

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

April 24, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ:

Luke's Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Joanna went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. When they got there, the stone had been rolled away, and they heard the message that transformed their world—and ours: "He is not here. He is risen."

On that Easter morning, the women who had been the last protectors and pastors at the cross on Good Friday became the first to witness and proclaim the resurrection. Scripture tells us, however, that their good news was not met with joy. The news that Jesus had risen from the dead was received as an idle tale, as nonsense—in one dynamic translation, as nothing more than women's trinkets. In the fraught and divided world in which these first evangelists lived, they were on the margins, and their word counted for nothing.

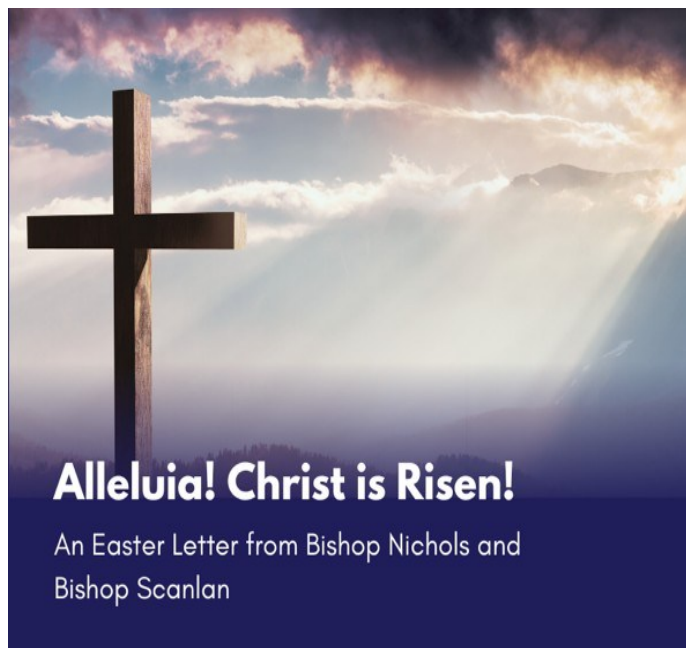
How quickly the apostles forgot what Jesus had modeled days before on Palm Sunday and at the Last Supper. The long-awaited Messiah fashioned himself not as a political conqueror but as a peacemaker. Our Savior upended notions of worldly power by taking on the role of a servant and washing the feet of his followers. For Jesus, the vulnerable and the marginalized are in focus, and his ears are attuned to their voices.

As we proclaim the resurrection in our own time and place, let us always remember that the kingdom of God is revealed to us most clearly by those who are dispossessed by the powers and principalities of this world. Let us celebrate the joy of Easter by seeking and serving the resurrected Christ in the lives and the witness of those who have been silenced, persecuted, and marginalized.

May God bless you and all those you love this Easter.

+ Sean

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe
Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church



April 19, 2025

Beloved of the Diocese of Bethlehem & Central Pennsylvania,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus.

Across the gospel accounts of the Easter story in Holy Scripture, we read of the disciples' reactions as they encounter the empty tomb and our Risen Lord: there is confusion, lack of understanding, terror, and disbelief. There is also weeping, impassioned devotion, amazement and great joy. Those who meet the truth of God's greatest act of love on Easter morning are moved with emotion. Death has been van-

quished. The power of God's hand over evil has triumphed, and In this moment of Jesus' rising, humankind is redeemed. It is no wonder that the disciples were overwhelmed at once, both afraid and joyful. Jesus, the beloved rabbi, was not just alive again...but Jesus the Christ had risen.

The Easter story offers us God's most poignant act - the power of which changed the course of human history and gave Jesus' followers purpose, assurance and hope. In God, all things can be made new. In Jesus' rising again, we find our salvation, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we experience this power of love as potent in our time as it was two thousand years ago.

As we meet the changes and chances of the world today, take heart, that the God of Love who raised Jesus from the dead abides with us and gives us strength. In God, our hope is founded.

May you live in the light of Christ's resurrection and rejoice.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

In the Way of Love,

The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols
Diocese of Bethlehem

The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlon
Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

The Parables

We held our final morning session this morning, and our final evening session will begin a **half hour (30 minutes) earlier** at the Church of the Redeemer. Those looking forward to supper should gather for the Community Supper (4 to 5:30) for a meal of sausage sandwiches with pepper & onion (optional) roasted potatoes, coleslaw and desserts, or 5:30 until 6:00 for Chicken Spiedies. (Alice is making the spiedies especially for us - and only for us.) Those who are willing are asked to help Alice and company clean up from the meal and put away tables and chairs.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group meets Sunday at Noon in the Church of the Redeemer Parish Hall. Lunch is provided and we have a special guest to lead us.

Craft Day

The next craft day at St. John takes place **on Saturday** May 3rd from 10-3 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass for lunch. We look forward to seeing you then. For more information and to let us know if you will be joining please contact Irene Nazak at 607-331-4008

St. Mary's

St. Mary's Guild will meet on May 6th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker is yet to be determined.

FYI

St. John Lutheran Church will be having a rummage sale on May 31 from 8-2 p.m. The proceeds from this sale will be going toward replacing the glass in the entry way of the building. If you have items that you would like to donate you may do so until May 25th. Items can be dropped off Monday & Wednesday from 12:30-4:30 and Tuesday & Wednesday from 8-noon.



Happy Birthday to:

Lisa Cole	4/29
Christopher Marshall	5/2

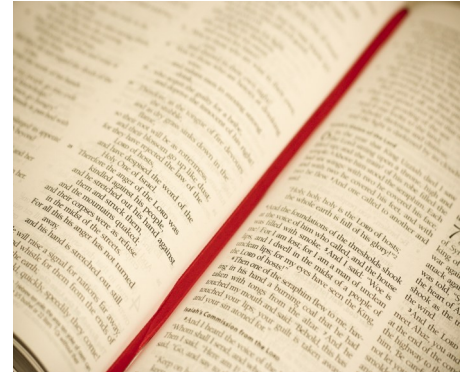
Readings for April 27

First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

Psalms: 118:14-29

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: John 20:19-31



Serving in Worship

April 27

Readers: Glenda Hinsman

Greeter: Sherry Gabauer

Usher: Walter Chaykosky

Reflection for April 26 & 27

Thomas doubted the resurrection until he saw the nail holes and put his finger in the wound of the risen Christ's hands and side. We, too, have been wounded in this life, and our society often teaches us to hide our wounds and vulnerabilities. What might happen if, like Christ, we invited those shut down by life to explore our wounds?



Weely Video Spotlight



As a part of our Year of Transition to become the Diocese of the Susquehanna, we are sharing weekly videos from Bishop Nichols, Bishop Scanlan, and ministry leaders from the Dioceses of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania. On Good Friday, Bishop Scanlan invited us to "watch and pray" with Jesus this Holy Week. [Weekly Video Spotlight: Bishop Scanlan](#)

[Visit the Reunification website](#)

[Visit the DioBeth website](#)

Food Pantry Item for May

For the month of May we will be collecting canned vegetable for our local food pantries.



Church of the Redeemer Mother's Day Plant Sale

The 2025 Mother's Day Plant Sale will run through Sunday, April 27th. Orders and payments are due by Sunday, April 27th to guarantee delivery of the hanging baskets by Sunday, May 4th. All other plants will be delivered by Friday, May 30th, the Friday *after* Memorial weekend!

Order forms are on pages 6 & 7 and also on the table in the church and in the church office. Please make checks payable to: Rose Carpenter and include a phone number on the order form.

Rose can be reached at (607) 221-6797 or (570) 888-1648.

Thank You for your Support!!



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12" Hanging Baskets

Ivy Geranium	(Pink, Red, Lavender, Burgundy, Combo-2 colors)
Petunia	(Lilac)
Combo Baskets	(Growers Choice, 2-3 plants in each basket)

\$24.00

10" Hanging Baskets

Fuchsia	("Dark Eyes" red/purple, "Swingtime" red/white, "Marinka" red/red)
Calibrachoa	(Pink, Red, Blue, Yellow, Orange, Multicolor)
Geranium	(Pink, Red)
Guinea Impatiens	(Red, Peach, White, Lavender, Violet)

\$18.00

Annuals: 4 or 6 Pack Trays

Impatiens	(Pink, Red, Starburst, Violet, Salmon, Orange, White)
Petunias	(Pink, Red, White, Purple)
Pansies	(Purple, Lavender, Yellow, Mixed Colors, White w/purple center)
Snapdragons	(Mixed Colors)
Marigolds	(Traditional: Orange, Yellow, Mixed Colors) (Puffs: Orange Puff, Yellow Puff)
Begonias	(Green Leaf: Pink, Red, White) (Dark Green Leaf: Pink Only)
Red Salvia	
Dusty Miller	

\$2.50

4.5" Container

Geraniums	(Pink, Red, White, Salmon, Violet)	\$4.50
Spikes		\$3.50
Vinca Ivy		\$3.50
Guinea Impatiens	(Pink, Red, White)	\$4.00
Wave Petunia	(Pink, Red, White, Blue, Purple)	\$3.00
Super Petunia	(Pink, Pink/White, Red, White, Purple)	\$4.50
Begonias-Nonstop	(Pink, Red, White, Yellow, Orange)	\$4.00
Begonias-Solenia	(Red, Light Yellow, Apricot) Solenia have smaller flowers; more of them on plant	\$4.00



Sayre Elks Club

Electronics Recycling Day

Open to Public, You do NOT have to be a member.

Saturday April 26th, 2025- 10am-1pm

117 South Elmer Ave Sayre PA 18840

Monetary Donations are accepted and appreciated
All donations will support our Local Elks Charities

Items that can be recycled:

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| △ Desktop & Laptop Computers | △ Servers |
| △ Computer Accessories | △ Routers & Switches |
| △ Printers/Multifunction Devices | △ Video & Audio Equipment |
| △ Fax Machines | △ Phone Systems |
| △ Storage Devices | △ Projectors |
| △ Gaming Devices | △ Answering Machines |
| △ IT Cables & Accessories | △ Cell Phones/Smart Phones |
| △ Scanners | △ Tablets |
| △ Cameras | △ GPS Units |
| △ MP3 Players | △ Fitness Trackers/Smart Watches |
| △ Game Consoles | △ Cable Boxes |
| △ Flat Screen TVs (up to 65") | △ Computer Monitors |
| △ CRT TVs (up to 32") | △ Dehumidifiers |
| △ Air Conditioners | |

For a full list of accepted products visit www.react-e-cycling.com/accepted-products-2/

******Cash or Check Only******

Make Checks payable to Sayre Elks

Any questions please call 570-888-2146

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Northern Tier – We’re Coming Your Way! □

We’re excited to announce our next *in-person* Safe Church training will be hosted at **Christ Episcopal Church in Towanda, PA** – our **northernmost class yet!**

- **Date:** May 10th
- **Time:** 10:00 AM
- **Location:** Christ Episcopal Church, Towanda, PA

If you're in the Northern Tier, this is your chance to complete your **required Safe Church training** without traveling far. I’m looking forward to meeting many of you **for the first time**—don’t miss it!

Reserve your spot now using the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/...>

If you are a member of vestry, a volunteer, or a keyholder of the church you must complete the training every 3 years. If you do not wish to take the classes on line this is an opportunity to take the class in person and close to home. If you are not up to date on your training you will receive an email from the parish office letting you know. On page 4 you will find a list of courses that you are required to complete to be in compliance.

Safe Church, Safe Communities - Course Selection & Background Check Requirements

R= Required S= Suggested P= Depends on your local Policy Background checks cannot be run on minors.		Introduction & Theological Background	Organizational Rules & Policies	Healthy Boundaries	Power & Relationships	Abuse & Neglect	Inclusion	Pastoral Relationships	Anti-Harassment	Bullying	Reporting	Policies: Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem	PA Child Abuse History Clearance	PA State Police Criminal Record Check	FBI Criminal Background Check	DMV Records Check**	Application & Interview	Credit Check
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	Children's Choir Director																	
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	Nursery Staff or Volunteers																	
	Parent Helper														P			
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	Adult Choir/Music Directors																	
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Other Youth & Children's Ministries	Sextons																	
	Administrators																	
	Day Camp staff														P	R		
	VBS Volunteers																	
	Sleepover Chaperones																	
School Staff (Preschools, Day Cares, Elementary) These courses are recommended in addition to any trainings required by local regulations.	Camp Staff	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	P	R		
	Adult Leaders and Volunteers for Scouting Troops (BSA, GSA, etc.)														P			
	Administration & Staff																R	
	Teachers, Classroom Aides, & Library Staff																R	
	Chaplains (both lay and ordained)																R	
	Support Staff (Cafeteria staff, bus drivers, custodial, security, etc.)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R	
	Employees & Volunteers																R	
	Before & After School Care/Program Staff														P	R		
School Staff (Preschools, Day Cares, Elementary) These courses are recommended in addition to any trainings required by local regulations.	Parent Volunteers														P			
	Board of Directors																	

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But [Thomas] said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." (John 20:24-29)



"Stop doubting and believe."
John 20:27 (NIV)

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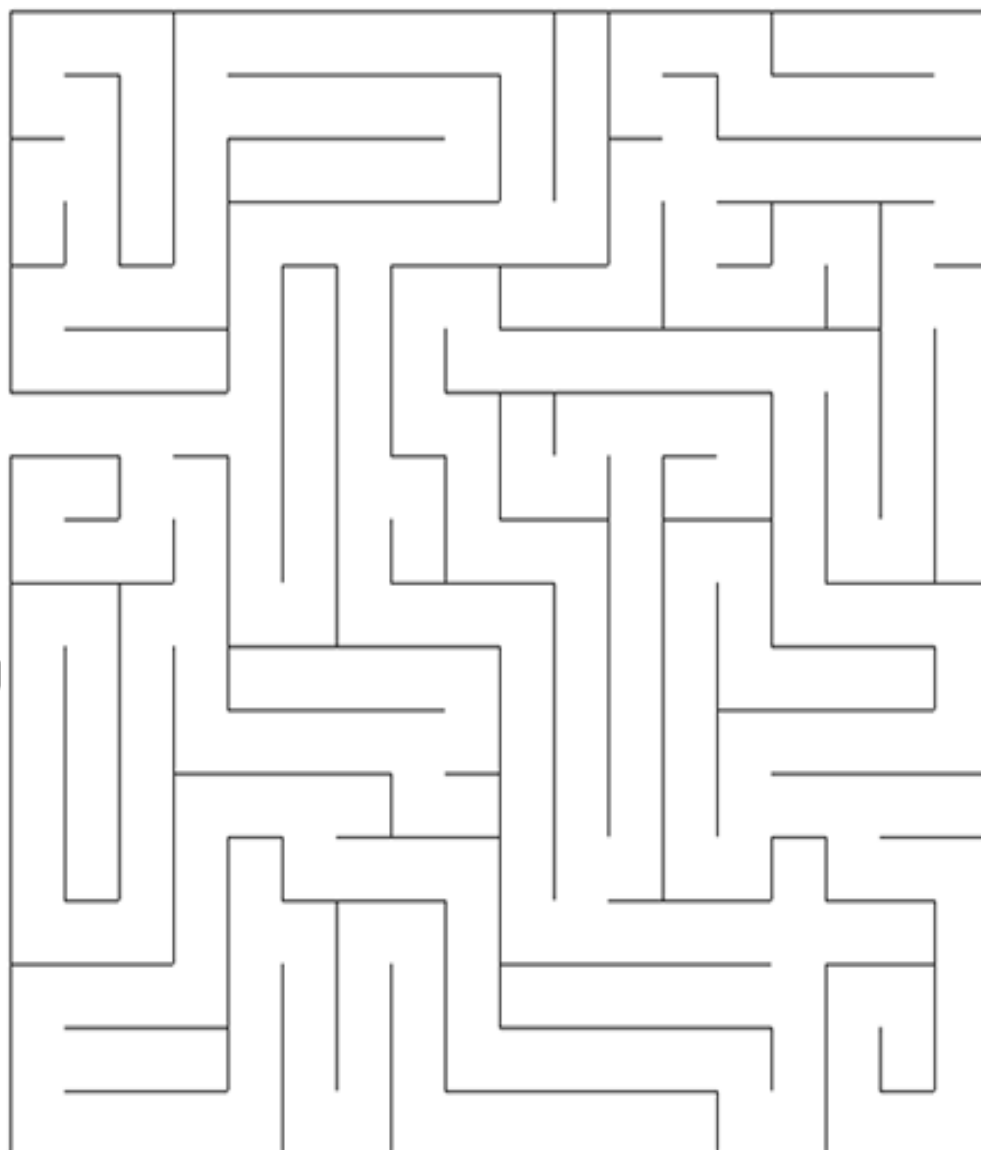
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**From
Doubting**



**To
Believing**

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

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Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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