

Welcome to All Who Worship with Us Today

We welcome you to worship today. No matter who you are, or what your lifestyle may be, whether you are high on the "hog" or low down in the pits, we welcome you with open hands, open hearts, and open minds. We invite you to join with us in church membership. If you desire to join with us, please meet the pastor at the altar during the last hymn.

Lent and Easter Schedule and Services

4/14: Palm Passion Sunday

4/18: Maundy Thursday Communion: 5:00 pm: Swords; 7:00 pm: Fork Chapel

4/19: Good Friday Tenebrae Service: 7:00 pm, at Fork Chapel

4/21: Easter Sunday:

9:00 am; Swords Easter Service beginning with Worship at Cross

11:00 m: Fork Chapel Easter Service

Bridal Shower for Brittany Cook

Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.

In the Fellowship Hall

Unshakeable Hope - Small Group Study - Wednesday. 7:00 p.m.

God's promise: "A day has been set when God will judge the world" (Acts 17:31). Is there justice in this world, even in the world to come? Come this Wednesday night to learn what we mean when we confess that Jesus "will come again to judge the living and the dead. Lay Servant Ron Hess will lead the study.

Green County Food Pantry - April Food Items

Corn, green beans or any canned vegetables

Bring to church by April 21

St. Andrew Lenten Devotions and Giving Program for Hunger in America "Seasons of Joy and Gladness" Lenten Devotional Guide.

As our families age, the inevitable loss occurs. *Asking Why*, today's devotional in **Seasons of Joy and Gladness**, tells of the transition to joy following the loss of a truly loved one! You can be the hero, helping move a hungry neighbor's empty plate to become a full plate, by your donation in any amount to the Society of St. Andrew. During your devotional time this week, ask God to remind us to not grow weary in doing what is right—helping brothers and sisters in the United States have enough to eat.



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April 7, 2019

5th Sunday in Lent

The Service for the Lord's Day

Welcome, Celebrations and Concerns

Opening Prayer

*Hymn 140: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Apostles' Creed No. 881

Scripture and Prayers **Swords:** Jean Quigley; **Fork Chapel:** Bonnie Duvall

John 12:1-8 – Mary Anoints Jesus Feet

Pew Bible: Swords, p. 821; Fork Chapel, NT p. 106

People loved by God, let us come before our Father's throne of grace with confidence through our Lord Jesus and, in the power of His Spirit, ask His mercy for all in need. [Brief silence]

Heavenly Father, through Your Son You have done a new thing that leaves Your Church astonished in praise and adoration. You sent Him into this world in order to be our righteousness and to bestow on us, who deserved only to be cast out, His own eternal inheritance. For this we give You glory and praise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bestow Your Spirit, we pray, on all the ministers of the Gospel, especially Sue, our bishop, Brian, our District Superintendent, Tony, our Pastor; strengthen all missionaries and servants of the Church, that they be given grace to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, even the prize of the upward call You have sounded in Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Kind Father, remember in Your compassion this family of Your children. Fill us with Your joy in these Lenten days and make us strong witnesses to Your Son's death and resurrection for the world's salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of all, You hold in Your hand all the powers that exist throughout the world. We commend to You all the public servants of our nation, all who make, judge and enforce our laws and all who serve in our armed forces. Make them a blessing of Yours, and strengthen and uphold them in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lover of the human race, remember all who call upon You in their hour of need: the sick, the suffering, the persecuted, the dying, the grieving and especially all for whom our prayers are desired, including Your servants [Share your prayer requests.] May Your holy angels attend them and the sweet promises of Your Word strengthen them, granting to each that relief which You know to be best. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bountiful Giver of every blessing, we rejoice to give You thanks for Your great mercies to us. Day by day without any merit or worthiness in us, Your good gifts shower down upon us. We thank You today particularly for [share you thanksgivings.] To You we give all praise in union with Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we approach the holy table where Your Son imparts to us His true body and blood for our forgiveness and eternal life, remove from us all impenitence and spiritual apathy. Stir up our hearts to receive with joy and unending gratitude what our Lord here imparts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Join our prayers and praises with those of Your faithful people of every time and every place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes again in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever! Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture: Psalm 126

+Hymnal 847

Sermon *"Not a Whisper, But a Shout of Hope"*

+Dr. Gavalas

Communion Duet: "Whispering Hope"

+Zandy Cook and Tony Gavalas

Service of the Table II - Hymnal 12

*Hymn 700: "Abide with Me"

Charge and Blessing

Dismissal Chorus

"God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again."

Liturgists Next Sunday, April 14

Swords: Ava Savage, Ben Sheppard, Ron Hess

Fork Chapel: Bonnie Duvall, Eric Sterling, Leroy Rice