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SING TO THE LORD

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia is our Easter song. Come let us Sing it to the Lord! Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation! Easter is a season of singing our song of resurrection and new life; a season of singing the song the Lord has put into our hearts.

We invite you to come this Sunday, April 2 to one of two brief organ informational meetings, either for breakfast in Munds Hall at 9:00 or at 11:45 with coffee and cookies in the Parlor. There you can hear a short video message from our Organ Builder, Jack Bethards, at the Schoenstein Pipe Organ Co, and have an opportunity for questions and answers.

We are \$200,000 shy of reaching our campaign goal of \$1,000,000 and want to invite everyone to join in supporting this exciting new organ project if you feel called. There will be materials available at the meetings as well as on our website under giving tab and worship tab. This new instrument is going to be a wonderful addition to our community for generations. With the Lord's help we will reach our goal over these next two months. Please know that your gift can be spread out over three years, and all gifts, no matter the size, are truly appreciated.

As you know, Elizabeth and I will be taking an extended time away from our ministry at the Good Shepherd to tend to our physical, mental, and spiritual health. We will be leaving after Easter services and returning at the end of July. We're so grateful for this time away and know that the Lord knew a year and a half ago that we would need it. The church will be in good hands with our amazing staff, and clergy, Philip, William, and Frank, and our Sr. Warden, Gregg Robertson. Please keep Elizabeth and me in your prayers for healing and renewal. I will let you all know if there are any major updates on us.

Please know that in my absence you can reach out to Mary Clark, Karen Bonner, Alex Kirkland, Mi Ou Lee, or Betty Murry, with any questions that you have about the organ project.

This season of Easter is going to be a beautiful time of celebrating all that the Lord is doing in our midst at the Good Shepherd. We have so much for which to be thankful. Come let us Sing to the Lord! Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Elizabeth and I are singing the Lord's song as we prepare to take leave and will be singing a new song when we return. See you this Sunday and for Holy Week and Easter, and then in August.

Love in Christ. Happy Easter!

NEW PIPE ORGAN PROJECT



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Information Sheet

- Our current organ was built in 1951, has served us well for over 70 years and needs a complete rebuild or replacement. For the money, a new organ is the best long-term option for our church.
- An organ consultant has guided us through the process where we engaged four of the top organ builders in North America. The Schoenstein Organ is best suited for our Anglican liturgical worship and style.
- Our new Schoenstein Organ will be custom engineered and built specifically for the acoustics of our sanctuary. There will be close to 3000 pipes in all, with a division of pipes up in the balcony to complement the organ in the front. Installation will begin in April 2024 and be completed by July 2024. We will be without an organ from January 2024 until July 2024.
- Our new organ will have 39 voices and 44 ranks. It will be a very special instrument in the state and will draw interest from all over the country. Properly cared for, it will last more than 100 years.
- We received a generous donation of \$1.5 million from Mr. Tennison Keeler which secured the naming rights of the new organ and propelled this effort forward. The cost of the new organ is approximately \$2.5 million.
- The “Sing to the Lord” Campaign is for \$1 million. We have received commitments of approximately \$800,000 to date. We need your help to reach our goal. All gifts are greatly appreciated and can be paid out over three years. Gifts of \$10,000 and above will have names listed on a plaque in the Narthex and all donors will be recognized in a book of remembrance.
- Please visit our website at www.cotgs.org look under Giving and then New Pipe Organ Project. All our materials are there, as well as ways that you can give online.

CHURCH COMMUNITY

Stained Glass Window Update

- Associated Crafts/Willet Hauser craftsmen from America & Europe with many decades of experience are renovating the stain glass windows in the Sanctuary and Children's Chapel.
- You will notice pieces of glass missing from some of the windows. All damaged pieces are pulled and shipped to their studio in Minnesota for restoration.
- Paint around the windows will be scraped then painted with primer and rust inhibitor paint.
- The Rose Window above the sanctuary doors was carefully removed and taken to Dallas where a historic restoration was completed. The fully restored Rose Window will be installed soon.
- Each window will be fitted with an acrylic protective covering system that vents out heat and moisture and provides protection from storms.
- You may see a blue film over the acrylic on some windows, this is temporary. The film will be removed when the covering is permanently attached.



Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 7

9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Fair in Munds Hall

10:30 a.m.

Confirmation Service

Bishop David Reed will be with us
on this special day!

Wednesday Evening Classes Resume April 12

HOW WE GOT THE BCP: Prayer Books through the Centuries

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

We continue our study in the Book of Common Prayer as a treasure mine of spiritual experience built on thousands of years of human exploration with God. We look at what history can teach us and how our lives can be enriched by the BCP.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: Following Jesus Through the Gospel of Matthew

6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Led by Rev. Philip May

Rev. May will begin a new study on the Gospel of Matthew called The Kingdom of Heaven. Join him in the Parlor and share in a potluck dinner!

Adult Sunday School

LIVING WORD

9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Led by Rev. Milton Black & Rev. Philip May

The Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May lead a discussion-based class utilizing the scripture readings from each Sunday's services. The day's scriptures will guide us as we learn from one another and better understand God's Word.

INQUIRERS CLASS

9:30 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

Led by Rev. William Campbell

This class is for anyone interested in officially joining the Episcopal Church. It gives a wealth of information about the Church and what it means to be an Episcopalian.

WISDOM IN THE HEBREW BIBLE

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Library

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

Some of the lesser known writings in the Old Testament grapple with the most difficult challenges of life. This class explores God's lessons on despair, folly, cynicism, and passion.

Holy Week



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms in Courtyard & Procession to Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. "Come As You Are" Eucharist

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, April 5

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6

5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7

7:00 a.m. Communion from Reserve Sacrament
12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Choir

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir & Brass
Flowering of the Cross between services in the Courtyard.
10:30 a.m. Festival of Holy Eucharist with Choir & Brass
Alleluia Egg Hunt immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service
No 5:30 p.m. Service Easter Sunday

EASTER & SPRING EVENTS

Flowering of the Cross

Easter Sunday, April 9

Between Services in Courtyard

The Cross will be located in the courtyard to be adorned with flowers between our Easter services. Everyone is invited to bring fresh flowers to adorn the cross.



Alleluia Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 9

Following the 10:30 a.m. Service

The annual Alleluia Egg Hunt will follow the 10:30 a.m. service on the church lawn. (We will provide Easter bags for collecting eggs.)



Treat-Filled Eggs Needed for the Egg Hunt

We need volunteers to bring treat filled Easter eggs to the Church Office by Friday, April 6th. (Please do not fill eggs with chocolate; it melts.) Thank you!



Egg Ladies Easter Egg Creations Ready for Pick Up

If you are on the list for Easter eggs, the Egg ladies have their creations ready for pick up. Come by the Church Office during office hours at your convenience. You can bring a **check or exact cash** when you pick up eggs, or you can **pay online** or through **Venmo**.



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

APRIL YOUTH GROUP

Sundays for All Youth 6th - 12th Grade!

Sunday, April 2
Aliens!

Everyone at 6:30 p.m. Meet in the Courtyard!

Sunday, April 9
Easter - No Youth Group

Sunday, April 16
Cops and Robbers at TAMUCC
Middle and High School join together at 6:30!

Sunday, April 23
Beach Eucharist at McGee Beach
Middle and High School join together at 6:30!

Sunday, April 30
Metro Ministries Outreach

KINGDOM KIDS

Wednesday, April 5

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Kinder - 6th Grade in the Gym
Younger children in the Nursery



Kingdom Kids is an evening of fun, food, and fellowship for children from St. James and Good Shepherd. There are games and free-play in the gym, as well as dinner and a bible story.

The cost is an \$8 donation paid online at cotgs.org. Register online through our website or through our Ministry One church app.

YOUTH TRIP TO DUNCAN PARK, COLORADO - THIS SUMMER!

June 25 - 30 for High School Students

Hiking, Rock Climbing, Fishing, River Rafting, Camp Fires, Bible

Duncan Park is an Episcopal camp operated by the Diocese of West Texas in the beautiful Colorado Rocky Mountains. Our youth group has an amazing opportunity this summer to attend this amazing camp and experience God's creation and grow friendships. We are having several fundraisers this spring to off-set the cost of camp making it very affordable. We will fly from San Antonio to Denver. Friends are welcome to attend, too!

Contact Glenn Meschko if you are interested! 210-460-8788

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Upcoming Performance Dates

Sunday, April 23
10:30 a.m. service

Sunday, May 21
10:30 a.m. service

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School is offered for all ages.
Each week we offer a bible story
with fun activities.

3 Year Olds - 5th Grade: Room 107
6th Grade Confirmation: Munds Hall

CELEBRATION & CHILDREN'S CHAPELS

10:30 a.m.

Children's Chapel

for children ages 3 - Kinder
in the Children's Chapel

Celebration Chapel

for children in 1st - 6th grade
in Munds Hall Auditorium

Each Chapel is a special service created especially for children. Children will join their parents in church for communion

NURSERY

Ages 1 - 2

Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

We offer nursery for children ages 1 - 2 in Dobbins Hall during Sunday School hour and the 10:30 a.m. service.



Vacation Bible School

STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

Registration will be open at cotgs.org on April 5th.

June 12 - 16

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

3 Year-Old Preschool - 4th Grade

Counselors needed: 5th - 12th Grade

Adult Volunteers Needed

We need your help to make VBS a success! Please consider this fun ministry to the children of our church, school, and community. You can choose the activity you would like to lead or assist.

If you can help, please contact Sandy McCampbell at 361-779-7742.

WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Traditional Eucharist
8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Fellowship
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Family Eucharist
5:30 p.m.	Come As You Are Service

Nursery For the Little Ones

1 - 2 Years in the Nursery 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Children Meet in the Water Street Classrooms

Youth Meet in the Church Office Break Room

Adults:

Living Word w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in the Parlor

Inquirer's Class w/ Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Classroom

Wisdom of the Hebrew Bible w/Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library

Weekday Services

Tuesdays at 12:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Healing Service with
Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monthly Services

We offer a service of Holy Communion at the Trinity
Towers/Brookdale retirement community at 3:30 p.m. on
the first Sunday of every month.

St. James Chapel Services

Tuesdays at 8:05 a.m. Middle School Chapel

Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. K- 4th Grade Chapel

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Preschool Chapels (4 services)

Thursdays at 8:05 a.m. All School Chapel

Parents are welcome at All School Chapel on Thursdays.