

Calvary Comment¹



**Pastor Paul & Phyllis
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From the Pastor

Wow, it's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the Season of Lent.

On February 14, 2024, of this year we began the Season of Lent with ashes marked upon our foreheads in the sign of the cross to remind us of our mortality. But these ashes were much more than that.

A quick reading of the history of soap described to us in ancient texts teaches us that ashes have long been an important ingredient of soap, and that ashes have even been substituted for soap as a cleansing agent. Paradoxically, the filthy Ashen Cross that we wore on our foreheads highlights our desire to come clean.

And the Ashen Cross on our foreheads displays our desire to get our spiritual house in order so we can participate in the Triduum, the Three Holy Days that lead up to Easter. Did you know that the Triduum is made up Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

It is during these three days (The Triduum) that we hear again the grace that is ours in Christ as we recall how God cleaned up the mess that we made in His creation.

The Season of Lent gives us a chance to get our spiritual life in order before the Easter Celebration. And it gives us an opportunity to hear again how Jesus took upon Himself the sin of the world, defeated death, and destroyed the power of the evil one.

As we journey through March this year, let us again assess our lives as we prepare for the spring cleaning that we celebrate each year during the Triduum.

And let us all remember that it is not too late to prepare ourselves for the Triduum, and the Easter Victory given to us through the Redeeming Activity of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor Paul



3/24
Palm Sunday
10am

3/28 Maundy Thursday 6pp

3/29 Good Friday 6pm



March
31st

Sunrise Service 7am

Pastry & fruit potluck 8-9:30

Worship Service 10:00



Worship News

Bee Rose

As some of you may know, I have been down pretty hard from this JN1 variant of Covid.

I have missed two weeks of church, Shrove Supper, Ash Wednesday, and getting to have fellowship with church members at the Soup Kitchen. But, my saving grace has been that I have taken the time to call people I should be calling on a regular basis but never seem to

find the right time to. I'm too busy with my "life". This downtime has made me slow down and think of things. I'm fasting whether or not I want to and have had the opportunity to do much needed introspection. So, that said, this segues well into my Points to Ponder.

Lenten Beginnings

In this holy season of Lent, we acknowledge our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

We are invited, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

This message is excerpted from "Lent: Penitence, Pilgrimage, Preparation," a 2016 resource of the Women of the ELCA, written by Audrey Novak Riley

Bible Q & A:

1. Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite who fell in love with Jacob's daughter, Dinah, married her after he had "defiled" her shame.

A. True B. False

2. Timothy was the son of a Jewish mother and a Greek father.

A. True B. False

3. Ruth accompanied her mother-in-law Naomi from Moab to this town.

A. Nazareth, B. Bethlehem, C. Joppa, D. Beersheba

Answers:

1. B. False. After raping Dinah, Shechem told his father to, "Get me this damsel to wife." Hamor suggested to Jacob that their tribes intermarry. Jacob's sons, furious that their sister had been defiled, demanded all males in Hamor's tribe be circumcised before they could marry Israel women period Three days after the circumcisions, Dinah's brothers killed Shechem, Hamor, and all of the men of their city. See Genesis 34:1-26.

2. A. True. See Acts 16:1.

3. B. Bethlehem. See Ruth 1:19.



BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Mark Mitchell
- 05 Jill Zuehlke
- 13 Joyce Rowoldt
- 24 Dorothy St. Germain
- 27 Jo McCormick



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I want to thank everyone that came to my 100th birthday party! I appreciate all of the nice cards & gifts. Thank you & God Bless You All!

~ Helen Brandenberger



The Jelly Bean Prayer

RED

is for the blood he gave,

GREEN

is for the grass he made.

YELLOW

is for the sun so bright,

ORANGE

is for the edge of the night.

BLACK

is for the sins we made,

WHITE

is for the grace he gave.

PURPLE

is for his hour of sorrow,

PINK

is for our new tomorrow.

*An egg full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet,
is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.*

*May the joy of Christ's Resurrection fill
your heart and bless your life.*

-UNKNOWN

QUOTES

"The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise."

—Carl Knudsen

"Being negative only makes a journey more difficult. You may be given a cactus, but you don't have to sit on it."

—Joyce Meyer

On March 17, we remember the Christian missionary **St. Patrick**.
Here is an Irish benediction to share:

May there always be work for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or two;
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near you;
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Worship Assistants, Flowers & Altar Guild Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the office or contact Bee Rose.					
DATE	Greeter	AM	Reader	Flowers	Altar Guild
Mar 3 3 Lent	Jo McCormick	Joyce O'Connell	Bee Rose	**	Dorothy St. Germain
Mar 10 4 Lent		Elaine Mitchell	Valerie Bluthardt	**	
Mar 17 5 Lent	Jo McCormick	Ashlyn Scott	Ashlyn Scott	**	
Mar 24 Palm Sunday		Bee Rose	Phyllis Zwarich	Palms	
Mar 28 Maundy Thursday		Elaine Mitchell	Margaret Leifeste	**	
March 29 Good Friday				**	
March 31 Easter		Elaine Mitchell	Bee Rose	lilies	

Hear Ye, Hear ye, Ladies of Calvary,

I come to you today to ask for your help in the Altar Guild.

It is not really a hard job. A few things need checked before Sundays.

More work needed to be done on Sundays after Services, like washing and drying each little individual cup. Then a bad varmint named COVID entered our country and then we had the privilege to throw a little disposable cup away each Sunday, therefore letting our work be less. Actually, I felt closer to God when doing the pre-work on Saturdays when I was on the Altar Guild. Because of the worsening of my disabilities I felt the need to step down. Now I hear that Ashlyn Scott is going off to UT, & she had joined the Altar Guild.

I know Pam Ulrich has asked you over and over to join, but it seems that John has lots of health problems now that I know keep her busy. I feel I am coming to her defense now and ask you ladies to examine your heart and see if you would like to join the Altar Guild of Calvary Lutheran Church.



Sincerely, in Christ, former AG member, Rosalee King.



PROJECT DIGNIDAD 2024 EASTER BLESSINGS

The following items are being requested to complete Easter baskets:

- Canned green beans or peas
- Canned yams or white potatoes
- Can of peaches, fruit cocktail, or applesauce
- Can of tuna or chicken
- Small bag of rice
- Small bag of beans or can of refried beans
- Box of Jell-o
- Box of crackers
- Box of macaroni & cheese
- Box of cornbread mix or biscuit mix
- Bag of cookies
- Jar of peanut butter

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help Project Dignidad purchase meat, checks can be sent to your church or to

**Project Dignidad
313 W. Avenue N
San Angelo, TX 76903**

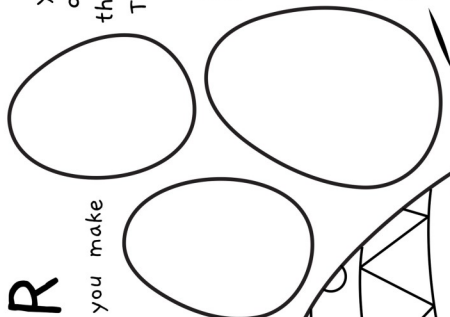
Checks can also be made out to the church with Project Dignidad in the memo. Please specify for baskets or meat.

Please bring your baskets or monetary donations to the church by March 24, 2024...

EASTER

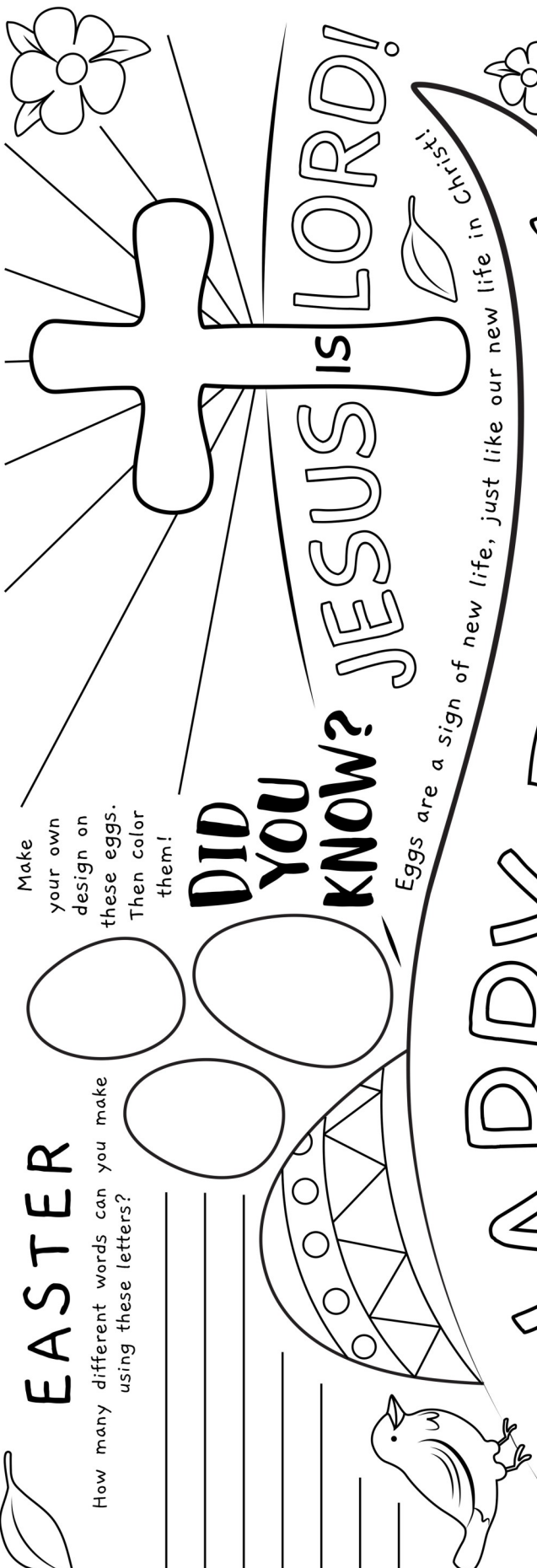
How many different words can you make using these letters?

Make your own design on these eggs. Then color them!




DID YOU KNOW?

Eggs are a sign of new life, just like our new life in Christ!



HAPPY EASTER!

Can you find 9 other symbols of new life on this page? Circle each one, then color them!



You can have new life too! Use the alphabet code and your Bible to solve the puzzle and find out how.


"IF YOU _____ WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT _____ IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN YOUR _____ THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE _____."

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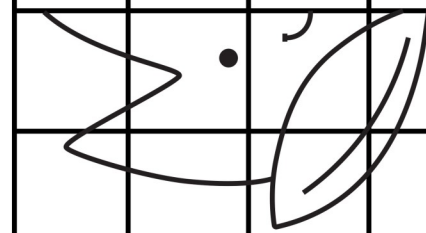
ROMANS 10:9, ESV

HE IS RISEN!

Matthew 28:6

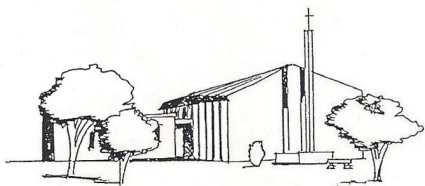


Use the grid to draw the other side!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					AA group 5:30pm	Altar Guild 10am
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3 Lent 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study	Mid-week 3 Lenten service 6pm	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	Men's Bible Breakfast 8am Golden Corral
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
4 Lent 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Daylight Savings Begins	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm 6pm Church Council Meeting	Mid-week 4 Lenten service 6pm	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
5 Lent 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm First Day of Spring Hello SPRING	Mid-week 5 Lenten service 6pm	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday 8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Noisy Bucket	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	AA group 5:30pm		AA group 5:30pm Maundy Thursday 6pm Service	AA group 5:30pm GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP 6pm service	
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Easter 7am Sunrise Service 8-9:30 Pastry & fruit potluck 10am Worship						

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Calvary Lutheran Church

We strive to recognize and nurture the Christ in ourselves and each person that we encounter along the way. Our church is a thriving community of believers and lovers of the word of God. Calvary Lutheran has a long tradition of outreach and service to its members and the community. We hope you will join us for service on Sunday to experience for yourself the fellowship of Christ.

Secretary,
Ashlyn Scott

