



The Eagle's Voice

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A Message from

Father Bill

Dear Friends in Christ

Among the various feasts and celebrations in the life of the Church, there is none like Easter. The feast we are about to celebrate is central to everything we believe. One of the most concise and compelling explanations of why Easter matters comes from Pastor Andy Stanley of North Point Ministries. He writes the following:

The disciples were witnesses to the event that changed the world. They were witnesses to the event that launched the Church. They were witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus. The Church did not create the Bible. The Church didn't create the story of Jesus. The resurrection of Jesus launched the Church

and created our faith. Before the resurrection, there were no Christians. After Jesus was crucified, there were no believers. His followers gave up hope. Hope didn't return until they saw Jesus alive with their own eyes.

The reason we believe Jesus rose from the dead isn't because the Bible tells us so. It's because of the testimony of Jesus' closest followers. We believe Jesus rose from the dead because skeptical eyewitnesses wrote down the extraordinary event they had watched. Peter, who peered dumbfounded into the empty tomb, later dictated these words:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy He has

given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3)

If you could ask Peter what the foundation of his faith was, he wouldn't say Jesus' teachings. He would say the resurrection. By dying on the cross for our sin, Jesus paved the way for us to have a relationship with God – a relationship as that between a perfect father and a child.

This Easter, I invite you to join us to sing out **ALLELUIA!** as the fire of the resurrection enkindles new hope deep within us.

Father Bill+



Sr. Wardens Letter

by Ed Tremblay

Happy Spring. Work continues on the front of the Church. Our windows are complete and should give us years of service. The drainage work is under contract and should begin soon. We will be completing the landscaping after that work is done. Finally we will have the front wooden doors refurbished and turned around to provide proper egress.

We have applied for a Diocesan loan to complete the work. This will help us from completely using up our reserves. Please remember to use your building fund envelopes if you are able. We will now have a monthly loan payment that will need donations to complete.

And as always we remind people that the best way to increase giving is to build membership. So be sure to encourage friends or relatives that might be looking for a new church to join us.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our very popular Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 16th at 11:00 AM. People are asked to assemble at St. John's at that time and then we will have our search for eggs and prizes on the Church grounds.

This will be followed by a hot dog roast immediately following the hunt.

There is no charge for this event. Thank you to all of the volunteers that make this such a success.

As always St. John's will accept donations of non perishable items for our food pantry.



April 10, 2022

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

Holy Week Schedule

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

Good Friday
Ecumenical Service
Sponsored by Capital Area Council of Churches
First Lutheran of Albany
www.caparea.org/

Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM
Holy Trinity

Good Friday Liturgy
7:00 PM

Saturday

Easter Egg Hunt
11:00—NOON

Easter Sunday morning service
9:30 AM

