



# April 2020

## Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

*The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church*

1730 18th Street, P. O. Box 188,

Mitchell, Nebraska, 69357

Dear Holy Apostles,

We know this is not the news you wanted to see or hear, but Bishop Barker has directed that all in-person worship and events over 10 people are to be suspended through at least May 10th. Determination about services beyond that will be decided at a later date. Yes, this means that our Holy Week and Easter services will be online via Facebook Live as we have done the last few weeks.

We are still in the process of trying to figure out what our online Holy Week and Easter services will look like, but we are looking to find ways to make our worship more interactive. For example, as part of this newsletter you will find a printable palm branch sheet. We encourage you to print off a copy for each person in your family so that when we do the Procession of Palms litany during Palm Sunday Worship, you will have a palm branch to raise and wave. And, because we were unable to cancel our Palm order as it was already in transit, we will have live palm branches available on the table in the narthex, if you would want to stop by a few days before Palm Sunday (April 5) to pick up palm fronds for you and your family.

To worship with us online, simply log on to Facebook and go to our Facebook page: Holy Apostles Mitchell NE a few minutes before the worship start time. If you are watching on a phone or tablet, you should see a banner across your screen that says 'Holy Apostles is Live', click on the banner to go to the live video. If you are on a computer, you will need to scroll down our Facebook page until you see a video with a red button that says live, click on the 'play' arrow to activate the live video. We will also save the video to our Facebook page for viewing at a later time and will place the link on our website: [holyapostlesmitchell.org](http://holyapostlesmitchell.org). If you use the link on our webpage, you do not even need to be a Facebook user to access the video. Bulletins and the Taking Faith Home inserts will be placed on our website so you may download or print off the bulletin ahead of time to more fully participate in the worship service wherever you may be.

One aspect of our Holy Week tradition that will still be available to you to participate in in-person, will be the Altar of Repose Maundy Thursday evening through Good Friday night. A sign up sheet

will be placed on the table in the narthex for you to sign up to 'watch' with Jesus for one hour or you may call, text or email either Pastor Chris or myself to sign up for a time, if you would like to pray at the church. If you would like to participate in the Altar of Repose but do not feel comfortable coming to Holy Apostles during this time, contact us and we can figure out how to get a copy of the Watch Night or Stations of the Cross leaflet to you.

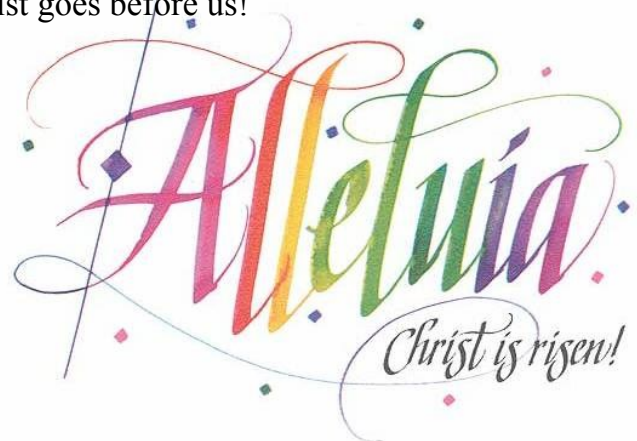
And now a heartfelt thank you. In the letter we sent out informing the congregation that we would not be able to gather for in-person worship, we asked you to remember that the expenses of the church continue even though we are not able to gather together for a time, and so many of you have responded by sending in or dropping off your offerings. Pastor Chris and I are truly humbled by your generosity and support of the church and its ongoing ministries. We feel blessed to be a part of such a gracious and giving congregation.

As I think about celebrating Easter in these days of the Covid-19 pandemic, I am struck by the angel's words to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary who came to Jesus' tomb in Matthew 20, *"Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said...go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.'"* The truth is, we do not know what all the future holds, but we know who holds the future. The resurrected Christ goes before us and wherever we may go, whatever may happen, Jesus will meet us there; indeed Jesus walks with us and he will see us through.

Like you, we grieve the loss of being able to gather together in these days, especially for the holy days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, but imagine what a celebration it will be when we can once again gather together as the family of God. Until then, please know that you are in our prayers but more importantly, know that the risen Christ goes before us!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!!!

Pastor Sheryl





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Adult Sunday School: 9:30am

Child Sunday School 9:30am

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Office Hours: Mornings - MTW

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**Ministerial Association**  
**APRIL REQUESTS**  
**Food Pantry**  
**CRACKERS—ANY VARIETY**  
 Pantry coordinators:  
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**Back Pack Program**  
**INDIVIDUAL BOXED CEREAL**  
**OR OATMEAL PACKETS**  
**Thank you!!**



**Nebraska Episcopal**  
**CURSILLO**

Save the Date!

May 28th –31st, 2020

Norfolk, NE

3-Day Spiritual Retreat

More Info at

[www.nebraskaepiscopalcurso.org](http://www.nebraskaepiscopalcurso.org)



**HOLY APOSTLES EPISCOPAL CHURCH—KEEP THE VIGIL**

# Altar of Repose

After our online worship on Maundy Thursday, the liturgy does not end. The Holy Sacrament is placed on an Altar of Repose where it will be available until right before worship on Good Friday. You are invited to keep vigil there in response to Jesus' question, "Could you not watch with me for one hour?" Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex if interested or call, text or email us to sign up if you are interested in making this a part of your Holy Week observance whether at church or home.

**All Services will be broadcast LIVE on Facebook**

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**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

Offerings can be mailed to the church Holy Apostles Episcopal Church P.O. Box 188 Mitchell, NE 69357 Thank you for your generosity		1	2	3	4
5 PALM SUNDAY Facebook Live @ 10:30 am Service	6	7	8	9 MAUNDAY THURSDAY Facebook Live @ 7pm Altar of Repose to follow	10 GOOD FRIDAY Facebook Live @ 7pm
12 EASTER SUNDAY Facebook Live @ 10:30 am Service	13	14	15	16	18 GREAT EASTER VIGIL Facebook Live @ 7pm
19 Facebook Live @ 10:30 am Service	20	21	22	23	24
26 Facebook Live @ 10:30 am Service	27	28	29	30	25

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Levi Allbaugh	April 15	Kyra Lewis
April 1	Millie Gerber	April 16	Dalton Propp
April 1	Laura Reed	April 26	Atley Sherfey
April 10	Judith Marlowe	April 27	Annette Knaub
April 13	Sullivan Johnson	April 29	Sr Elizabeth Sojourner Raney

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 21      Jesse and Emily Meysenburg

## APRIL FLOWERS

**April 12 (Easter) Given By:** Maryruth Reed

**In Memory Of:** Randolph Reed and Maggie Reed

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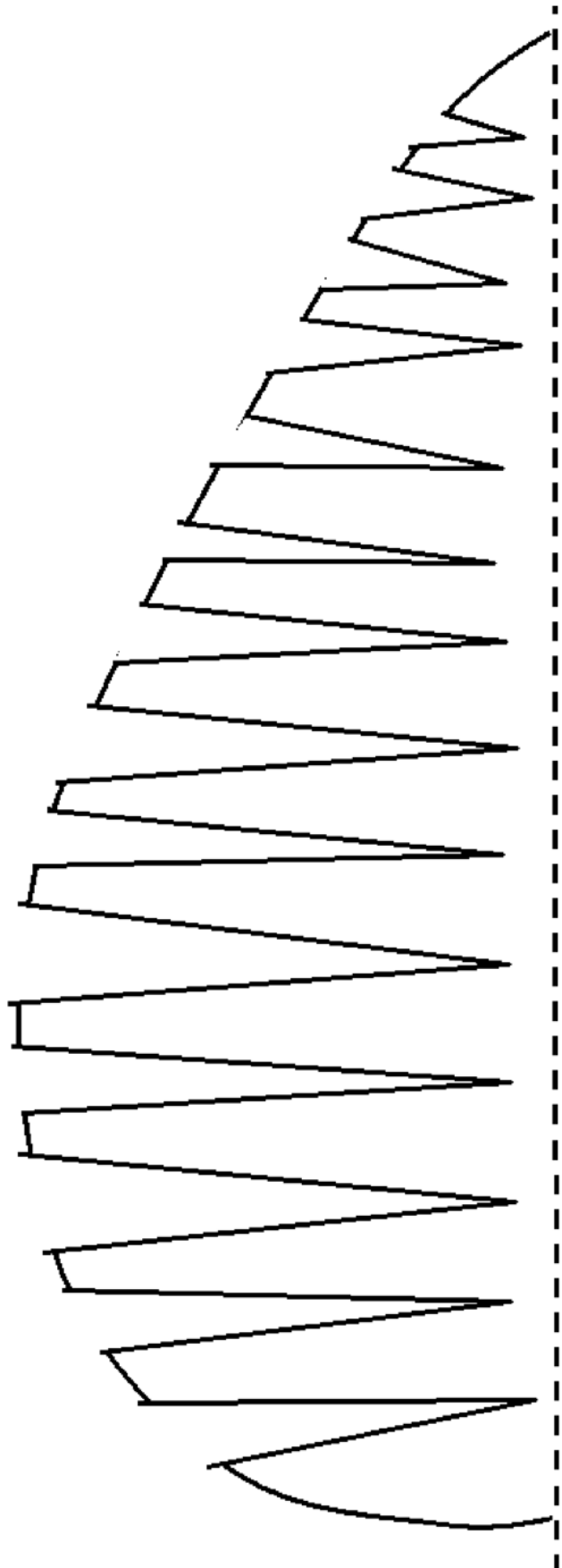
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## Paper Palm Leaf

Cut this template along the dotted line.

Fold a piece of green construction paper in half and paper clip the template so the dotted line is along the fold.

Cut through the template and both layers of construction paper along the black lines.

Discard the template (unless you want to make more leaves).

Unfold the construction paper to see your finished palm leaf.

Optional: Tape a green pipe cleaner or thin rolled tube of construction paper to the center as a stem.

