

FaithTrek

Children's Ministry for 3 Year Olds through 5th Grade

April 2019



I Can't Wait!

It doesn't matter whether you are waiting for the cookies to come out of the oven, a visit from a good friend, your turn at "show and tell" or a trip to Disneyland, waiting is hard. Think about how many times a day you are waiting for something or someone. Waiting can feel like wasted time when you are waiting for a doctor appointment scheduled for 15 minutes earlier or when you are waiting in the car for one of the kids to finish a lesson or soccer practice. And, of course, there is that line we all know too well... "You will have to wait. There is no bathroom here."



The season of Lent is all about waiting. We wait as Jesus continues teaching us what it means to be a disciple. We wait as we move through Holy Week, which starts with Hosanna and ends with sorrow and the darkness of Good Friday. Then we wait to see what's next. We know it was worth the wait Easter morning. They found the tomb was empty. Jesus the Christ had risen!

Wait...You Need to Hear the Whole Story

Every story, including the Holy Week story, has a beginning and end with a whole lot of story and chapters in between. God invites us to come and hear each and every chapter of the Holy Week story. The week begins with the Palm Sunday celebration with palms and shouts of Hosanna. We skip to Maundy Thursday where we find the story of the Last Supper, foot washing and betrayal. It's a "chapter" packed with important lessons for disciples. Then the sad story of Good Friday and Jesus dies on the cross. Holy Saturday is a day of waiting. On Easter morning we find the tomb empty and discover Jesus has risen. Come hear the whole story that moves from joy to learning to sadness to joy.

Bagpipes on Palm Sunday

First Lutheran has a tradition of having the congregation follow a bagpiper into the Sanctuary. It's kind of a strange tradition, but fitting. The shrill, penetrating sound worked well in battle because it could be heard up to 10 miles away and its sound can reach 111 decibels - louder than a pneumatic drill, power saw and power mower. The bagpiper led the procession of soldiers into battle and would scare the opponent because they were so loud. The bagpiper on Palm Sunday leads us into the Sanctuary like a trumpeter as we shout, "Hosanna!", and wave our palm branches welcoming Jesus into our Holy Week.

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday

8:15 & 10:45 am

Maundy Thursday

Noon & 7:00 pm

Good Friday

Noon & 7:00 pm

Easter

Saturday Worship

5:30 pm

Easter Sunday Vigil

6:00 am

Easter Sunday Festival

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Sundays 9:30-10:30 am

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Family Activities

Hot Cross Buns

The hot cross bun baking process, with several waiting periods allowing the dough to rise, reminds us of each of the separate events Jesus had to experience in Holy Week. Check out the Pioneer Woman's blog at <https://thepioneerwoman.com/cooking/hot-cross-buns/> for a recipe and some stories about hot cross buns.



Sharon Hardel will be making hot cross buns with the 2nd and 3rd graders on Palm Sunday.

Dying Easter Eggs

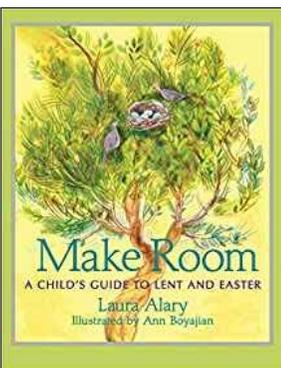
Set a timer and wait to pull your egg out of the dye. The longer the egg sits in the dye, the darker and brighter the colors. Waiting is worth it when it comes to dying Easter eggs.

Salt Painting

Dribble lines of glue around a piece of paper to create a picture or design. Next sprinkle table salt over the glue. Shake away excess salt. Using a brush dipped in watercolors, touch the salt lines and watch the salt soak up the colors. Do not drag the brush through the glue and salt. Just touch lightly. Talk about how the salty tears of the disciples and Jesus' family on Good Friday are changed to joy and wonder on Easter as the tomb is found empty and Jesus lives. (*Messy Easter* – Jane Leadbetter)

Resurrection Eggs

The twelve eggs, which come in an egg carton, each have a religious figurine inside symbolizing parts of Jesus' journey to the cross. The booklet features stories that explain each figurine. It's a great family gift that will be appreciated for years to come. You can find at bookstores and online for around \$20. Note the figurines are small. The set is labeled for 5 years of age and older, but with supervision could be used with younger children.



Book Recommendation

Make Room – A Child's Guide to Lent and Easter by Laura Alary teaches children to experience Lent with all their sense and to see it as a special time for creating a welcoming space for God. The art work feels a little outdated but is beautifully done and reflects diversity.

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