

# The Saline Psalter

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**March/April 2016**

## *A note from the Pastor*



Have you ever attended worship on Easter evening? Yes, there are scriptures assigned for worship on Easter evening. The gospel reading is Luke 24:13-49. Christian worship on Easter Sunday is usually festive with trumpets, choirs, organs at full throttle and congregations joyfully singing. However, the gospel for Easter evening is more subdued. It seems

that nothing in the Easter story turned out the way it was expected.

Some followers of Jesus were discussing the events of the day as they were walking to Emmaus. A "stranger" shares the road and the story with them and agrees to accept their hospitality to also share a meal with them. The stranger said grace, broke the bread, and gave it to them. Then he disappeared, vanished. The followers experienced a flash of recognition in the twilight and just as quickly it vanished. They were urged back out into the dark to tell others of their experience.

Later, those followers are gathered with the other disciples as they hid from the authorities. Their fear seems to have rendered them catatonic because they are unable to respond to Jesus' invitation when he appears in their midst. They were the ones who had denied and abandoned Jesus and apparently had done nothing to intervene on Jesus' behalf. They gradually begin to understand that there is no revenge. They are spared. As Sam Portaro has written, *"They have confessed nothing, yet they know their guilt. They are obviously forgiven. It is unnecessary for them to touch Jesus; Jesus has instead touched them."*

We would prefer that the gospel stories about Jesus' resurrection would provide us with more physical details about him. For example, how did it feel to touch his flesh? We have only accounts of how Jesus touched them and their hearts, not with his hands but with the reality that there was no punishment to be exacted. There would be no plagues of frogs, etc. No heads would roll. Instead, they witnessed abundant forgiveness. This is how he touched them. This is the gospel we inherit.

Isn't it the same for us? Would we have shouted "Crucify Him!" or stood in the shadows? We know ourselves. That is why Jesus' response seems too good to be true. Jesus reaches out to us, touching us with his forgiveness. He persists until we get it. Then he sends us out to do the same. He sends us out to invite others into this truth.

See you in worship!  
*Pastor Eckermann*

## *Holy Week and Easter Worship*

**March 20: Palm Sunday, 8:15 and 10:00 a.m.**  
Blessing of the Palms/Procession

**March 23: Passover Seder, 6:00 p.m.**  
RSVP required, see page 2

**March 24: Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.**  
Holy Eucharist

**March 27: Easter Day, 8:15 and 10:00 a.m.**  
Holy Eucharist—Choir sings at both services

## **SASS EASTER FOOD BASKETS**

**H**oly Faith has committed to providing five (5) baskets for families in the Saline area that need extra help. Sign up to bring needed food items for the baskets on the bulletin board.

**All items must be at church  
by 10am on  
Sunday, March 20th**

*Thank you to Rosemary Brodie  
and Marianne and Brian Blevins  
for coordinating the baskets  
again!*



**Tuesday Morning Adult Study Class  
10:30—11:30am**

**Evolution of Anti-Semitism  
from the Cross to the Swastika  
March 8 and 15**

*With special guest speaker Sid Lawrence*

For two weeks, we will take a short break from our study of other denominations to hear a powerful talk on how the seeds of hate, initially sown by the church after the crucifixion of Jesus, blossomed into extreme anti-Jewish violence throughout the ages and led to the murder of six million Jews by the Nazis during the Holocaust.

**Everyone is Invited!**



You, your family and guests are invited to come celebrate the Passover Seder with the Amstutz Family and the Holy Faith Community.

**Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:00 PM.**

The Amstutz family has a tradition of celebrating the Passover Seder and sharing it with others. Come experience and discuss this special tradition with reflections on the Jewish tradition, Jesus at the last supper and what it means for us as Christians today.

Since the evening will include a full 4 course meal and Seder service, **RSVP is required.** Please RSVP with the number of people that plan to attend so we can set our table accordingly.

aamstutz25@yahoo.com or 313-213-5312 or sign up on the Holy Faith bulletin board.

**Easter Flowers**

Sign up to provide spring flowers for the Easter Altar by Sunday, March 20 (Palm Sunday). Please make your check out to Holy Faith church and note "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

<b>Easter Lilies</b>	
1 Stem	\$10
2 Stems	\$14
3 Stems	\$19
<b>Yellow Tulips</b>	\$10
<b>Yellow Daffodils</b>	\$10



**Automated Electronic Defibrillator**

The AED training was a huge success! Over fifteen people from Holy Faith Church were trained in CPR and received training on the use of our brand new AED machine. The machine is being kept in the office until we are able to hang it up in the narthex. Many thanks to Georgine Steude for her research in deciding which machine would best fit our needs and from Huron Valley Ambulance who not only was able to get us a bit of a discount but provided all of the training to us as no charge. The new AED machine cost approximately \$1,600 and will be paid for from memorial funds.



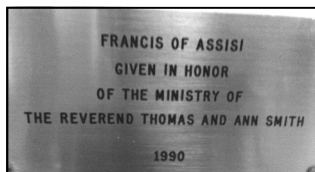
Thank you to Kris Determan and Ann Mayers for volunteering to head up our new Holy Faith Phone Tree. They will be calling those in the directory that don't use email (or don't use it regularly) when there is a need to pass on information in a timely fashion.

**Holy Faith Food Garden**

**Planning Meeting at Brewed Awakenings  
Monday, March 14 at 7:00pm**

Spring will be here soon and it is time to make plans for the 2016 Holy Faith Food Garden. Everyone is welcome and heartily invited to come and be a part of this fun ministry. All the fresh produce (except what we hold back to test for taste and freshness) is donated to Saline Area Social Service. Questions? See Suzanne Bulchalski or Susan Cummings.

**GIVEN IN HONOR**



On the back wall of the sanctuary (on right as you walk in), there is a plaque that says: "Francis of Assisi, Given in honor of the Ministry of The Reverend Thomas and Ann Smith, 1990" This is referring to the small carved statue of St. Francis that is now on the credence table by the altar.

The elements used to be on a table under the plaque before they were brought up to the altar and that is where the statue was originally placed. The carving is interesting in that the cross St. Francis is carrying is independent and can be removed.

Tom Smith was the rector at Holy Cross Episcopal from 1970-1977.

**Altar Flowers are Given...**

**April 3 by Jane & Larry Darling**  
*In Honor of their 40th Anniversary*

**April 17 by Christen Mitchell**  
*In Honor of Blake & Barbara's Wedding Anniversary*



**Card Making Class**

**Thursday, March 31 at 10:30am  
Holy Faith Church**

We have all admired the handmade cards that Joan makes for our shut-ins for different holidays. Now Joan is going to help us make three different greeting cards: birthday, congratulations and thank you. Just \$10 will cover the cost of materials.

Sign up by Tuesday, March 29  
Call or email Joan in the office or sign up on the bulletin board.

**Special Gifts Offering March 2016  
Episcopal Relief & Development  
and  
Lutheran World Relief**

Once again we have the opportunity to support the work of two excellent organizations: Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), and Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Both of these organizations represent us as they work throughout the world to combat the causes of poverty and restore the dignity it robs from people's lives. They advocate for fair trade that helps artisans and farmers earn a better living. They teach people to better care for themselves, their communities and their environment, and how to be less vulnerable to natural disasters. They work to provide clean and sustainable water to the 1.2 billion people who still lack access to clean and affordable water and sanitation services. All this is done with partner organizations in the communities they serve in over 40 countries. ERD and LWR are always prepared to respond to sudden emergencies and disasters.

Now in 2016, a huge humanitarian crisis has developed as roughly 6 million Syrians pushed from their homes during nearly 3 years of civil war require resettlement all over the world. Many relief agencies, including ERD and LWR, are overwhelmed with the needs. Since ERD has been working with disabled young people in Jordan for many years, they are doing fantastic work with disabled refugees at Za'atari, the second largest refugee camp in the world.

So much more information about the work our church is doing showing Christ's love to so many people all over the world is available at [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org) and [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org).

What a blessing and privilege that we can support these organizations in our midst that allow us to participate in doing Christ's work in the world. *Please make your check out to Holy Faith and note ERD/LWR on the memo line.*



**Mission Café**

**Sunday, March 20 & April 17  
after the 10am service**

*Enjoy a delicious, hot meal  
prepared by our own  
Barbara Vaillancourt  
—for just your free-will offering!*

The missions that will benefit from the proceeds of these two MCs have yet to be decided.



**A fun opportunity!** Barbara will not be able to manage and prepare a Mission Café in May. If you would like to take on just one Mission Café, then this is what you have been waiting for! Please tell Joan—and we're sure Barbara will provide some guidance if you want it.

**Special Gifts Offering April 2016  
Hope Clinic**

Hope Clinic, our special charity gift for April is an interdenominational Christian organization providing free medical care and dental clinics for low income underinsured children and adults.

Hope Clinic began in 1982 as a Saturday walk-in clinic run by Dr. Hefferman as an expression of his Christian faith. With great support from our area churches, medical community, Washtenaw United Way, and hundreds of volunteers, Hope now owns an enlarged building with a fully equipped dental clinic, and has a second clinic in Westland. Over 200 medical professionals conduct more than 7,500 patient visits and provide more than \$2.5 million in prescription medication to God's beloved poor. Hope has arrangements with medical specialists in town and at UMMC to provide care that cannot be covered at the clinic.

A full range of social and spiritual services are also provided. Thousands of hot meals and grocery packages are provided to households. Prayer partners are always available. Families wash hundreds of loads of laundry, saving money and maintaining their dignity. Social workers offer financial assistance to those who come in need, as well as guidance to patients in navigating the support programs available to them. Moms and dads are assisted with baby care needs, such as diapers, formula, baby food and clothing.

By God's grace and the support of many people, Hope is a refuge for those who come for healing, restoration and renewed hope. Prayerfully consider a gift to Hope. *Write a check to Holy Faith and note HOPE on the memo line.*

**DELONIS  
CENTER**

**Tuesday, March 29, 2016**

Come help prepare or serve dinner to the homeless and/or hungry. Holy Faith helps at the Center in Ann Arbor in months that have a 5th Tuesday.

Sign up on the bulletin board to help prepare from 3:00 - 5:00 or to help serve from 5:00 - 7:00.  
**Please sign up by Sunday, March 20**

Food Gatherers holds up to 5 spots for us from Holy Faith on each shift—they cannot take more. They need to know how many are coming a week in advance. Therefore, you need to sign up 2 Sundays before the 5th Tuesday. Numbers will be called in the Tuesday before our date.

**Our next service opportunity is May 31, 2016**

## March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am	2 OA Mtg. 6-7pm	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4	5 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
6 <b>4 Lent</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	7 <i>Office Closed</i>  AA Mtg. 7pm	8 <i>Joan Gone</i> Adult Study 10:30-11:30am	9 <i>Joan Gone</i>  OA Mtg. 6-7pm	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11 <i>Joan Gone</i>	12 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am  Paper Pantry Delivery @ Calvary Bible Church
13 <b>5 Lent</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	14 <i>Office Closed</i> Lunch Bunch Noon @ Carrigan's  AA Mtg. 7pm  Garden Mtg 7pm @ Brewed Awakenings	15 <i>Joan Gone</i> Adult Study 10:30-11:30am  PLT 7pm	16 <i>Joan Gone</i>  OA Mtg. 6-7pm	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 <i>Joan Gone</i>	19 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
20 <b>Palm Sunday 3 on the 3rd</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Mission Cafe	21 <i>Office Closed</i>  A Mtg. 7pm	22 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am	23 Passover Seder 6:00pm  OA Mtg. 6-7pm	24 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  Worship Service 7:00pm	25 <b>Good Friday</b>	26 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
27 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15am Worship—Choir Sings 10:00am Worship—Choir Sings 11am Coffee Hour	28 <i>Office Closed</i>  AA Mtg. 7pm	29 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am  Delonis Center 3-7pm	30  OA Mtg. 6-7pm	31 <i>Office Closed</i>		

## April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
3 <b>2 Easter</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	4 <i>Office Closed</i>  AA Mtg. 7pm	5 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am	6  OA Mtg. 6-7pm	7 <i>Office Closed</i>	8	9 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
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## SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<b>4 Lent March 6</b>	<b>5 Lent March 13</b>	<b>Palm Sunday March 20</b>	<b>Holy Week March 21-26</b>	<b>Easter March 27</b>
<b>8:15 Reader</b>	Art Witbart	Mary Hogan	Mike Centlivre/ Suzanne Buchalski	TBD	Mary Fatchett
<b>10:00 Asst. Min.</b>	Ann Mayers	Susan Cummings	TBD		Katie Garvey
<b>10:00 Reader</b>	Barbara Arnold	Jeff Cummings	Carolyn Schneider		Jean Savage
<b>10:00 Ushers</b>	Talle & Steve Jolliffe	Judie & Rick Wales	David Dubay & Ingrid Smart		Talle & Steve Jolliffe
<b>10:00 Greeters</b>	Clarke Flewelling & Dan McGraw	Norlaine & Harold Tinsey	Jane Darling		Tish Dersnah
<b>10:00 Acolyte</b>	Branden Amstutz	Tim Custer	Elyse Narbut		Tim Custer
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Erickson/Garvey/ Mitchell	White/Wales	<b>Mission Cafe</b>		All of us
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Fatchett/ Christen Mitchell	Mary Fatchett/ Christen Mitchell	Mary Fatchett/ Christen Mitchell		Mary Fatchett/ Christen Mitchell
<b>Counters</b>	Carolyn/Mike V.	Steve/Fritz	Harold/Rick		Andy/Mike V.

	<b>2 Easter April 3</b>	<b>3 Easter April 10</b>	<b>4 Easter April 17</b>	<b>5 Easter April 24</b>
<b>8:15 Reader</b>	Cicely Johnson	Art Witbart	Mary Hogan	Mike Centlivre/ Suzanne Buchalski
<b>10:00 Asst. Min.</b>	Harold Tinsey	Lisa Reifert	Molly Hilton	Carolyn Schneider
<b>10:00 Reader</b>	Christen Mitchell	Katie Garvey	Andy Amstutz	Clarke Flewelling
<b>10:00 Ushers</b>	Sam Proud & Sandy White	Judie & Rick Wales	David Dubay & Ingrid Smart	Sam Proud & Sandy White
<b>10:00 Greeters</b>	Tish Dersnah & Alice Kitchen	Clarke Flewelling & Dan McGraw	Norlaine & Harold Tinsey	Jane Darling
<b>10:00 Acolyte</b>	Bethany Mitchell	Ashley Schneider	Branden Amstutz	Elyse Narbut
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Steude/Arnold	Blevins/Brodie	Mission Café	Amstutz/Reifert
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Fatchett/ Christen Mitchell	Mary Fatchett/ Christen Mitchell	Mary Fatchett/ Christen Mitchell	Mary Fatchett/ Christen Mitchell
<b>Counters</b>	Carolyn/Steve	Fritz/Harold	Rick/Andy	Carolyn/Mike V.

### ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2016

If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar for specific Sundays, please use on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please note that altar flowers are scheduled for two consecutive Sundays.

**The cost for two vases is \$40.**

Flower selection is at the discretion of the florist. If you wish to make a special request, arrangements can be made with the florist, Maureen's Designs, at 429-0700. Maureen will quote on an individual basis at that time.

*Payment for flowers is to be made by check to Holy Faith Church,  
memo: Altar Flowers*

Questions? Please contact Jane Darling at 734-323-9486  
or jldarling44@yahoo.com.

## Lunch Bunch!

Everyone is always invited to  
Lunch Bunch!  
You just have to come!

**2nd Monday of each month  
Carrigan's in Saline at Noon**

*Please see Barbara Arnold  
with questions.*

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Grow in Spirit and Love.

Reach Out to Our Neighbor and the World.



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