

# The Eagle's Voice

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## *A Message from*

*Father Bill*

**D**ear Friends in Christ,  
A year ago, the world shut down. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic schools began offering remote learning. Rush hour traffic on I-87 vanished. Offices closed and countless individuals suddenly found themselves unemployed. Bishop Love asked that all churches begin offering virtual services. Caught off guard, St. John's joined with St. Stephen's in Delmar to live cast our services together.

It was not until July that we began offering in-person worship as well as virtual services via Facebook.

Last year the church doors were closed for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Members of the congregation were invited to drive by the church and pick up palm branches set by the front door. As they did so, people discovered that Kathy Potter had graciously

made masks for everyone to take and use. This year, as more and more members of our congregation are vaccinated, we plan to open the doors for all our services. Because the corona virus is still among us, however, we will continue to observe safety precautions and we will continue to offer our services on Facebook.

While the services will continue to be simplified in light of the pandemic, we pray they will provide an opportunity for us to enter more deeply into the death and resurrection of our Lord and will nourish our souls and strengthen our discipleship. In order to do this, we will need a variety of volunteers to assist with our worship. Please look at the list of volunteers needed and let me know by email ([WilliamRHinrichs@gmail.com](mailto:WilliamRHinrichs@gmail.com)) or by filling out the form in this newsletter if

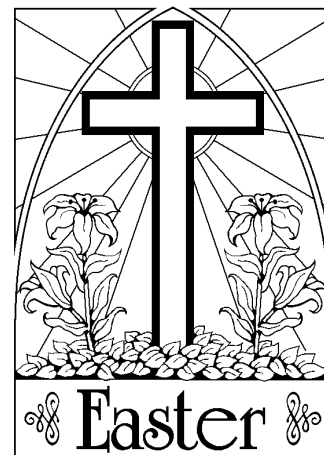
you can assist.

While we are not able offer our usual Easter Egg Hunt this year, we will have treats to hand out to children who come by the church on Holy Saturday (April 3) between 11:00 AM and Noon. Special bags will be available for children with nut allergies.

These bags of treats will be available for any children who come by. So, feel free to bring a friend.

As we journey with Jesus on the way to the Cross, may we also enter more deeply into the joy of the Resurrection.

Yours in Christ,  
**Father Bill+**



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for people to assist with the following. If you can help, please check the ministry you are interested in and return this sheet to the church with your name on it.

#### PALM SUNDAY

Reader for the Passion Narrative

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

- Reader for 2 lessons and psalm
- Acolyte
- Volunteer to assist with stripping of altar

#### GOOD FRIDAY

- Crucifer for Stations of the Cross
- Reader to assist with Stations of the Cross
- Acolyte for evening Liturgy
- Reader for 2 lessons and psalm
- Reader for Passion Narrative

#### HOLY SATURDAY

Assist with distribution of treats for children



### March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday and blessing of the palms  
Holy Eucharist  
9:30 AM

### Holy Week Schedule

**Maundy Thursday**  
Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar  
7:00 PM

### Good Friday

Stations of the Cross  
Noon

Good Friday Liturgy  
7:00 PM

### Saturday

Distribution of Easter treats for children  
11:00—NOON

**Easter Sunday morning service**  
9:30 AM

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

