

Dear Parents,

We “walk with Jesus” on the journey through Lent during this Spring Quarter.

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On Maundy Thursday, we “taste and see Jesus” as He shares the Last Supper with His friends in the Upper Room. He tells them His death is near and to “remember Me.” Jesus reminds us when He washes His friends’ feet to “love one another: just as I have loved you” (John 13:34). We receive the means of grace God gives us in Holy Communion—Jesus’ body and blood in remembrance of His death and resurrection for us.

As Jesus hangs on the cross on Calvary and dies for the sins of the world, we see Him suffer. We hear the thunder, the sobs of His mother and friends, and His last words. We follow His body to the cave-tomb on Good Friday. “It is finished” Jesus cries (John 19:30). God’s plan to save people from sin is unfolding. We could not save ourselves. God promised a Savior after Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. God’s only Son, Jesus Christ, was sent to earth as a baby, to grow up to be crucified to redeem us (buy us back), so we can look forward to living in heaven as God’s forgiven, saved children.

God kept His promise! We celebrate the new life He gives us on Easter. Christ is risen—He is risen indeed! He is victorious over sin, death, and the devil. Jesus lives, and because He lives, we live too—free to be His Easter people every day.

God helps us show our faith and trust in Jesus each day in our words and actions. He gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit through Baptism by water and the Word. The Spirit lives in us and gives us the courage to tell others what Jesus has done for all people on the cross. The empty tomb means victory over death—Jesus didn’t stay dead, but He came alive so that we, too, can live forever with Him!

As you read and review the Bible stories with your very young child, you’ll want to emphasize the perfect love God has for His people and the promise He kept when He sent Jesus as our Savior and Friend. We celebrate that Jesus is alive and with us in our daily lives!



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