luke’s has a tradition of an annual Spring Cleaning! Each year before Easter, we gather to make the place shine. With lots of help, it goes quickly.

Bring your cleaning supplies and rags on Saturday, March 5th at 9:00 am for fun and fellowship while cleaning the church. Breakfast will be provided by the Daughters of the King. The more the merrier and the sooner we can get out of there! Also, we could really use some tall people. (Those darn high places, you know...)

So come one, come all, a good time will be had by all and the church will be clean and fresh for the upcoming Easter season!

*Thanks!!*
How much does it cost?

Fabian Gilchrist
Parish Administrator

It has been suggested that an article outlining the ‘cost of doing business’ at St. Luke’s be published periodically in the Lark. We thought that was a good idea as well, since most folks don’t look at the balance sheet as often as the Vestry members do, or have any contact with the facility other than Sunday or mid-week worship services.

I have outlined most of our operating expenses for January so that you can make the connection between the figures which are posted each week on the front of the bulletin telling what the budgeted expense amount for the week is, and what we receive in pledge payments. These are monthly expenses unless otherwise indicated in parentheses and are typical for the operation of a church the size and involvement during the week of St. Luke’s.

Total Expenses for January: $39,638.69

These expenses will vary with the weather, (energy/snow removal) with personnel, (choir section leaders do not perform in the summer) and with the seasons (snow removal vs. landscaping maintenance).

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The Lord is Risen Indeed!

Our Mission
“To restore all people to unity with God and each other in Jesus Christ.”

St. Luke’s Staff:
The Rev. Dr. Douglas R. Dunn, Rector
The Rev. Sandy Blake, Assisting Priest
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Dr. Gordon Tucker, Jr., Director of Christian Formation
Ben Edwards, Youth Director
Laura Olivanti, Nursery Supervisor

Service Times:
Sunday 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Coffee Time
5-7 p.m. Youth Group (St. Luke’s)
Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Contemplative Prayer
10:00 a.m. Worship
Wednesday 6:00–7:00 pm Potluck Supper
7:00-8:00 pm Lenten Series:
“Encounters Before the Dawn”

Do you have information to share with the Parish? Is there a special celebration coming up in your life? Get it into the office by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the Lark.

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