

Fourth Sunday in Lent

“Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.” Psalm 116:5

GATHERING

Please silence all electronic devices and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE *What Wondrous Love* [Charles Dupree; arr. Will Simpson]

Will Simpson, Vanessa Wilkie, duet

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY I. Pastor McEachran
II. Sherry Grindeland

HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ELW Hymn 855

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

APOSTOLIC GREETING

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE [Marty Haugen]

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(congregation is seated)

I. SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Pastor McEachran

Dana and Patricia Troy present their child to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Sponsors are Will Weatherly and Shannon McClure.

A TIME FOR LITTLE DISCIPLES Pastor Burleigh

WORD

FIRST LESSON Numbers 21:4-9

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE *That Priceless Grace* ELW Hymn 591

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. *(congregation stands)*

C Congregation
A Assisting Minister
P Pastor

Today's Theme
Life in Christ is foundational to our lives and is built upon the promises of God in the First Testament. God makes a promise to Moses: rest is good.

[Sally Ann Morris]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Good News of Jesus according to John.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Burleigh

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW Hymn 715

II. APOSTLES' CREED

A We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.
C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

I. RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor McEachran

THE PRAYERS

A Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

(shared in community)

OFFERING

I.

Gethsemane
Handbell Choir

[Richard Redhead;
arr. Lee Afdahl]

II.

We Adore You, O Christ
Chancel Choir

[Richard Proulx]

(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY VERSE

[Marty Haugen]

OFFERTORY PRAYER

M E A L

GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

[Marty Haugen]

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

(congregation is seated)

LAMB OF GOD

ELW Hymn 336

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

II.

God Be in My Head
Chancel Choir

[Arlen R. Clarke]

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

ELW Hymn 863

We Place upon Your Table, Lord

ELW Hymn 467

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen and keep you in God's loving grace, now and forever.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 186

PRAYER

S E N D I N G

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

We Are Called

ELW Hymn 720

A Marked with the cross of Christ, go to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

March

[William Walton]

P A R T I C I P A N T S

Presiding Minister Pastor Mary-Alyce Burleigh

Presiding Minister/Baptism Pastor James N. McEachran

Director of Music Ministries/Organist Dr. Will Simpson

Assisting Ministers (I) Sharon Gurtel (II) Jean Wahlstrom

Communion Assistants (I) Art Gurtel (II) Livi Myhre

Acolytes (I) Ella Nickel (II) Sonja Wetmore

Altar Guild Ann Berglind, Carolyn Haralson

Greeters (I) Gayle Rhymes (II) Carolyn and Jerry Haralson

Lectors (I) Cheryl Jurrus (II) Carolyn McKenna

Ushers (I) Lois and Curt Eckley (II) The Feldman Family

Coffee Host Chad Oftedal

The **Leadership Transition Team** has been meeting and working towards the vision and plan for change in pastoral leadership. A report will be forthcoming through a mailing in the new week and will include an update on the work they have done and will be commencing prior to April 15.

Members of the Team are Dianne Chong (co-chair), Art Gurtel (co-chair), Marc Bateman, Dan Johnson, Pastor McEachran, Amy Myhre, and Dana Nasby.

W E L C O M E

TODAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

- Ⓘ **WE WELCOME PASTOR MARY-ALYCE BURLEIGH** as our Presiding Minister. Pastor Burleigh grew up in Sumner, Washington, and attended Washington State University and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Following a career as a Redmond High School history teacher, she was elected to the Kirkland City Council, serving one term as mayor. After completing her pastoral internship here at Saint Andrew's in 2014, she was called to serve at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Kirkland, in the ministry of word and sacrament, and by the NW Washington Synod facilitating collaboration and cooperation among the 7 congregations of the Cascadia Cluster. She loves to read, kayak on Puget Sound, and cross-country ski. She lives in Kirkland with her terrier mix Barnabas.
- Ⓘ **BAPTISM:** Dana and Patricia Troy present their child to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 8:30 am worship service. Sponsors are Will Weatherly and Shannon McLure. Grandparents are Lon and Darlene Weatherly.
- Ⓘ **EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIRLY TRADED COFFEE AND MORE:** Support our Global Outreach by purchasing fairly traded coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and chocolate bars (in the Narthex between services). By purchasing these items, you help the coffee and cocoa bean farmers in impoverished countries receive more money for their crops by eliminating the middle man's cut.
- Ⓘ **NEW MEMBERS:** There are many people who worship and serve with us. It is difficult, given the pace of their lives, to get them into a group to receive as new members. We receive them as they are able to join us for worship. Today, we receive **Leslie Johnson** and her son **William**. Please take a moment to say hello and welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

- Ⓘ **HEALING PRAYERS** are offered during the distribution of Holy Communion on the third Sunday of each month. Trained healing ministers will receive your requests before or after receiving the Eucharist. It can be especially meaningful to have a laying on of hands and an anointing of oil, if desired. It is appropriate to bring ANY request or concern that you may have for yourself or someone else. These may be prayers for emotional, spiritual, or physical healing. It can be a peace that brings wholeness, according to God's will, in a number of ways. If you are unable to walk to the kneelers, please ask an usher to assist or move to the bottom of the stairs on the East side of the sanctuary (near the pulpit) and the Healing Minister will come to you.

LENT ~ EASTER

During the Time of Lent, we walk together as a community who trusts that God is about the work of love in sending Jesus into the world. As we walk together in this time of renewal, we are called to remember that in Jesus Christ all things are made new, now and forever.

"What Wondrous Love..." is a theme that carries us deeper in the life of discipleship. We share days of worship and learning, fellowship and serving. We are those who carry on the good news that from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, we are the people of the Way. And Jesus said, "Follow me."

A Lent-Easter calendar is available in the Narthex and on the Saint Andrew's website.



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LENT ~ EASTER

† **LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

are Wednesdays, **March 14** and **March 21**. Pastor McEachran brings devotional words focused on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross. From forgiveness to reunion, Jesus walks with us into the victory we know and sing on Easter Sunday.

NOTE: Soup Supper will begin at **6:00 pm**. Holden Evening Prayer Worship is at 7:00 pm.
March 14: John 19:28, “Distress”.

† **COLOR DURING LENT:** Gather for fellowship and devotion in the Narthex as Saint Andrew’s works together to color the Psalms as a Communal Art Expression. This is a project we will continue throughout Lent. On Easter morning, the final product will be displayed, and cross generational connections will have been made throughout the Sundays in Lent.

† **LENTEN OUTREACH:** The *Baskets of Promise* collection during Lent helps to fill the Personal Care Kits that are sent through Lutheran World Relief to areas of the world where an emergency has occurred and people are left with very little. The kits supply basic items for survival.

Our goal this year is to fill 150 kits.

Each week, one item will be emphasized for collection. A complete schedule is on the Lent-Easter calendar, and on the bulletin board display in the Narthex. Place donations in the basket near the elevator in the Narthex.

For next Sunday, **March 18**, our collection item is **toothbrushes** (adult size, in original packaging.)

† **PRAYER PARTNERS FOR LENT:** We have 69 participants. Pray for your Prayer Partner throughout Lent. On Sunday, **April 8**, find out who the secret Prayer Partners are at our “Reveal”. This is an opportunity to enrich our prayer life by praying for someone else and making connections within our worship community. “*Pray for one another.*” (James 5:16).

HOLY WEEK, THE THREE DAYS, AND EASTER WORSHIP

† **PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25:**

Worship with Holy Communion,
8:30 am and 11:00 am

Discipleship Hour, 9:45 am

The Children’s Choir sings at both worship services.

† **MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29:**

Worship with Holy Communion,
12:15 pm and 7:00 pm

Pastor Paul Hoffman is our Preaching Minister.

† **GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30:**

Worship, 7:00 pm

Readings are from the Passion According to Saint John (John 18-19.)

† **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, VIGIL OF EASTER, MARCH 31:**

Worship with Holy Communion, 7:00 pm

Readings recall God’s deliverance of His people in the Old Testament as we look forward to God’s deliverance of all people through the death and resurrection of Christ.

† **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY, April 1:**

Worship with Holy Communion,
8:30 am and 11:00 am

Worship of Word and Sacrament welcomes the good news of Jesus’ Resurrection from the dead.

† **EASTER BREAKFAST:** Join us for an elegant Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall on **April 1**, before or after worship. This event raises funds for our 2018 God Squad Mission Team’s trip to learn and serve with the Blackfeet Nation this summer. The breakfast will feature delicious French Toast, with breakfast sausage, hash browns, and fresh fruit. To adequately serve our guests in a timely fashion, we are encouraging reservations. A block of reservations will be set aside each hour. A limited number will be available so be sure to meet us in the Narthex beginning today, **March 11**, to reserve your spot. While reservations will be prioritized, we will still have space for walk-ins available.

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM

Discipleship Hour at 9:45 am offers classes for age 2 through adult!

- ☞ **SUNDAY OFFERING:** The students of Saint Andrew's have voted to have their Sunday offerings go to support Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Their offerings this year support LWR with the funds being designated for Bihar, India. Parents, please help your children remember to bring an offering each Sunday for collection during Discipleship Hour. The class with the highest participation will be rewarded with Krispy Kreme donuts each quarter!
 - ☞ **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (SCS)** classes welcome children age 2 through grade 5. All classes are downstairs in South Hall. The SCS office is located on the lower level near the Narthex stairs. Students who are new to our congregation are asked to come to the SCS office to register and be welcomed to your class.
 - ☞ **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION (ABC)** classes are geared toward youth in grades 6-8. "Worship and Liturgy" (6th grade) meets in Room 121, "Ministry of Service" meets in room 122, and "Old Testament Survey" meets in room 119. Today, Pastor McEachran teaches the 6th grade class on "Holy Baptism." Those students new to our congregation are asked to contact Director of Discipleship Ministries Emily Harrow or Pastor McEachran for more information.
 - ☞ **CROSSWALK** is focused on high school age youth, grades 9-12. Got questions? Join us each Sunday for coffee, cocoa, donuts, and conversation. On the last Sunday of each month, gather in the youth room for Oasis, a time for our high school students to rest, color, and enjoy a movie.
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ March 11
WOMEN AND JUSTICE
Facilitator: Pastor Mary-Alyce Burleigh
<i>301/Fellowship Hall</i>
We welcome Pastor Mary-Alyce Burleigh to lead us through a discussion on the ELCA's Women and Justice statement. In 2009, the Churchwide Assembly authorized the development of a social statement on women and justice. The ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice: One in Christ has been at work since 2012 and brought the work to a crucial stage: On November 15, 2017 it released the Draft of a Social Statement on Women and Justice. The comment period on the Draft is open until September 30, 2018. ☞ March 11 and March 18
STEPPING INTO THE CHURCH (Faith Stepping Stones for Parents of Eighth Graders)
Facilitators: Lois Nelson, Kari Henderson
<i>301/Fellowship Hall</i>
Our focus is on the transition to high school and completing the Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation (ABC) program. Information about discipleship opportunities in high school is also shared.
Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation is June 3, during the 9:30 am worship service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ March 18
NAVIGATING CONFLICT IN RELATIONSHIPS
Facilitator: Dr. Mark Hougum
<i>301/Fellowship Hall</i>
We all experience conflict in our lives. Is it inevitable? What causes it? How can we respond to it? Are there ways to make good use of it? Come and join the conversation
<i>Dr. Mark Hougum is a Saint Andrew's member, a Lutheran Pastor, and counselor with Samaritan Center of Puget Sound. He has an office at Saint Andrew's.</i> ☞ March 25
FELLOWSHIP
Facilitator: Fellowship Coordinator
Sherry Grindeland
<i>301/Fellowship Hall</i>
Come for an hour of fellowship and conversation. |
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VIDEO RECORDINGS OF 9:45 am DISCIPLESHIP HOUR CLASSES:

Video recordings of Sunday adult discipleship classes are available online for approximately four weeks following the class. Links to videos can be found on the Sunday Morning Discipleship webpage: adulted.SALChome.org. Scroll to the bottom of the page for the links.

The recordings for:

- “Young Adults in Global Mission” from February 18 will be available through March 19.
- “Prouds” from February 25 will be available through March 26.
- “Tanzania” from March 4 will be available through April 2.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES... DURING THE WEEK

☞ TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Presenter: Pastor McEachran

Every Tuesday, 10:00 am, 322/Conference Room

We have begun a series on the Letters of John.

- *Some say, “The Church is irrelevant.”*
- *Some ask, “Will the Church have children?”*
- *Some believe, “The Church needs to change the message?”*
- *Many ask, “What can I believe about God? About Jesus?”*

These are not new thoughts, concerns, questions. In fact, they were asked in the years following the first 60 years of the Christian Church. We continue this week with 2 John and 3 John.

For five weeks we will mine the three Letters of John. We will dig for clues about mission in times that are difficult and sometime filled with anxiety, doubt, change. We continue to set the foundation and build a case for mission forward. The future of the Church is in the power of the Holy Spirit.

On Tuesday, **March 20**, we will begin a new series on the Letter to the Hebrews: *“Jesus is the Way into the Truth that is Life.”* For ten weeks we will be Word-Diggers seeing the connections between the First Covenant and the New Covenant. There are those who say that “the old is in the new concealed and the old is in the new revealed.” How to we understand and learn the ways that God’s promise in God’s story reaches into our lives today in Christ. Begin by reading Hebrews 11.

Bring your favorite translation and invite a friend!

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...YOUTH

- * **SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS** (families with youth age birth through grade 5):
 - **Little Lambs Fellowship:**
Parents of children under two, please join us TODAY, **March 11**, in 210/Nursery for fellowship. The youngest Sheep and Shepherds families are invited for snacks and coffee, visiting, and play time. We meet once each month, usually on the second Sunday. Come for all or some of the time.
 - **Servant Event for Youth in Grades 1-5:**
Saturday, **March 24**, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Join us at Sunrise Senior Living at Crossroads, where we will play games, create crafts, and enjoy time reading together with the residents. Parents are welcome to attend. Sign up with Emily, emily@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, or in the Narthex by Sunday, **March 18**.
 - **Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt:**
Saturday, **March 31**, 9:30 am
Saint Andrew's Annual Easter Egg Hunt takes place Saturday, **March 31**. The morning includes a light potluck breakfast, crafts, a service project, and an Easter egg hunt for kids up to 5th grade! You may sign up in the Narthex or with our online form at eastercelebration.SALChome.org. Want to pitch in? We can always use volunteers to help with the potluck, crafts, set up and clean up!
- * **FIRE FORCE** (youth in grades 6-8)
 - **Egg Stuffing**
Sunday, **March 25**, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Join us to stuff eggs with candy for the Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt! Bring individually wrapped candy if you'd like! Sign up by Sunday, **March 18**.
 - **Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt**
Saturday, **March 31**, 8:30 am - 11:30 am
Join us on Saturday, **March 31**, beginning at 8:30 am, help hide the Easter Eggs and lead fun games for the Sheep and Shepherd kiddos! Breakfast will be served at 9:30 am. Sign up by Sunday, **March 18**.
- * **GOD SQUAD** (youth in grades 9-12):
 - **Serve Easter Breakfast, April 1:** The high school youth and adult volunteers provide breakfast for the congregation on Easter morning. It is a service to the congregation and a fundraiser for the summer mission and service trip. Help is also needed on Saturday, **March 31**, to set up. Contact Emily Harrow, emily@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, to help.
 - **Holden Village:** We are headed back to Holden Village next spring, **May 18-20, 2018**, for an unplugged weekend of fun and fellowship. Sign up in the Narthex.
- * **SUMMER 2018 MISSION TRIP:**
In Summer 2018 (**July 21-28**) we will serve the Blackfeet Nation in Montana (with YouthWorks.) We'll learn about the Blackfeet Nation and work with them to serve in their community. The next team meeting is TODAY, **March 11**, at 12:15 pm. Information packets are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- * **GOD SQUAD and FIRE FORCE** (youth in grades 6-12)
 - **Week-O-Fun:** God Squad and Fire Force will have a Week-O-Fun, Sunday-Thursday, **April 8-12**. Details will be announced soon!

OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES

♥ **CORNER OF BLESSING/HOPELINK:** Each month, we collect food in the Corner of Blessing. All donations are given to Hopelink and help feed those in our community who are hungry. The families they support would like to be able to do some baking, but baking supplies are not typically donated. So, for March we will be collecting “**Baking Makings**” – **sugar** (4 pound bags), **flour** (5 pound bags), and **cooking oil** (24 to 32 ounce bottles.) For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.

♥ **THE SOPHIA WAY WINTER SHELTER** for women NEEDS HELP! Their supply of the following items is **critically low**: paper towels, Clorox wipes, garbage bags, paper plates, hot/cold cups, water, juice, milk, breakfast/granola bars, oatmeal packets, boiled eggs, bagels, fruit, yogurts. Donations can be delivered to Holy Cross Lutheran in Factoria (4315 129th Place SE, Bellevue) at 8:30 pm any night. They also invite donations of meals for 30 women. Visit www.sophiaway.org/donate-meals/ and click on “Emergency Winter Shelter dinner/breakfast Calendar”. Contact Cheryl Jurrus for more information.

♥ **EASTSIDE BABY CORNER (EBC) - OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP:** People have requested more information on how to help this organization that supplies diapers, clothing, baby furniture and other things to needy and underserved families and where to donate things. New and gently used items can be donated at several EBC sites on the Eastside. Check the EBC website, www.babycorner.org, for specific locations and hours. Volunteers are needed for a variety of things. For more information go to www.babycorner.org.

♥ **COLLECTIONS:** Dorcas Circle, Health and Wholeness Ministry, and Outreach and Servant Ministries welcome your contributions for Lutheran World Relief, Compass Housing Alliance, Congregations for the Homeless, and The Sophia Way. Lists of needed items are in the baskets near the elevator in the Narthex. Donations can be placed in the same baskets.

♥ **SCHOLARSHIP NEEDS FOR STUDENTS IN TANZANIA:** Scholarships are needed for 35 new Form One students at MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS), an increase of 10 students from previous years due to current needs. We continue to also need funding for the MGLSS Post-Secondary Scholarship fund, used for the students who qualified for university study. **ANY AMOUNT** given is helpful. Make contributions by check to “Saint Andrew’s” with “MGLSS or MGLSS Post-Secondary Scholarship” in the memo line. Funds will be forwarded to Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA).



PROJECT BIHAR / LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Bihar is a global mission multi-year outreach which engages us in significant outreach in Northeastern India, as part of a sponsored mission through Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and in collaboration with other churches. The goals of this mission are

- agricultural improvements,
- year-round food security for the family,
- empowering women in the community, and
- increasing incomes for families

Saint Andrew’s has formed a Project Bihar/LWR Working Group that has defined three major components in our mission: **communication, engagement, and giving.**

- See the bookmarks in the hymnals for stories of families in Bihar. You are welcome to take the bookmark with you.
- We welcome donations (please note “Bihar-LWR” on contributions.)
- The Project Bihar/LWR Working Group is actively planning next steps. If you would like to be involved or would like more information, contact Marlyn Thorpe.

Remember in prayer this continuing outreach ministry.

The best source of updated information is at
www.lwr.org/bihar

SAINT ANDREW'S OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✠ **CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** The Children's Choir will sing during both worship services on Palm Sunday, **March 25**. All students in kindergarten through middle school are invited to join us. This is a great opportunity for you to be a very important part of our worship service. Rehearsal is today, **March 11**, from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Contact Children's Choir Director Erin Simpson for more information.
- ✠ **KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)**
Sunday, **March 11**, 9:45 am,
322/Conference Room
The KnitWits are a fellowship group whose primary mission is to provide items of comfort that are knit or crocheted. All are welcome to join us anytime! Contact Dianne Chong for more information.
- ✠ **BOOKS ABOUT INDIA:** What would happen if everyone in our congregation read a book about India between now and **May 31**? Would we have more conversations about India? Would we make connections with members that we hadn't talked to lately? Would we be more informed about the largest democracy in the world? Let's try it and see! See the last page and/or the poster in the Narthex for suggested books. Sign up for the book you are reading to get conversations started.
- ✠ **O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints)** is a fellowship of members and friends of the congregation who meet on the third Tuesday of every month for friendship and an amazing potluck. Join us on Tuesday, **March 20**, for *What Lies Beneath Our Feet?* Archeologist and Saint Andrew's member Brent Hicks will share stories about his archeology work here in Washington. Brent was recently featured in the Seattle Times Pacific Northwest magazine. Although O.W.L.S. stands for Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints, our programs have a wide age appeal and younger, wise Lutherans are welcome!
The social hour begins at 11:45 am; the potluck begins around noon. No sign-up or RSVP required. Just come, and if you can, bring a dish to share. See you there!
- ✠ **FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION AND EGG HUNT:** Saturday, **March 31**, 9:30 am
The Saint Andrew's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is for EVERYONE! The morning will include a light potluck breakfast, crafts, a service project and an Easter egg hunt for kids up to 5th grade! You may sign up in the Narthex or with our online form at eastercelebration.SALChome.org. Want to pitch in? We can always use volunteers to help with the potluck, crafts, set up and clean up! Contact Emily Harrow, emily@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, for more information.
- ✠ **CANDY FOR EASTER EGGS:** We want your candy!! Candy is needed to put into the Easter eggs for the Annual Egg Hunt. You may bring your bite sized individually wrapped donations to the church office by Thursday, **March 22**.
- ✠ **JOIN THE SUNDAY SERVERS TEAM:** Take a plunge into something new and try **ushering** or being an **ambassador**. No experience needed. Questions? Contact Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.
- ✠ **TUESDAY MORNING MEN**
Facilitator: Dick Swaisgood,
Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, Room 212
Coffee, Conversation, and Controversy
If Jesus were alive today, would he be a member of the Tea Party? "*Killing Jesus*" author Bill O'Reilly, depicts Jesus that way, saying he was "inspired to write the book by the Holy Ghost." Controversial? You bet! – All of which makes the conversation most interesting at the current Saint Andrew's Men's Tuesday meetings. There's always room for a few more men to join the 6:30 am Tuesday morning gathering. Free event and free coffee, too.
- ✠ **COMMUNION BREAD:** Everyone is invited to bake bread used in the Eucharist on Sunday mornings. You can sign up online for a specific Sunday. Links to the sign-up and to the recipe for Luther Bread can be accessed on the Saint Andrew's website: www.worship.SALChome.org. Contact coordinator Jill Nichols-Hicks for more information.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **LYRIC ARTS ENSEMBLE:** The Lyric Arts Ensemble – with Saint Andrew’s musicians Elaine Koga, Shelly Abner, Dana Nasby, Jean Wahlstrom – perform “*Perfect Harmony*” – music and great poetry in two March concerts.

Saturday, **March 17**, 7:00 pm, Mercer Island Presbyterian Church (3605 84th Avenue SE, Mercer Island)

Sunday, **March 18**, 4:00 pm, First Lutheran Church, Bothell (10207 NE 183rd Street, Bothell)

The concerts, performed by 17 voices and chamber orchestra, are conducted by Ken DeJong.

Admission is **free**.

MINISTRY BLESSING FACT:

Discipleship Ministries engages the entire congregation in being discipleFit.

We are blessed to have **119 students** involved in Sunday School,

Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation, and CrossWalk.

In addition, we have **48 teachers and volunteers** to support this important part of our ministry.



For Sunday, March 18: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Servers for March 18

Presiding Minister: Pastor James McEachran

Assisting Ministers:

(I) Dick Swaisgood (II) Karen Grams

Communion Assistants:

(I) Diane Hogle (II) Sue Short

Acolytes:

(I) Sonja Wetmore (II) Quinn Myhre

Altar Guild:

Ruth Miller, Christine Koch

Greeters:

(I) John and Joyce Arnold (II) Clare Moe

Lectors:

(I) Mikel Oswalt (II) Jessica Allen

Ushers:

(I) George Miller, Gary Rudolph

(II) Mark Davis

Coffee Hosts:

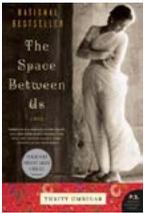
Aaron and Mary Davis

Saint Andrew's is Reading Books about India!

What would happen if everyone in our congregation read a book about India?

- Would we have more conversations about India?
- Would we make connections with members that we hadn't talked to lately?
- Would we be more informed about the largest democracy in the world?
- Would we educate ourselves about the second largest (in population) country in the world?
- What if we had a list of books recommended by W.E.B.S. (Women's Evening Book Study) and the Outreach Committee?
- What if we shared some of our books about India so we wouldn't have to buy them?

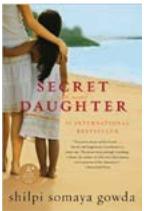
Let's try it and see!



The Space Between Us

by Thrity Umrigar

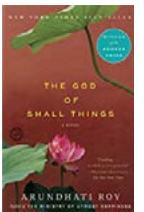
Two women (employer and maid) in Bombay and the bonds they share.



The Secret Daughter

by Shilpi Somaya Gowda

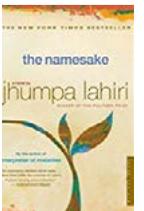
In India in 1984, destitute Kavita secretly carries her newborn daughter to an orphanage to save her from being killed. She is adopted by a family in California and eventually finds a way back to her birth country.



The God of Small Things

by Arundhati Roy

"Family saga, forbidden love story, and piercing political drama, lush, lyrical, and unnerving."



The Namesake

by Jhumpa Lahiri

Indian family immigrates to US, clash of cultures, assimilation, traditions from Calcutta.



Family Matters by Rohinton Mistry

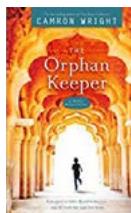
"Set in Bombay in the mid-1990s, Family Matters tells a story of familial love and obligation, of personal and political corruption, of the demands of tradition and the possibilities for compassion."



Sold

by Patricia McCormick

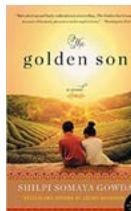
"An unforgettable account of sexual slavery as it exists today."



The Orphan Keeper

by Camron Wright

"A child living in poverty in India is kidnapped, placed in an orphanage, and adopted by a family in the U.S. It is a true story, and the boy grows up and searches for his identity."



The Golden Son

by Shilpi Somaya Gowda

"A glimpse of what life might be like for someone arriving in America from a small Indian village. Parental expectations clashing with personal hopes and dreams."

Look for the poster in the Narthex.

Sign up under the book you are reading to get our conversations started!