

# April 2021

## Holy Apostles “Grapevine”

*The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church*

1730 18th Street, P. O. Box 188,  
Mitchell, Nebraska, 69357

Have you seen them yet? I must admit I haven't. Normally they're here by now. I wonder why they haven't shown up? No, I'm not talking about worshipers, I'm talking about Jonquils. Your yard may be full of them but the normal places I usually spot them are still barren. The trees are late this year as well. The buds have been slow to appear, our apple tree still looks lifeless. Yet, there are signs that Spring is right around the corner. Temps are slowly warming and the Sun is moving higher in the sky. Yes, there are yards coming to life even if ours isn't one of them.

Worship is starting to 'spring' back even if ever so slowly.

Yes, we are 'open' for worship and we encourage you to join us. Especially as more and more people receive their vaccinations we can encourage gathering more and more. By the end of the month Pastor Sheryl and Pastor Chris will have their second dose. Many of you have also received your vaccines. While not ending our need for precautions, as many more still need vaccines to reach the goals, we can begin to 'emerge' like the jonquils of spring and Holy Week offers a special reason to consider returning to the gathered community. Easter brings to us the promise of Resurrection and after the past year, what better way to begin emerging from this thing we have called pandemic. (Please, continue to practice reasonable distancing masking and other practices for the sake of those still vulnerable.) Let us lift our voices, and songs, let us lift our hearts, in thanksgiving and let us rejoice for God's promise is sure, Christ has risen!

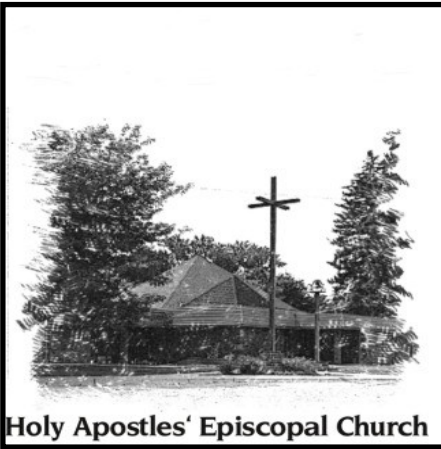
Now I know there is still some caution out there and know that we will still livestream our worship. That has become a permanent change in our worship life from now on. In fact, worship as we knew it will have permanent changes, some still in the works and some yet to be decided. But like the first blooms of spring, not knowing if a blizzard is still around the corner, we can lift our hearts and worship. (Spring blizzards are short lived! After their passing we will see temps continue to climb and buds appear on the trees.)

For those that are able, we are looking forward to gathering. Beginning with Palm Sunday recalling the events from the triumphal entry, with a nod to what will happen, from the upper room where Jesus gathered for the last time with his disciples to the foot of the cross and finally, the joy of the empty tomb. Come and worship!

Pastor Chris



I KNOW MY REDEEMER  
**LIVES**



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**Mitchell Ministerial Association**  
**Food Pantry**  
 Contact Number: 308/641-7326  
*This month's Food Pantry Request :*  
**Canned fruit**  
**Instant potatoes**  
**BackPack Program**  
*This month's Backpack Request:*  
**Peanut butter**  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Bishop Barker to visit in May.**  
 Tuesday May 18th will be the annual Bishop's visit.  
 At this service we celebrate as Atley Sherfey and Oran Symonds will be confirmed.  
 We are planning a meal, and will be asking you to bring sides, salads and desserts. Look for more details in the May newsletter!

**Beecher Hall Remodeling**  
 The vestry is still looking at different options for remodeling of the bathrooms in Beecher Hall so as to have at least one handicapped accessible bathroom. We have received at least one plan and talked with contractors, but if you have any ideas for the bathrooms, please contact Pastors Chris or Sheryl.

**Journey with Jesus to the Cross and Empty Tomb**  
 Palm Sunday, March 28th @ 10:30 a.m.  
 Maundy Thursday, April 1st @ 7 PM  
 Good Friday, April 2nd @ 7 PM  
 Easter Vigil, April 3rd @ 7:30 PM  
 Easter Sunday, April 4th @ 10:30 AM  
**There will be an Easter Egg hunt following worship!**  
 (Please note: masks will be required.)

**FYI-Names and Contact Information**

|                        |                                  |                                     |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Priests-in-charge:     | The Reverend Chris Kester-Beyer  | (402)694-9189 (cell)                |
|                        | The Reverend Sheryl Kester-Beyer | (402)694-9182 (cell)                |
| Deacon:                | The Reverend Angela Jones        | (308)631-1922 (cell)                |
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### Servers

April 4th Sandra Raney  
April 11th Jenny Hughson  
April 18th Maryruth Reed  
April 25th Stephanie Canon

### Altar Guild

Maryruth Reed & Judy Kieler

### Seeking New Altar Guild Members

The Altar Guild is looking for at least two new people to replace of members who have had to retire due to health issues. If we have enough people, it only takes a couple of hours spread out over the year. The main commitment is being available to set up or clean up the Eucharist for a month twice a year. If you are willing to serve in this way or would like more information, please contact Maryruth.

### April Birthdays

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Levi Allbaugh April 1   | Laura Reed April 1        |
| Judith Marlowe April 10 | Sullivan Johnson April 13 |
| Kyra Lewis April 15     | Dalton Propp April 16     |
| Atley Sherfey April 26  | Annette Knaub April 27    |
| Sandi Raney April 29    |                           |

### April Anniversaries

Jesse and Emily Meysenburg April 21

### Flower Chart

April 4th by Maryruth Reed in memory of Randolf and Maggy Reed.

Dear Holy Apostles, Wardens and Vestry,

This is to thank you for agreeing to contribute your full share of you diocesan faith asking to help fund our 2021 diocesan budget. Without you, we could not have achieved a 97% acceptance of the amount asked. This high rate of acceptance contributes to our ability to ask less from every parish. It is only through your generous gifts that we are able to continue offering the diocesan ministries of oversight, visitation, transitions and parish support that you count on form you bishop and diocesan staff.

I am most especially grateful for your generosity in this time of COVID-19. It's an extraordinary sign of commitment and faith that nearly every Nebraska parish continues to give so generously-and even sacrificially--when so much of Church life has been changed over this past year. God bless you all.

Bishop Barker and staff

*All Worship Services will be both In-Person and  
on Online via Facebook Live*

# April 2021

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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|--|----|----|----|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 1<br>Maundy<br>Thursday<br>7 PM | 2<br>Good Friday<br>7 PM | 3<br>Easter Vigil<br>7:30 PM |
| 4<br>Easter<br>Sunday<br>Worship @<br>10:30 AM | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8                               | 9                        | 10                           |
| 11<br>2 Easter<br>Worship @<br>10:30 a.m.      | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15                              | 16                       | 17                           |
| 18<br>3 Easter<br>Worship @<br>10:30 a.m.      | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22                              | 23                       | 24                           |
| 25<br>4 Easter<br>Worship@<br>10:30 a.m.       | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29                              | 30                       | Vestry<br>May 2nd            |

**On March 18th (the 3rd Sunday of the Month)**

**any cash received will go to the Priest's Discretionary Fund. Thanks for your generosity!**