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**Weekly Holy Communion**

**Please join us for Holy Communion, weather permitting, at approximately 12:15 p.m., following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Nursery available. We hope this will be a blessing for any and all who come.**

**Manna Ministries** - Wednesdays from 9-11.

**Trustees** - April 2, 5:45 p.m.

**Worship Team** - April 2, 7 p.m.

**Finance** - April 16, 5:30 p.m.

**United Methodist Men** - April 9

**Evangelism** - April 16, 11:30 a.m.

**UMW** - Julia Paxton, April 19. Dee Cline Circle, April 19. Friends & Faithful Circle, April 12. Open Hearts Circle, May 14. Craft Circle, every Tuesday of the month.

**Church Council** - April 23.

*St. Luke-Simpson shall encourage others to accept Jesus Christ, excite all to be disciples of our Lord, equip all for ministry in the name of Jesus, and empower all to use their spiritual gifts.*



*The Spirit...*  
of St. Luke-Simpson United Methodist Church



April 2012

CHRIST IS ALIVE! NOW, WHAT?

Holy Week passes by so quickly that most of us forget to reserve our crawfish for Good Friday. If you **are reading this and haven't reserved yours, it's too late. Go fishing! Before you know it, there are** chocolate rabbits and Cadbury eggs at our feet as we arise early Sunday morning. Hymns of confession give way to songs of victory and promise. Boaters on Prien Lake Park hear the good news! The dull cross on the front lawn of the church comes alive with color and life. Lenten penance is broken. New life has begun!

Now, what? **I mean, let's face it...it's hard to top a resurrection!**

When the resurrected Lord appeared to the early followers he suggested that they:

- ~Go into all the world to help others find the way of salvation,
- ~Feed the sheep of his flock,
- ~Let your doubts give way to trust,
- ~Tell everyone!

**When you've had your fill of jelly beans and plastic eggs; When the flowers that were picked for your resurrection cross have wilted; When the echoes of alleluia's have diminished...the Easter Story continues!** It continues in you and in us as a community of faith who have been commissioned, called, empowered and set free to share the RESURRECTION NEWS with others...sometimes using words.

You will find the Holy Week schedule in this newsletter. But, after Holy Week consider this:

- ~Young adults from our campus ministry will lead us in worship on April 15...their witness to the power of God working miracles in their lives;
- ~Lori Beard, a young adult member of SLS will give her testimony at the True North Service on Sunday, April 22;

**~Our church will become an "Open House" for groups and missions in the city and from within our church to share what God is doing through them at the Missions Fair on Sunday, April 29;**

**~We will unite together to eradicate malaria in the "Skeeter Run" and to raise awareness for families who have loved ones diagnosed with a mental illness in the NAMI WALK on Saturday, April 21.**

Take a look at all of the wonderful ministries that are taking place at SLS and around her...and ask yourself...Now, What?!

See you Sunday!  
Roger Templeton, Associate Pastor

Sunday Morning Schedule

**Traditional Services**

Worship ..... 8:30 & 11:00

**True North Casual Service**

Worship ..... 9:45

**Sunday School**

Sunday School 9:45 & 11:00

Staff

Directing Pastor  
Rev. Karl Klaus

Associate Pastors  
Rev. Roger Templeton &  
Rev. Henry Bowdon

Director of Lay Ministries  
Laura Sawyer

Youth Director  
Doug Young

Director of Children's Ministries  
Lauren Bedevian

Child Care Director  
Jamie Fierro

Office Manager  
Lea Simon

Financial Secretary  
Jeanette Savoie

Financial Secretary's Assistant  
Irma Breau

Administrative Assistant  
Ken Atkins

Music Director  
Bill Rose

Organist/Children's Choir  
Annette Larsen

True North Asst. Director  
Linda Findley

Bell Choirs  
Anne Rose

Building & Maintenance  
John Jenkins



**The resurrection cross on Easter Sunday**

When you come to church on Easter morning...bring fresh cut flowers from your yard or arrangements and place them on the old wooden cross on the front lawn of the church. As it comes alive throughout the morning, it will become a wonderful symbol of the power of the resurrection of Christ!



Want to be a part of a team that, in one Saturday morning:

- enjoy a beautiful downtown Lake Charles morning,
- grow closer as a Christian community,
- help raise money and awareness of the needs and services provided for families who have a loved one who has been diagnosed with a mental illness?

Sign up today for the NAMI Walk team from St. Luke Simpson! Call the church office to reserve your spot on the team that will WALK FOR THE MIND OF AMERICA.

Saturday, April 21, 2012

7 a.m. - Check-in 8 a.m. - Walk begins

[www.nami.org/sites/namiswa](http://www.nami.org/sites/namiswa)

For more information, please contact:

Clarice Raichel

[namiswa@bellsouth.net](mailto:namiswa@bellsouth.net)

337-433-0219



RECYCLE YOUR  
ALUMINUM CANS  
AND HELP THE  
SCOUTS!

Bring your empty aluminum cans by the church office. Rev. Henry Bowdon is collecting them (and crushing them) for the Boy Scouts. You will be helping out our Scouts and our environment.

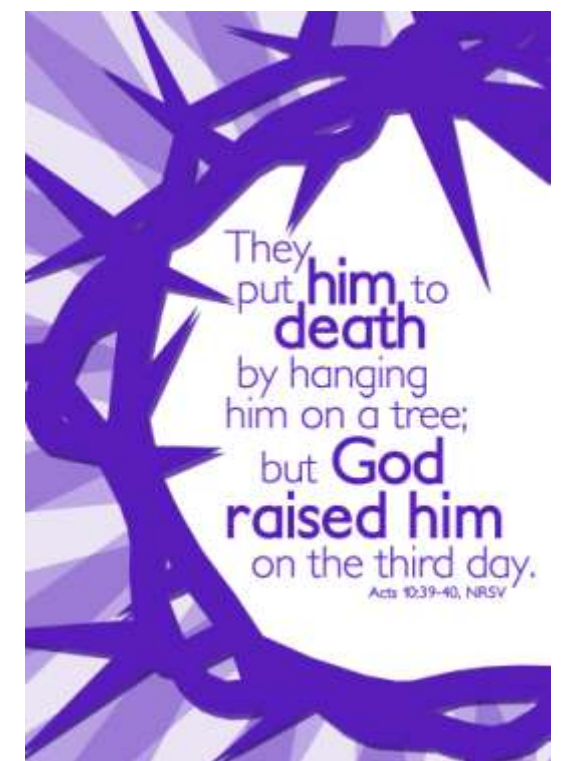


Audrey Addison, Melissa & Jude Agendia, Donna Akins, **Lisa Albrecht**, Becky Areno, Stephen Ardoin, Vickie Bailey, Lynn Baker, Keith Belaire, Anna Marie Bingham, **Charles Bradley**, Larry Breaux, Kenny Brown, **Bettye Brooks**, Brittany Broussard, Joseph Broussard, Bob Brown, Stephen "Dane" Camara, **Brantley Cagle**, **Gayle Carpenter**, **Jane Carr**, Sue Caster, **Peggy Claudel**, **Martha Comeaux**, **Beth Conrad**, Kristy Cormier, Janet & Raymond Cress, Margie Dailey, **Kelly Dean**, Ann Dore, **Jim Doyle**, **Helen Dunn**, Jon Fagan, Beverly Fontenot, Teri Glasgow, Dana Griffin, **Dana Guth**, Diane Hendrickson, William Henning, Sr., Leona James, **Bob Jantz**, Alex Jardneaux, **Minnie Jemison**, **John Kalna**, Adam Kane, **Nancy Keating**, **Chuck Kerr**, **Leigh King**, Jim King, **Deborah Knisely**, **Nell Longo**, **Elaine Louviere**, Hannah Maddie, Campbell Martinez, Lutherine "Lou" Matthis, Merlin McFarlin, Nora Meyers, Elizabeth Morris, **Lynette Morton**, Dan Mullins, Dena Nordier, **Charlie Oakley**, Monica Odom, Joey Overmeyer, Sue Parker, **Betty Pickett**, Catherine Plummer, Chase Pousson, Charles Precht III, Alex Radford, Emily & Elaina Ramirez, Sheila Rather, Steve Reddy, Trena Reed, J. B. Richard, Kim Rimes, **Dorothy Roach**, Garry Roach, **Marian Roan**, Shari Roberts, Peyton Rock, Vicky Rock, Dorothy Rogers, Donny Royer, Tommy Rutledge, Barbara Schultz, Wes Stark, Tom Sims, **Brenda Smith**, Maxie Sonnier, Shari Stetv, Raymond Taylor, Linda Thomas, **Jeff Totten**, Johnathan & Rebecca Trahan, Elizabeth Trahan, **Renea Tindel**, Amanda Trosclair, **Daisy Walker**, Gail Watson, **Carol Wegman**, Curtis White, **Cecil Yantis**  
**Deaths: Shirley Hoffpauir**



4/1 Robert Fontenot, Hannah Hoffpauir  
4/2 Jaxson Caldwell, Sydney Clark, Marshall Wright  
4/3 Jane Baggett, Troy Lytle, Carter Shelton  
4/4 Moody Darwish, Gregor Nolan, Valaree Rachal, Dean Sawyer, Eddie Thomas  
4/5 Lynn Dearden, Jim Klepzig  
4/6 Allison Hunt, Andy Shelton  
4/7 Kevin Caldwell, Cathy Jacoby, Jeff Keenum, Jennifer Viccellio  
4/8 Joshua Aucoin, Jeff Smith  
4/9 Jaime Feaster, Bill King  
4/10 Robert Authement, Chelsea Tauzin  
4/11 Shane Nolan  
4/12 Nathan Smith  
4/13 Slade Clark, Carolyn Slade, Hunter Terrell  
4/14 Kara Baggett, Marlaena Granich, Andrew Johnson, Ally Ogea  
4/15 K.K. Bruner  
4/16 Kallan Anderson  
4/17 Cindy Nassar, Christina Sturlese, Janelle Williams  
4/18 Jennifer Lee  
4/19 Gary Lytle, Nicholas Soileau  
4/20 Lou Bellard, Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jay Bowdon, Priscilla Caldwell, Annette Larsen  
4/21 Diane LaFleur  
4/22 Wesley Jackson  
4/23 Kayla Klaus  
4/24 Melissa Snider  
4/25 Kailey Barrett, Kathy Roan  
4/26 Chuck Auldridge, Kevin Wiese  
4/27 b.j. Cayton, Tom Selcer  
4/28 Peggy Claudel, Kristian Fertakis, Brooke Frazer, Bobbie Lofaso, Betty Nelson, Ellen Taylor

The Church Office will be closed Friday, April 6 and Monday, April 9 for the Easter Holidays.





On Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Chancel Choir, Guest Speakers and Orchestra will present the Roy Ringwald setting of *God's Trombones* at the 8:30 and 11:00 am services.

*God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse* is a 1927 book of poems by James Weldon Johnson, patterned after traditional African-American religious oratory.

Johnson explains the title's use of the trombone by discussing the vocal and rhetorical qualities of a preacher he had recently heard who, he felt, exemplified the compelling and persuasive nature of the folk preacher, naming the trombone as "the instrument possessing above all others the power to express the wide and varied range of emotions encompassed by the human voice — and with greater amplitude." He also cited a dictionary definition that noted the trombone as being the brass instrument most resembling the range and sound of the human voice.

The book comprises seven poems:

"Listen, Lord — A Prayer" — an invocation

"The Creation" — a retelling of the creation story of the Bible

"The Prodigal Son" — from the biblical parable of the prodigal son

"Go Down Death — A Funeral Sermon" — in which Jesus is depicted as sending his servant, Death, to bring to heaven a weary woman who is old and ready to die, so that she can rest

"Noah Built the Ark" — retelling the biblical stories of Adam and Eve, a story of how sin entered the world, and of Noah and the Great Flood sent to cleanse the earth

"The Crucifixion" — telling the story of Jesus' crucifixion

"Let My People Go" — telling the biblical story of Moses and his work freeing the Hebrew slaves from Egypt, which has often been the basis of comparisons to the African-American slavery experience in the United States

"The Judgment Day" — the prophetic story of the Apocalypse

Please join us for this powerful work, telling the story of God's people.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have been very busy during the month of March with registrations, Trike a thon, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter Festivities. The children have been practicing for their end of year programs which will be Tuesday, May 8 and Thursday, May 10.

We would like to thank the families and friends for their memorial donations in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Seamons. We will have new rocking chairs for the infant rooms and a shade system for our 2 yr. old playground.

Thanks go out to Steve Pekar and David Hood for their help with projects around the school. We now have working lights in the back parking lot and new rocking chairs assembled for the infant rooms.

We are always in need of substitutes for morning and afternoon workers, including kitchen cook assistance and cleaning. Please call or come by the preschool for more information.

## CRAFT CIRCLE NEWS

The Craft Circle is in need of old Levi or Wrangler blue jeans (100% cotton) and sardine cans for projects we are working on. We also would like to invite anyone in the Church to call Francis Tindel at 912-4024 if you would like to work on something in their home. We have an abundance of yarn and Counted Cross Stitch materials and patterns that would be great for someone to work on and we also have patterns and embroidery floss for plastic canvas projects. If you cannot get to the church on our regular Tuesday meeting days from 9 – 3, just give Francis a call and she will make arrangements to meet you at the church. We have a great time at our meetings and would like to invite anyone who is interested to please come. We meet in the North Wing (the old Youth Room). We are also open to ideas anyone has for craft projects we could do.

### Attention Runners

Join SLS SWAT team... We are forming a team for the LA Skeeter run on April 21 in Sulphur. This is to support our denomination's global initiative to eradicate malaria worldwide. We will be registering people today. Cost is \$25 and \$12 for 18 and younger. Early bird is \$20 and \$10 age 18 and younger before April 7. Please see Lisa Morgan or call her at 853-5252 for more information or training guidance.

### Couch Potato to 5k training

Anyone interested in training for the Skeeter run on 4/21/12 please contact Lisa Morgan @ 853-5252. Lisa has a simple training program to prepare you for the event. She is willing to schedule Saturday a.m. runs so we can run as a group.

## MISSION FAIR

The Missions Team would like to invite you to enjoy some pastries and fruit, coffee and lemonade as you stroll through the "Midway of Missions" that will be set up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 29. From 9:00 a.m. until just after the 11:00 service, there will be many displays and representatives from agencies that are supported by the Missions Teams of our church. We will also have displays from the Honduras Mission Team and Samaritan's Purse Teams. You will have an opportunity to donate blood, see the missions trailer and get an update on the Airplane for the Bahamas! And much, much more! You don't want to miss this!!!

## JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK

House cluttered? More stuff than you need? Want to get rid of some of it without filling the landfills? Here's what you do. Reserve a spot in the JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK Parking Lot Garage Sale for Saturday, May 5. You will pay \$20 for your spot. We will advertise for you. You pack your car or trunk with the treasures that you want to sell. Show up at the church by 6 a.m. Sell your stuff, pocket the profit and go home at 11 a.m. It's soooooo easy! Reserve your spot today! Call 474-1500 or sign up in the Narthex. Only 20 spots will be available! If you have items that you would like to donate to the Evangelism booth instead of having a spot of your own, you can drop them off under the green tent on Friday, May 4.

## YOM HASHOAH OBSERVANCE...

**A day to remember the  
holocaust  
and heroism**

Thursday, April 19

Central School on Kirby Street

Art displays, exhibits,  
films 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Civic Program—Noon—1 p.m.

Candlelight Vigil along the  
Lakefront Promenade

6:30—7:30 p.m. Program

Tree planting ceremony

*This observance is being coordinated by the City of Lake Charles' Leadership Team for Community and Race Relations. A subcommittee of the Leadership Team has been established specifically for the Yom Hashoah Observance.*

***“From Ashes to Glory”***  
***Worship for the Lent and Easter Seasons***

Come and worship as we prepare to celebrate the greatest event in human history:  
the Resurrection of our Lord!

PALM SUNDAY: April 1, 2012, 8:30, 9:45, and 11

We will have our traditional Palm Processional. Adults and children alike are invited to participate. The Chancel Choir will present the cantata, “God’s Trombones” at the Traditional Services. The Praise Team will present special music at True North. Holy Communion will be served as well at all three services.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 5, 2012, 7 p.m.

We will once again experience what the Lord’s Supper must have been like in the Upper Room with the presentation of the Seder Meal. Kellan Klaus will once again tell the story of the passion of Jesus from Judas’ point of view. Holy Communion will be shared by all.

GOOD FRIDAY: April 6, 2012, 7 p.m.

We will walk where Jesus walked on his journey to the cross by experiencing “The Stations of the Cross.” Artwork and extinguishing candles will take us back to that fateful day.

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING: April 8, 2012, 6:30, 8:30, 9:45, 11

Come celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! We begin the day at Prien Lake Park amphitheater at 6:30 a.m., complete with a brass choir. Rev. Roger Templeton will preach at the Sunrise Service and the True North Service. Rev. Karl Klaus will preach at the Traditional services. The Lectionary reading for the day is the Resurrection story from the gospel of John 20:1-18.

***Come, Worship, and Experience the most compelling story every told!***

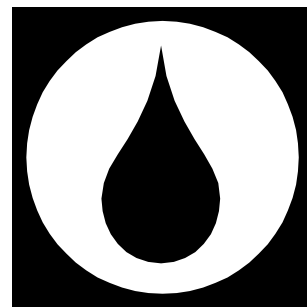
**Movie time...**

“Imagine No Malaria” is our denomination’s global initiative dedicated to eradicating malaria worldwide. On April 21 one small part of this initiative will be the Louisiana Skeeter Run.

However on Friday, April 6, at 6:15 p.m. you can join us for a viewing of the “Killer In The Dark” video.

“A Killer in the Dark: An Extraordinary Effort to Combat Malaria” was created as a TV special to share the work of The United Methodist Church against this killer disease. The program, which originally aired on NBC affiliates nationwide in 2011, documents the daily struggle in Africa against malaria and highlights the work of Imagine No Malaria to wipe out a devastating disease that kills a person every 60 seconds, every single day.

Please come watch the movie to learn more information about malaria and how important this initiative is for our world. Any questions, please call Lisa Morgan 853-5252.



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**SUNDAY, April 29**

**Give the Gift of Life**  
**Give Blood**

**STEWARDSHIP = Managing of something entrusted to one's care**

**DID YOU KNOW. . .**

**It requires \$3,375 per year for Children’s Sunday School curriculum?**

The current Youth Ministry budget is smaller than it was 15 years ago?

The Youth Ministry spends most of its budget on mission service projects?

The Youth Ministry has 1 major fundraiser: Stock sales to support the 3 summer mission trips?

Did you know that it cost \$14,239 per year to provide children nursery services?

**Family Budgeting Workshop**

**Coming in May**

**Children, Youth and Adults will learn the basics of budgeting.**  
**Each age group will develop plans for Giving, Saving, and Spending.**

**Financial Peace University**

**Starting Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30 pm**

**7 Steps to Financial Freedom**

- 1. \$1000 Emergency Fund**
- 2. Pay off all debt using the Debt Snowball**
- 3. 3 to 6 months of expenses in savings**

Step 4: Invest 15% of Household income into Roth IRAs and Pre-Tax Retirement



When you reach this step, you’ll have no payments—except the house—and a fully funded emergency fund. Now it’s time to get serious about building wealth.

Dave Ramsey suggests investing 15% of your household income into Roth IRAs and pre-tax retirement plans. Don’t invest more than that because the extra money will help you complete the next two steps: college savings and paying off your home early.

Why shouldn’t you invest less than 15%? Some people choose to invest a small amount, if anything, because they want to get a child through school or pay off the home in a hurry. But the kids’ degrees won’t feed you at retirement, and if you throw all your money into your mortgage at this point, you’ll end up having to sell the house and buy the book 72 Ways to Prepare Alpo and Love It. Bad plan.

# Youth Mission Trips 2012

**6th Grade & Jr High!**  
June 7-9  
Shreveport, LA  
\$150

**Sr High!**  
June 16-24  
Springfield, MO  
\$400

**Invest in a Youth!**  
**Buy Shares of Youth Mission Stock!**  
Our Youth will be selling shares of stock in our mission trips in April. Each share (\$10) helps to lower the cost of our participants and is a great investment in our Youth!  
Buy 1, 5, 10 or more!

**Sponsor a Youth!**  
If you would like to sponsor in part or full the fee for one or more of our Youth going on missions, please contact Doug!!

**Want Youth Info?**  
Email: stlukesimpson@yahoo.com  
Facebook for Youth: SLS Youth  
Facebook for Parents:  
SLS UMC Youth Parents  
Youth Office: 474-1566

**Register now for Summer Camp "Uskichitto Retreat Center"**  
[www.campurc.com](http://www.campurc.com)  
The schedule of camp dates, fees and online registration are found at this website.

## SLS CHILDREN'S PAGE

Children's Committee Meeting  
April 19  
6:30PM in the parlor

**Palm Sunday: April 1st**  
Children, Youth AND Adults who would like to participate in the service by bringing in palm branches, please arrive to church 10 minutes before

Summer Day Camp Registration starts soon!  
Be on the look out for more information!

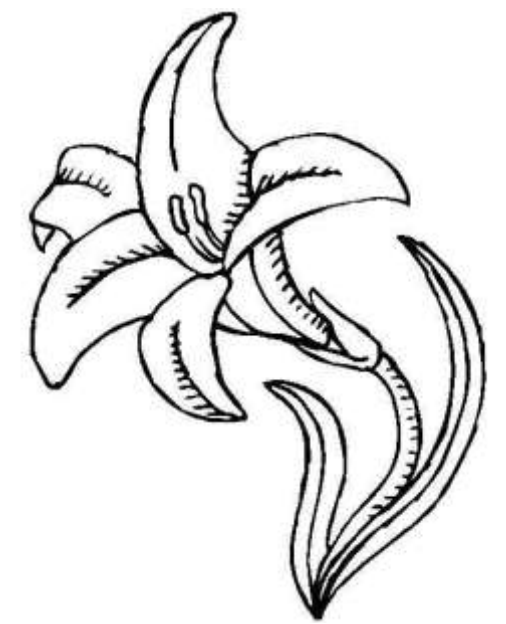


Save the date-  
Vacation Bible School  
June 18-22  
9AM-12PM



We need a Sunday School teacher for the month of April in our 9:45 Kindergarten/1st grade class. If you would be willing to help us in this area, please contact Ms. Lauren!

Easter lilies remind us of Jesus' resurrection. Can you find the lilies in our church sanctuary?



**Now Taking Applications For Summer Day Camp Workers!**  
Applicants must be at least 16 years old, enjoy working with children and enjoy sharing responsibilities with an energetic team!  
Contact Ms. Lauren for more information!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Ministry Training**  
Sunday, April 15  
2:00—5:00 pm

More adults needed!  
Youth Counselor

Small Group Leader  
Sunday School

We are planning a Youth Ministry Training on the afternoon of April 15 from 2:00 to 5:00pm in the Youth Center of SLS! This training will be led by our very own Rev. Karl Klaus. With his background in Youth Ministry, we will cover everything Youth, from how to lead a Sunday School class to what Youth think, how to best understand and reach them as well as introducing and implementing our Youth small group ministry.

We are always looking for more adults with a heart for Youth to join our team! If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Doug Young in the Youth Center at 474-1566

St. Luke Simpson' s 4th Annual  
Mother Daughter Sister Friend Tea



April 22, 2012

12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

A Light Lunch will be served.

Come enjoy the beautifully decorated tables, the feminine fellowship, light entertainment, and of course Tea & Refreshments.

Tickets on sale by Hostesses and in the Coffee Area on Sundays for \$5.

St. Luke Simpson UMC  
**S.A.L.T.**  
Keep it Spicy! Matthew 5:13

**S.A.L.T. LUNCHEON**

**(For Adults 50+)**

Thurs. April 26

**Lunch is at 11:30 with the Program following.**

**Afterwards we will play Table Games**

(Jokers & Marbles, cards, Mexican Train Dominos, etc.)



Year B of the Revised Common Lectionary Readings

April 1, 2012

Passion/Palm Sunday

*Liturgy of the Palms*

Mark 11: 1-11

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

*Liturgy of the Passion*

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm 31: 9-16

Philippians 2: 5-11

Mark 14: 1-15: 47 or Mark 15: 1-39 (40-47)

April 8, 2012 Easter

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

John 20: 1-18

or Mark 16: 1-8

April 15, 2012

Acts 4: 32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1: 1-2: 2

John 20: 19-31

or Matthew 28: 1-10

April 22, 2012

Acts 3: 12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36b-48

April 29, 2012

Acts 4: 5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3: 16-24

John 10: 11-18