

April Mass



Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday
Service: 9:30 am - Communion

Thursday, April 17, Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm – Foot Washing Service

Friday, April 18, Good Friday
Services: 12:00 Noon – Service of the Word
7:00 pm – Lord of Life Choir Cantata

Saturday, April 19, Easter Vigil (starts in Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm – Communion (ends in Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 20, Easter
8:30 am - Congregation Breakfast – Easter Egg Hunt
Service: 9:30 am – Communion

"To God be the glory,
to God who has sacrificed His Son for me
and destroyed my sin."

Martin Luther



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Council President - Tom Comer



Community HOLY WEEK

DAY OF AUTHORITY

COMMUNITY EVENT

Monday, April 14 | 12 PM

St. Simons United Methodist | Rev. Rachel Rhodes

Lunch at 12:30 | Donation \$5

Glynn Academy Chamber Choir - 11:45 AM

DAY OF CONFLICT

COMMUNITY EVENT

Tuesday, April 15 | 12 PM

First Baptist Church | Rev. Lucas Ramirez

Lunch at 12:30 | Donation \$5

DAY OF WITHDRAWAL

COMMUNITY EVENT

Wednesday, April 16 | 12 PM

Wesley Church at Frederica | Rev. Tom Purdy

Lunch at 12:30 | Donation \$5

DAY OF INTIMACY

Thursday, April 17

NO COMMUNITY SERVICE

DAY OF SACRIFICE

COMMUNITY EVENT

Friday, April 18 | 11:30 AM

St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Lunch at 11:30am | Donation \$5

Three-Hour Vigil beginning at 12:30pm

Congregants may come and go throughout the course of the vigil. There will be 7 pastors preaching brief homilies based on the seven last words of Christ. Music performed by Glynn Academy Concert Choir.

EASTER SUNDAY

COMMUNITY EVENT

Sunday, April 20

Sunrise Worship Service | 6:30 AM

St. Simons Pier | Rev. Rob James, Jr.





Apr 2 Lenten Service: Theme – *Savior Servant Friend*
 Protector
 12:00 Noon – Worship followed by lunch

Apr 9 Lenten Service: Theme – *Savior Servant Friend*
 Comforter
 12:00 Noon – Worship followed by lunch

Each service in this series dwells upon a different aspect of our greatest friend, Jesus, and what each characteristic means to us as His followers and friends.



Adult Sunday School

“Sojourners”

The Adult Sunday School class meets on Sunday mornings at 8:15 AM, in the Conference Room. The class is open to all members, family, and friends. If you have a favorite Bible that you like to use, bring it along, otherwise Bibles will be provided.

In our current study of The Minor Prophets, we will take a peek at each of the twelve books that are often forgotten or neglected. Yet, their messages are deeply relevant for today’s believer. The prophetic books contain God’s call upon His followers of every century – calls to positive actions that honor God or warnings to stop attitudes and behaviors that dishonor Him.

As we read and study these profound words, we will be reminded of what it means to follow and obey God, as well as be challenged to live a life that glorifies God.

From the Music Director



Lent is such a powerful time in our church year. We become even more intentional in focusing on our relationship with our God. We recommit our lives to his service, and we walk with him to the cross where we know that we will receive a gift that is transforming and life changing.

That journey continues when the stone is rolled away and the empty tomb is discovered. And we, people of the risen Christ have the opportunity to respond to that gift that we have been given freely and in pure love. So, go out, spread the good news of the resurrection and your gift of salvation; and give thanks to the risen Lord by imitating his love and service to a world in need!



Thank you for all your cards, visits, prayers, meals, and get-well wishes while I was hospitalized and recuperating at home.

Your love and prayers were certainly felt. in Christian love, Virginia Lensch

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

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Welcome!

Karen Cate

Who joined the church March 30, 2025



The Flowering Of The Cross

The worship committee brought back our custom of putting flowers on the outside cross last year. The response was wonderful and very beautiful. Hopefully this will again become one of our cherished customs.

Please bring flowers from your garden to place on the memory garden cross on Easter Sunday. If you do not have flowers, maybe a neighbor will share a few. Most of the grocery stores have a multitude of fresh flowers to choose from. This is such a beautiful way to celebrate this most holy day.



THE BIBLE IS THE CRADLE WHEREIN CHRIST IS LAID.
~ MARTIN LUTHER

Manna House

An Exciting Opportunity for You!!

Hey, do you like to cook? We need one or two people at Manna House who desire to serve a hot or cold meal for the hungry. We have experienced cooks who will help you plan, prepare and hand out a meal in a bag. Our kitchen crew is experienced and willing to help. Please let Virginia Lensch know if you are interested.



MANNA HOUSE



We will need 8-10 volunteers to help prepare and distribute a meal to the folks who gather outside at Manna House on Thursday, April 13.

Kitchen crew: Please arrive by 9:00 AM to help assemble bagged lunches.

Distribution crew: Please arrive by 11:15 AM to hand out bags and drinks.

Please let Virginia Lensch know (Phone: 912-638-3425, Email: vlensch@bellsouth.net) if you would like to volunteer to help.






BIRTHDAYS

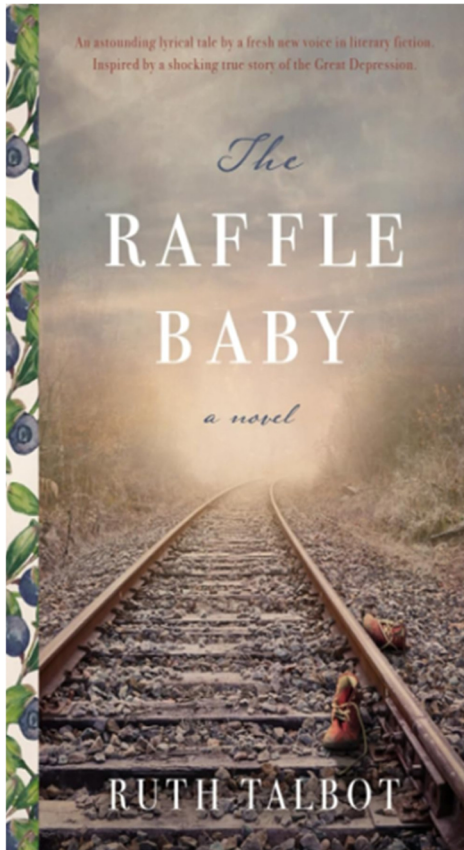
Lindsay Earl, April 4
 Mary Monroe, April 15
 Tim Dawes, April 17
 Janice Ciotti, April 19
 Mary Ellen Long, April 22
 Judy Crawford, April 26

ANNIVERSARY

Don and Mry Ellen Long, April 19
 Alex and Rachel Alley, April 23
 Brandon and Stephanis Treece,
 April 23

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10 am, Tai Chi	2. 9 am, Open Sewing Noon, Lenten Service w/ light lunch	3 10 am, Tai Chi	4	5
6 9:30 am, service	7 10 am, Bible study	8 10 am, Tai Chi	9 Open Sewing Noon, Lenten Service w/ light lunch	10 10 am, Tai Chi Manna House	11	12
13. Palm Sunday 8:15 am, Adult Sunday School 9:30 am, Service	14 10 am, Bible study	15 10 am, Tai Chi	16	17 10 am, Tai Chi Maundy Thursday Foot washing	18 Good Friday Noon, Service 7 pm, Service 	19 9 am –2 pm, Quilters 7 pm, Easter Vigil
20. Easter Sunday 6:30 am, Sunrise service at Pier Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast Buffet. 9:30 Easter Service	21	22 10 am, Tai Chi 10:00 am, Book Club 6 pm, Council	23 9 am, Open Sewing	24 10 am, Tai Chi	25	26
27 9:30 am, service 	28 10 am, Bible study	29 10 am, Tai Chi	30 9 am, Open Sewing			

Lord of Life Literary Society



Our April discussion will be hosted by Pat Schwandt, on Tuesday, April 22, at 10:00 AM, in the Council Room.

Pat's selection is *The Raffle Baby*, by Ruth Talbot.

The book is available at local bookstores and/or online at Amazon.com and Thrift-books.com. A Kindle edition is also available.

RSVP to Pat and join us for discussion and fellowship. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

Good-bye "Alleluia"

Throughout Lent, we do not say or sing "Alleluia" in our worship service. This is to remind us that we are in exile from our joyful home in heaven.

Note, too, that our sung responses disappear and become spoken to remind us of the solemnity of the season.

Via de Cristo



An exciting Via de Cristo weekend is planned for the first weekend in May (Thursday evening, May 1 thru Sunday evening, May 4) and there is still time to register.

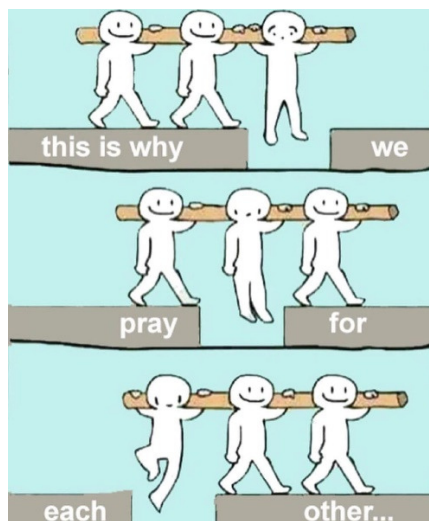
Both couples and singles are invited to experience a greater understanding of God's love and grace. This event, held in our own Luther Springs, is not a retreat, but a personal walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Don't miss out on this unique experience. Bud and Virginia Lensch or Don and Mary Ellen Long are always available to answer any questions you may have.

Via De Cristo is an ecumenical movement and all baptized believers are invited to attend

Let Us Pray

Rely on your relationship with the Lord, seek to know Him better and ask for increased capacity to prayerfully intercede for others. Then pray for courage to pray for your fellow Lord of Life members by praying the church directory, or for the needs of those mentioned each week in our church bulletin.



Let us trust each other to pray for one another.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Here we are halfway through Lent. What have you been doing differently since Ash Wednesday? Has your new Lenten practice become an easier habit or a constant struggle? Do you find yourself easily accepting your new practice or do you find yourself constantly troubled, perhaps grumbling? Habits are often hard to break and require constant diligence. Just as a smoker or someone who drinks lots of diet mountain dew, how hard it is and was to kick the habit.

When I was growing up, my mom established (on paper – hung on the refrigerator) certain chores my sisters and I had to do. Well let me say when she did this there was some grumbling, especially from me, because I was the one who had to take out the garbage every night. I asked her why I was the only one who did this, her response, “cause you’re the boy”. Then she said to me “Do everything without complaining or arguing – to the Glory of God.” (Phil.2:14) There were other chores, but I grumbled when the trash had to go out.

You remember the story of Jesus healing the blind man. You know the one, where Jesus gets some dirt and spits in it and rubs it on the blind guy’s eyes and then tell him to go wash. What is Jesus on that day, complained about all the people begging to be healed? What is Jesus had whined to God about having to die on the cross for us undeserving people? What if He had yelled, I’m not coming out of this tomb, and you can’t make me!”

How quickly thinking about this and smacking me in the back of the head. Jesus didn’t complain, he might have thought it, but he knew his ministry and why he was there. Every day we are faced with tasks we don’t want to do or enjoy doing. With this said, I encourage you through the rest of Lent into Easter, to reflect upon the sacrifice made for YOU. Take the opportunity to proceed in your daily tasks, whether new or old habits, without complaining or/and arguing for the glory of God.

Your Brother in Christ
Pastor Bob

I came across the following poem by Dot Wilson recently. Thought we sometimes overlook what Jesus did for us, and only look to the resurrection.

MISSION STATEMENT

**“Our Mission at Lord of Life is to Worship God,
and Share the Love and Grace of Jesus Christ.”**

The Trial of Jesus

After the blind were healed, and the crippled did walk,
Some men were jealous, and then there was some talk.
This man, Jesus, the reason for fame?
The Son of God? What an outrageous claim!

He's just a man, watch him and know.
It's blasphemy, that's what! Arrest him! Now! Go!
Thirty pieces of silver bought Jesus that day.
Betrayed by a kiss, they took him away!

They tried Him, they thought they had it down pat!
But some said He did this, others said he did that!
They finally agreed, they said with a nod.
He blasphemed when he said, He's the Son of God!

The custom of the day was to set someone on fire.
Pilate said, "This Jesus, is who it should be!"
The people said, "no release Barabbas to us!"
They kept on until they raised quite a fuss!

The people, led by the chief priests that day,
Said, "Take this Jesus, and let's make him pay!
He was dressed in purple, color of kings.
They mocked Him and then, cast lots for his things!

They beat Him, spit on Him, everything they could do.
Put a crown of thorns on His head, pushed it down too!
They walked Him up a hill to Golgotha's top.
With his followers behind crying, "Oh, no, please stop!

They nailed him down to the cross.
Then they dropped the cross into a hole with a toss!
While He hung there hurting too much to think,
Then they gave Him vinegar to drink!

For hours He hung there,
The people stayed, too
He said, "Father, forgive them,
They know not what they do!"

The sky got dark; The Temple veil tore in two.
Everyone was scared, didn't know what to do!
Some of the people ran away. Went somewhere to
hide!
And there on the cross-the Son of God died!

Please don't forget, even for a moment, He is risen!
How can we ever thank Him enough?

Easter Lilies

We will welcome Easter with beautiful lilies at our worship service. You may donate Easter Lilies as you rejoice the season, or in memory of/honor of loved ones. Plants may be taken home following the service on Sunday, April 20, 2025. Return this form to the church office or place in the offering plate with payment by April 15. Each plant is \$10.00.

IN MEMORY OF

IN HONOR OF

REJOICING IN THE SEASON

GIVEN BY

Number of Easter Lilies ____ X \$10.00

Order due by Tuesday, April 15. Make checks payable to Lord of Life Lutheran church. Memo: Lilies