

MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER DAY

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONGS

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING OF THE WORD

ISAIAH 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,

"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

² **Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of
the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does
valiantly;**

¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD;
he who is righteous may enter."

²¹ **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²² The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the LORD'S doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still

living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JOHN 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She

turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Gerry Gardner

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SHARING PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Jonathan Percival

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed
on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION SONG

CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members of
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of
heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMISSION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Want Healing Prayer?

A prayer team is available at the front
of the sanctuary during communion.



WELCOME
FIRST TIME VISITORS

If you are a here for the first time, please stop
by the Welcome Station so we can give you a
gift. Then plan on joining us afterwards for
our Easter Luncheon in Fulton Hall.
Hope to see you there!

THE WEEK AHEAD MARCH 31-APRIL 6

SUN	31	Easter Holy Eucharist 10:00 am In Person & Online Easter Luncheon After Service Fulton Hall
MON	1	Women's Breakfast Club 9:00 am
TUE	2	Reunion Group – Cursillo 5:30 pm Zoom
WED	3	Morning Prayer 10:00 am In Person & Online
THU	4	Garden Team 9:00 am
FRI	5	Group Prayer 10:00 am Conference Call Night of Worship 7:00 pm Sanctuary



Easter Luncheon
Today After Service in Fulton Hall

Ham will be provided.
Please bring a dish to share.

Jars of Clay

Remember to bring
back your mugs and
collection next
Sunday. Thank You!



Women's Breakfast Club

Monday, April 1 • 9:00 am

Share prayers, fellowship and discussion on women's issues.

Meet at EGG5-Traordinary Breakfast & Lunch Cafe, 2282 Tamiami Tr. North, Nokomis. Annabell Edwards will be leading the discussion.

Contact Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Reunion Group – Cursillo

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Zoom Call

This group offers personal time for prayer and sharing of life's joys and sorrows, as well as accountability to Christ's call for study, piety and action. Contact Sally Allen at 413-822-1160 for details.



Garden Team

Thursdays at 9:00 am

Join us as we tend to the landscaping needs of the church. No experience necessary! Contact Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 if you are available to help.



Group Prayer

Fridays at 10:00 am, Conference Call
Dial 717-908-1923, Code 974309#

Join us as we pray for the search of a new rector, personal needs, Ukraine, our country, and social issues of the day. Contact Annabell Edwards at 941-900-6147 for details.

Night of Worship Healing Prayer & Praise Night Friday, April 5 • 7:00 pm

Come rest in God's presence; use the time to focus your prayers, seek healing for your life, and be freshly anointed by the Holy Spirit. Scott Gardner will be leading worship.



**In Person
& Live on
Facebook**

MAN UP

MEN'S GROUP

Saturday, April 6 at 8:00 am
in Fulton Hall

Gather with fellow brothers in Christ for biblical devotion and fellowship. Doughnuts and coffee will be served.

NOTE
NEW DAY

Easter Lilies 2024

The beautiful flowers that grace our chancel were donated by the following:

In Loving Memory of:

Robyn, Mac & the Bates & Allen families ...	Sally & Phil Allen
Our Parents, Fred, Mary Lou, Paul	Teresa & Bob Mongillo & Therese
Melanie Rosado.....	Dona Harmes
Barbara, Don, Christine & Dan	Robin Dofflemeyer
Russell Mathews	Xenia Mathews
Max, Rick & My Parents	Karen Dolan
.....	Lina Taug
Our Mothers.....	Linda & Jerry Alampi
Our Parents	Marion & Steven Palmatier
Jim, Eunice, Eunice Jr., Paula, & Diane	Annie Bowes
Dick Brady	Julie Brady

In Thanksgiving for:

For our life in Christ Jesus.....	Gerry & Scott Gardner
Thank you God for First Loving Us.....	Sandy Kreidler
Blessings	Anonymous Donors

God's Blessing of:

Jakob	Kathleen Andrews
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Thank you for your donation!



Children/Youth Core Team Planning Meeting

Thursday, April 11 at 4:00 pm

Anyone interested in
helping plan programs for
children/youth, please attend
this meeting.
Meets in the office.

HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

February 2024		Year-to-Date / Jan-Feb	
Income:	\$ 12,597	Income:	\$ 33,552
Expenses:	\$ 15,203	Expenses:	\$ 29,570
Difference:	\$ -2,606	Difference:	\$ + 3,982

WAYS TO GIVE:

In Person • Online Via CHS Website • Mail

THE CHURCH IN PRAYER — PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

*If you have a prayer to be added to this list or you would like to be added to our email prayer chain,
call the office or email prayers@chsosprey.com.*

- Comfort for families and those affected by the collapsed bridge in Baltimore. Safety for all who help in rebuilding the bridge and opening the channel.
- Comfort for Sally and Phil as they mourn the loss of Sally's brother.
- Continued healing for Robin and Ron.
- Thanksgiving for baby Ryleigh who got to go home.
- Continued comfort for Cynthia over the loss of her mother.
- Thanksgiving for earning \$4800 in our yard, plant and bake sale. Praise GOD! 10% of that will go to the outreach ministry, The Twig.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the healing happening in Jan and Christine.
- Prayers for Dallas that he gets the help he needs.
- Create in me a clean heart to love You more and more.
- For safe travels for my family and healing for friends.
- Healing for Jay that his biopsy comes back and they got all the cancer.
- Praying that Rick will find the right doctor to repair his stress fracture.
- Prayer that Kathy will find peace and healing.
- Reconciliation for family members.
- Salvation for sister.
- Healing for Pastor Dee Carr from a massive stroke.
- Prayer for Todd and a clear mind.
- Thanksgiving for Adam who is cancer free.
- God's favor upon CHS and the surrounding property.
- Blessings for Walmart clearing the brush along the wall.
- Praying for a clear PET scan for Rick.
- God's protection for the individuals affected by the wildfires in Texas and Oklahoma, tornadoes in the Midwest, and snow storms on the West Coast.
- Complete healing for Pastor Gerry, Annabell, Dona, Erin, Danny, Peggy, Darlene, Bob, Marilynn, and baby Gus.
- Ongoing prayer for our June, Joanne, and Sandee Petway.
- Salvation for unsaved family.
- Prayer for all who trust the Word and CHS Prayer warriors.
- Continue to pray for CHS and that we will be strong and faithful throughout this search process.
- Prayers for our church and for our country.
- Continued prayers for an end to the Russia/Ukraine and Israel wars.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pastor Gerry Gardner, Lay Pastor

Nancy Lihan and Scott Gardner, Music Leaders

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