



Trumpeter

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service

From the Senior Warden...

Hello from the sunny south. We are enjoying ourselves here in the south, seeing members from the church on an irregular basis.

I want to welcome Jerry back with his repaired body and strong mind. I'm happy that he has made the progress he has made. Thank you to everyone who has pitched in for the services since Jerry has been gone.

Thank also for all of the vestry and members who have helped repair some things at the church and put in the new handrails. Thank you all.

We're looking forward to beginning back first in April and we'll see you.

-Chapin Cook



*Thank
you!*

Thank you to Louise McAra for designing & ordering the new brass handrails. Also thank you to Bill Hartley, Jan Taylor, Dave Miller and Rod Bytwerk for installing them.



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Vestry 2026

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Jane Brewer (2029) Rod Bytwerk (2028)
Chapin Cook (2028)

Upcoming Lessons

March 8 Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 15 Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

March 29 Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 5 Easter

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24
John 20:1-18

April 12 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Find the readings every week at lectionary-page.net

FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK

First, I want to thank you all for the prayers, love and support during my recovery after surgery. I am very grateful that it was successful and i am very grateful for all of you. We have a wonderful congregation, and I am proud to be your rector.

We are now in the midst of Lent. Lent is a time of reflection, prayer, repentance, reconciliation, and love. During this time, we reflect on our relationship with God and with our fellow human beings. Both go hand in hand. We cannot love God and mistreat others at the same time. Our words and actions are important. It is the task of Christians to constantly reflect on the life of Jesus and to imitate Jesus in all we say, all we think and all we do. During our reflection, we must ask ourselves if we are following Jesus or our own theologies and philosophies.

We do this through our prayers. Prayer is a stepping away from the world for a moment and entering into that part of us that connects us with God. God is always waiting for us and ready to hear us. Prayers does not have to be formal. It can be a quick statement, 'Jesus help me,' or it can be a prayer that we know by heart. Prayer should transform us into the people that God wants us to be. It can be spoken, silent or expressed through our actions,. Sometimes we use sacred scripture in our prayer. There is no one right or wrong way to pray. The goal of our lives is to pray constantly, making each moment of our day a deeper connection to God and to one another.

Sometimes, our reflection and prayer can lead us to repentance. We acknowledge our sinfulness; those tiems when we do not act in love, justice and mercy. There are sins of action and there are sins of omission. One of the biggest concerns I have in our world today is the notion that our self is the moral compass of our decisions. We base every decision on how we thing we should act, and too often, we do not ask ourselves if this action, thought, or belief is Christlike? Is this what Jesus would do in this situation? And not the Jesus we have created in our minds that thinks and acts like we do, but the Jesus we find in the Bible. The one who welcomed the stranger, who healed the sick, who fed the hungry. The one who invited all to follow him. It is God who should be our moral compass and not ourselves. We need to understand this in light of the Body of Christ, i.e. the church. What does God say to us through the corporate body of the church? We should not pick and choose the parts of the life of Christ that we follow and those we choose to ignore.

This reflection, prayer and repentance should lead us to reconciliation. We are to reconcile ourselves to God and to one another. Matthew 5:23, 24 tells us that "if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your neighbor has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your neighbor, and then come and offer your gift." This is not merely a suggestion. It is a call for action. Every single person on the face of the earth is our neighbor. Every single person on the face of the earth is made in the image and likeness of God. We are not here to judge the sins of others, only to judge ourselves and make right the wrongs we have done.

When we are reconciled to one another and to God, we act in love. Love is the most basic, yet powerful image we can have about God. God is love. John 3:16 reminds us that "God so love the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal lofe." God sent Jesus to save us all and this action was born in love for all of us. If we are reflective, prayerful, repentant, and loving, our world could be so different. Our world has a lot of problems. But the world is also filled with good people, doing good things. If we act in love, we can turn the world around.

Let us use this time of Lent as a time to get closer to God and closer to our brothers and sisters who walk the face of the earth with us.

May God continue to bless you abundantly!

Jerry+





The latest Vestry Meeting Minutes and Financial Statement are located on the kiosk in the narthex for review.

As announced at the Annual Meeting, all funds given toward pledges received in the current calendar year must be deposited and posted to the same calendar year. We can no longer accept advanced payment of pledges for the next calendar year.

Thank you for your understanding.



Armed Forces and Federal Ministries Cycle of Prayer

Armed Forces and Federal Ministries

Under the direction of Bishop Ann Ritonia, Armed Forces and Federal Ministries provides pastoral care and support to members of the military and federal agencies. This week's updates include:

Cycle of Prayer 2026. You can find the complete cycle at www.episcopalchurch.org under Armed Forces and Federal Ministries.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for the following:

Week of March 1. Those serving in Minnesota - at Camp Ripley, Minneapolis - St. Paul Joint Air Reserve Station, Duluth Air National Guard Base, Federal Correctional Institution Sandstone, and the Minneapolis VA Health Care System.

Week of March 8. Those serving in Mississippi - at Kessler Air Force Base, Columbus Air Force Base, Navel Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, Camp Shelby, Federal Correctional Center Yazoo City, and the Biloxi VA Medical Center.

Week of March 15. Those serving in Missouri - at Ford Leonard Wood, Whiteman Air Force Base, Coast Guard Station St. Louis, Rosecrans Air National Guard Base, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners Springfield, and the John J. Cochran VA Hospital.

Week of March 22. Those serving in Montana - at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Fort Harrison, the 120th Airlift Wing Air National Guard, and the Fort Harrison VA Medical Center.



Please note that the next Healing Service will be held on Friday, March 6, 2026 at noon. The following Healing Service will be Friday, April 3, 2026.



...COFFEE HOUR...

Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in February: Shirley Showler, Dave & Karen Miller, Nada Radakovich and Jeff & Kim Parker. There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Please consider signing up to host! You only have to make coffee/tea and perhaps provide a small snack or treat item



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 11th from 12 to 1:30 pm at Fifty81 Bistro (Genesee Career Institute Culinary Arts Program), G-5081 Torrey Road (between Hill and Maple).

If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334.



The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 14th at 9 am @ Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint. Please sign up on the Kiosk.



Please join us on Friday, March 6, 2026 at Noon for our Stations of the Cross Service.

Stations of the Cross services are held every Friday at Noon during Lent.

All are welcome!

From the Music Room...



Greetings from the Music Room!

Lent is upon us! As Father Jerry recited the Great Litany this Sunday past (February 22nd), it really struck me that we are truly now in Lent. Yes, Ash Wednesday is officially when it begins, but, I don't know---I was just so happy seeing Father Jerry back (the combination of his presence, plus the shiny new brass railings---it was difficult keeping my heart focused on the full meaning of Ash Wednesday that day).

As we all know, Lent is our solemn 40 day period of reflection, prayer, contemplation and considering the sacrifices Jesus made on our behalf. In case you might have been wondering, the word 'Lent' comes from the Old English term, "lencten", which refers to Spring and the lengthening of daylight that happens during this time of year. I thought that perhaps I would just mention a few things that maybe all of us do not know about Lent. For instance, did you know that the word "Allelujah" is omitted from our services during Lent? "Allelujah/Hallelujah" means "Praise the Lord". Did you happen to know that? Also, were you aware that during these forty-days of Lent, the music for our services is programmed in a less joyous/celebratory fashion, more inclined towards enhancing the meditative solemnity of the season? (Once Easter is here, we get to exclaim "Hallelujah" and "Alleluia" a lot!)

Have you ever wondered why Lent is a 40 day journey? We make this pilgrimage of penitence, reflection and stillness as a way of honoring the length of time our Lord fasted and prayed in the wilderness following his baptism. (Lent is actually 46 days because Sundays that fall during this time are excluded from fasting). Did you know that the ashes that are traced upon our foreheads are from the palm fronds that were burned from the palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday, symbolizing mortality and repentance? Did you know that palm fronds are enduring symbols of victory, triumph, peace and eternal life?

I just am taking this moment to mention some of these things, because, well, I find it all very interesting. I hope you do too!

Please note a few special services we have upcoming:

-Palm Sunday, March 29th, 10:15 a.m., St. Chris (Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday).

-Maundy Thursday, April 2nd., 6:00 p.m., St. Chris (this service commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and the institution of the Eucharist. 'Maundy ' is derived from "Mandatum" meaning "Commandment/Mandate" referring to Jesus' command to love one another.

-Good Friday, April 3rd., (an annual ecumenical service, this year being hosted by Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 7234 Fenton Road) 7:00 p.m,

-Easter Day, April 5th, 10:15 a.m.,

~ In Christ, I am yours,

Nada

Pancake Day Celebration -Mardi Gras

February 17, 2026



Thank you Karen Miller, Cindy Donner, all of our amazing cooks/kitchen help and clean up crew so much for all your hard work in planning and putting on the pancake supper. Your effort and attention to detail made the evening a wonderful success, and everyone truly appreciated the delicious food, games and warm atmosphere. We are grateful for your commitment to bringing our parish together and creating such a memorable event.

Worship Leaders for March 2026

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>March 8</u>						
8 am	Jacob Stuart (LEM)/Dave Butler	Jane Brewer & Susan Arm- strong		-----	AVAILABLE	-----
10:15 am	Frank Burger (LEM)	Rene Carpenter & Mike Latesky		Louise McAra		
<u>March 15</u>						
8 am	Debbie Moses (LEM)	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	Bill Hartley's Birthday	-----
10:15 am	Mary Little (LEM)	Diane Stellrecht & Louise Des- granges		Cindy Donner		
<u>March 22</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/ Dave Butler	Dale & Sharon Rice		-----	Jeff & Kim Parker	-----
10:15 am	Rod Bytwerk (LEM)	Bill Hartley & Jan Taylor		Anne Naber		
<u>March 29</u>						
8 am	Jacob Stuart (LEM)/ Kay Van Natta	Jane Brewer &		-----	Shirley Showler	-----
10:15 am	Karen Miller (LEM)	Rod Pierson & Rene Carpenter		Gerry Rudduck		

