

A Message From Our Rector

Dear Friends:

It has been a very good spiritual discipline for Lent to follow the Way of Love in Lent, our Lenten program that we have followed through meditations in The Visitor, a sermon series, and a Wednesday evening Lenten study. This week, as we prepare for Holy Week, we are taking a break from the Lenten series work to breath, pray and get the work done that will insure a good and meaningful Holy Week full of worship opportunities. Our final meditation will appear in next weeks' Visitor and will be the theme of the Easter Sermon - the practice of "Go!"

On Sunday, we enter into the richness, drama, and deep spiritual work of the Holiest Week of our calendar - Palm Sunday leads us into the last week of Jesus' life with the remembrances of the ancient stories of the Last Supper, the Betrayal, the Garden of Gethsemane, Pilot's trial, Herod, and the conviction of Jesus to death on the Cross. At Calvary we will have worship services every day but Tuesday. The Palm Sunday services will be different than our normal Sunday services, because the story of Christ's Passion will take center stage. Each worship service will be different. The 8am liturgy will be traditional Rite I Eucharist with readers taking us through the familiar story of the Passion. At 9 am, a service created to be especially meaningful for children, young readers will weave the story through our liturgy, and at 11 am, adult readers and our Motet Choir will do the same work of moving us through the stories of Christ's last days in readings, hymns, and prayers. We are reading the Passion Gospel according to Luke this year.

On Monday at 5:15 we will have Eucharistic with Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing. On Wednesday we will have a Eucharist at 12:15 with contemplative silence, and then the ancient service of Tenebrae, a service of light and shadows, candles, chants and readings that come from the earliest days of the Monasteries will be held at 7 pm in the church. If you have never been to Tenebrae, this is a 'don't miss' service when the congregation is given the gift of deep, contemplative silence as the choir and readers do the work. Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00 pm. We will read the story of Christ's institution of the Eucharist and watch as our Altar Guild strips all ornamentation out of the chancel and sanctuary of Calvary. As our choir chants Psalm 22, we move into the reality of Good Friday as darkness falls. Our Good Friday Liturgy will be at 7 am and a Community Service will be at First Presbyterian Church at noon. Calvary joins First Presbyterian Church, Zumbro Lutheran Church, and Christ United Methodist Church in observing this most holy day.

On Saturday, April 20, we will break the Lenten fast with the Easter Vigil Service at 7:00 pm. Just as we ended Maundy Thursday in darkness, we will start this service in

darkness, lighting the new fire, hearing the old words of The Exultet and then hearing some of the stories of God's work with our ancestors in faith in the Hebrew Bible. We will baptize three children at that service, following in the almost two thousand year tradition of baptizing new Christians at the Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil service ends at the Agape Meal when we feast!

Easter Sunday will be full of beautiful music, lovely liturgy, and trumpets! Our 8 am service will be Rite I, our 9 am service will again be meaningful for children, and the 11 am service will be a Festal Eucharist will full choir and all the lovely music you could hope for.

I have found a great deal of spiritual satisfaction in years' past by following the rhythms of life and story during Holy Week. It's work, but it's very good work that brings us from sorrow to joy, from the mundane to miracle. I hope that you will join in at Calvary as often as you can in this most Holy of weeks.

In peace,

Beth+



The ECMN Bishop Search Committee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are asking all Episcopalians in Minnesota to take the following important survey. Can you spare 20 minutes or so to help the Search Committee determine what qualities and characteristics the next bishop of Minnesota should have?

The survey asks questions designed to discover what areas you believe the Church needs to grow, and your hopes and concerns as we discern candidates for the 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Church in MN.

Thanks for your involvement.

The online survey will be open until April 26th.

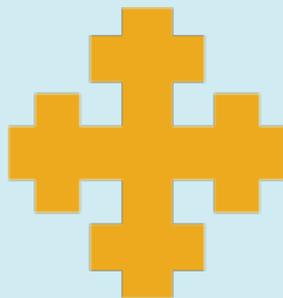
If you experience difficulty taking the survey or are unable to access it via the link provided, please contact teamsearch@episcopalmn.org.

Stay up to date in real time with the latest information on the ECMN Bishop Search. Go online and get involved at mnbishopsearch.org.

Faithfully,

Chair Susan Moss
Vice Chair George Thompson
& your entire Search Team

[Click to take the Survey](#)



Minnesota Bishop Search
*Searching for the 10th Bishop of the Episcopal
Church in Minnesota*

The Episcopal Church in Minnesota has entered a time of prayer and discernment in selecting the 10th Bishop of ECMN. The Bishop's Search Committee invites ALL to participate in this process.

Each Mission Area is gathering to provide time of "holy listening" so each faith community has a voice, hearing joys, blessings, longings and concerns.

The Southeast Mission Area Gathering and Listening Session is being held on April 27th, 2019, at The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour in Faribault. Breakfast will be offered at 830 AM followed by the Listening Session with the Bishop Search Committee beginning at 9 AM,

concluding at 1030 AM. Each one of us is encouraged to share in this special opportunity. For a complete listing of the faith communities in our SEMA, visit this link: <https://episcopalmn.org/missionareas>. Here is the ECMN website link for further information and ways to become involved in the Bishop Search: <https://mnbishopsearch.org/>.

The Southeast Mission Area will conduct our periodic business meeting following the listening session. All Calvary members are invited to attend. Lunch will be served at 1145 AM. Regional Confirmation will be at 1 PM.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Beth Royalty, Laura and Paul Ehling, Ginny McBride, Jonathan Thoreson and/or Martha Mangan.



FAKE EMAIL BEING SENT

An email has been sent to a few parishioners that takes part of Rev. Beth's email address and changes it. The email asks for you to call her, saying that she needs help, or has a question. Please do not reply to this email. It is not true. This email scam has been making the rounds in churches of all denominations for a couple of years now and has arrived at Calvary. According to other clergy, sometimes emails are sent asking for money or gift cards. Never, ever reply to emails that do not look right, or sound right. That just allows the scammer

to have access to your contact list and possibly other private things. The only email that you should ever receive a note or question from the Rector is: rector@calvary-rochester.org. No other email address will be used from Beth. If you have any questions, or aren't sure if an email is coming from the church office, please call the office or Beth directly.

EASTER LILY DONATION

If you are interested in giving financially towards the lilies that will adorn our altar and church during Easter, please email office@calvary-rochester.org, or give the church office a call. You may also fill out the forms in the bulletin in church for the next few Sundays. Lilies may be given in honor of, in thanksgiving for or in memory of someone, or to the Glory of God. The suggested donation is \$13.00 per Lily. **The deadline for giving is April 12th.**



Agape Meal Assistance Needed

We are in need of 3-4 volunteers that would assist us with the preparation and

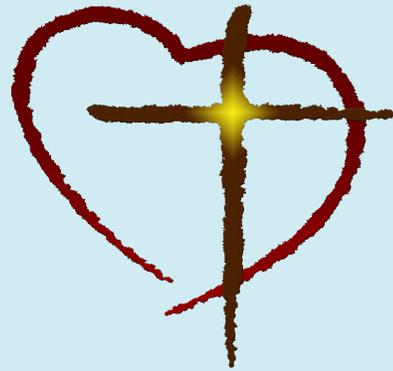


cleanup for the Agape Meal which will take place after the Easter Vigil on Saturday April 20th at 7 PM. An hour or two of your time would be most appreciated. Please call Kirsten Vitale (507.266.5747) or Lee Gilmore (507.951.3288) if you can assist.

This Week at Calvary...

Wednesday Evening Lent Class & Soup Supper March 13-April 17

Each Wednesday in Lent all are invited to gather for a simple supper and study group from 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm in Brackenridge Hall. If you would like to take part in the supper, [please register online by clicking on the sign up button below.](#) Each week we will study a different discipline as a part of **Life transformed: The Way of Love in Lent.**



All are welcome; we will accept a free will offering for suppers and there is no cost for the class.

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