



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

“But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ ” (John 20: 24-28)

When a catastrophe happens to us, our first impulse always seems to try to get back to a previous state of being. I remember several years ago an insurance company had a commercial on television that started out by showing the ruins of a burned house. Then through reversing the film, the house’s state of being backed up until it was back to the way it was before the fire.

We almost always seem to have this impulse to want to go back when something happens that wounds us. We pray for God to fix our lives and we assume that the sure sign of God’s presence in our lives is when the damage is somehow magically reversed. Somewhat implicit in this compulsion may be the notion that this previous state is where God is and that our wounds are actually a sign of our God forsakenness.

This assumption is far from the actual teaching of the Church and it has tragic consequences for us when we continue in such a state of mind. One of the countless ways that we see the tragedy of this assumption play out in our culture is in the lives of old people and those with disabling conditions. Too often, when we find ourselves wounded by time or injury, we make the sad and sinful assumption that our wounded state makes us of less value and that our wounds are marks to be ashamed of, to be hidden and denied. Somehow we think that our value and sanctity are diminished because we are wounded.

I think that the story of Thomas is powerful in that it challenges us to see a part of the Resurrection that we all too often skip over. It is the fact that the risen Jesus retains the wounded state of his crucifixion and it becomes a part of the glory of the Resurrection. The wounds don’t go away; Jesus isn’t restored to his previous state of being before the cross. Rather, the marks of the spear and the nails point to something beyond what was before. They reaffirm that woundedness is not contrary to our wholeness in our lives. They proclaim that wounds are not a sign of God’s absence but God’s very presence in our vulnerability. Indeed, they are quite oftentimes opportunities for something more.

When we ask God to take away the wounds in our lives, we must realize that we may be living into a state of denial that has nothing to do with resurrection but everything to do with our own stubborn, self-deluded, egos.

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**Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II,
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New organ to be dedicated Ascension Thursday

Our new Johannus organ, a gift of Doug Amend, will be dedicated during the Holy Eucharist on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. The existing Reuter organ was also dedicated on Ascension Day—in 1963. The people of St Mark's Lutheran Church will be joining our congregation for worship.

Springtime wine-tasting event set

Get into the Mothers Day spirit and get to know your fellow parishioners better at a wine-tasting get-together in the parish hall at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9, .

Bring a bottle of a favorite wine or non-alcoholic beverage and cheese or a favorite snack – homemade or store-bought – to share at an informal gathering that will feature the musical stylings of our own Onnalee Harrell. Helen Call, who has teamed up with David Mai to organize the evening, hints at the possibility of a sing-along.

Coffee will be available.

Summer camp sign-up time is here

A week at Camp Wood makes a lot of happy memories and the deadlines are approaching to sign up for a 2009 summer session.

May 11 is the registration deadline for senior high and junior high camp; those attending intermediate camp should sign up by May 18. Session dates are May 31 through June 6 for seniors, June 7 through 13 for juniors and June 14 through 20 for intermediate campers.

Camp Wood, west of Emporia, offers horseback riding, a climbing tower, canoeing and kayaking, swimming and other sports, as well as arts and crafts. Campers also participate in worship, music, prayer and small-group discussions.

There are funds available to help with payment, so see Fr. Kelley about scholarships.

Two special liturgies take place this month

Ascension and Pentecost are coming up in the next few weeks.

Ascension Day is Thursday, May 21. We will be having Holy Eucharist with the members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church here at 7 p.m. We will dedicate the new organ during the liturgy.

The Day of Pentecost, one of the major feast days of the Church, is ten days later, on Sunday, May 31. You are invited to wear red, orange and yellow this day to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit that descended upon the apostles and people at the formation of the Church this day. This is a day for baptisms, so if you want baptism for yourself or your child, please see Fr. Kelley right away.

Looking ahead

- May 1** Family Night at St. Andrew's. If you don't already know the details, check with Carolyn Lackey (luekelackey@prodigy.net) or Cori Anderson (cori_s_anderson@hillspet.com). Family Night is for everyone, with or without children.
- May 6** Parish Life committee will meet at 5 p.m. in the parish hall.
- May 9** Wine-tasting gathering. See previous page.
- May 10** Mothers Day. All mothers and those who fill the role of mother to someone will be honored at coffee hour following the liturgy. Wear your hat, mom!
- May 14** The vestry will meet at 7 p.m. in the conference room. All vestry meetings are open to everyone and parishioners are welcome to attend.
- May 21** Ascension Day service begins at 7 p.m. The new Johannus digital organ, a gift from Doug Amend in memory of his parents, will be dedicated. The people of St. Mark's Lutheran Church will join us for this year's service.
- May 25** The women of St. Andrew's will gather for their monthly luncheon, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Coburn's restaurant. These are casual events and participants are encouraged to come and go as their schedules allow.
- May 31** The Feast of Pentecost. If you'd like, wear red, orange or yellow clothing to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit that descended upon the apostles and people at the formation of the Church this day.

End the day with Evening Prayer

Everyone is welcome to join Gary Mason in Evening Prayer at 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in the Mary Chapel. The spoken office follows Rite I in the Book of Common Prayer.

Adult reading group continues

Discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's "The Seeds of Heaven" begins at 10 a.m. each Sunday in the parish hall. The book comprises short sermons, each a meditation on a portion of Matthew's Gospel. Because each discussion is self-contained, spirited and informal, it's easy for people to join in as time allows.

For more information, talk with Deborah Cotterman or Lynn Bonney.

St. Andrew's thanks

everyone who made Holy Week and Easter Day so special ...

... Millard Harrell, who carved the beautiful cross for Good Friday Veneration.

... Trish Weidert and all Altar Guild members for their quiet, behind-the-scenes efforts.

... Andrea Garritano Freeze, Sue Seeman and all the musicians who shared their talents.

... Acolytes, altar servers (and parents who filled in at the last minute), lectors and intercessors.

... Parish Life members and others who provided treats for the Great Vigil and Easter Day receptions.

... The anonymous folk who helped the Easter Bunny with the egg hunt.

... Karen Whittlesey, who prepared all the extra bulletins needed for Holy Week services, and Elizabeth First, who helped fold all those bulletins.

... Fr. Rand Frew and Fr. Craig Loya, whose visits added to our joy.

... And Fr. Kelley, whose planning and eye for detail ensured that everything was just right.



After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.—from the Preface for Ascension.

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

May 2	Shirley Crist
May 6	Elaine Edwards
May 7	Elizabeth Hollar
May 14	Judy Heasley
May 16	Kelley Lackey II
May 18	Mel Storm
May 21	Diane Valentine
May 23	Larie Schoap
May 24	Richard Basler
May 28	Eric Edwards

Baptisms

May 13	Lee Fowler
May 20	Katie Adams
May 30	Barbara DeBauge

Confirmations

May 2	Kelley Fowler Gould Garcia
May 6	Colleen Mitchell
May 14	Janet Ayers Mark Crofoot Diane Valentine
May 17	Gary Mason
May 26	Eddie Gilpin

Marriages

May 9	Mark and Jenny Harder
May 14	Bob and DeLores Johnson

We remember

May 1	Edna Calvin Newman Wilbern Parker
May 2	J. Stanley Hagan
May 3	Anna Marie Crocker Howard Betty Warren
May 10	Lulu Stanley Clogston Marie Dreascher
May 11	Marion Tibbals Hartung Elizabeth Ann Martin Geraldine Walker
May 15	Leahman Faulkenbury

Milestones

May 17	John Crocker
May 19	Barbara Eileen Dodson
May 22	Carl Hill
May 24	Leota Wells DeLong
May 25	Mary Alice Davis
May 27	Pat Crofoot
May 28	Bob Toms
May 29	Pat Crofoot
May 30	Sarah Chandler Berryman Price Carol Louise Hutchinson Rothfelder

If your special date in May hasn't been included in the calendar, please let Karen in the church office know so she can add it to our listings.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

Those needing strength and healing: *Those needing strength and healing:* Liz Hollar, Reese Naylor, Briley Naylor, Terri Landeck, Tim Mai, Vazia and her family, Jud Lackey, Suzanne Pontius, Jim Resch, Rich Sleezer, Farley Wright, Nancy Pontius, Diane Valentine. ***Loved ones in the military:*** Gregg Etter, Bob Garven, John, Eric Muecke, Christopher Little, Molly, Aaron Riley, Michael Flory, Daniel Pearson, Chris Milan, Ewardo Mendoza.

(As space permits, the prayer list as of publication date will be included monthly.)

May Server Schedule

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 21 Ascension Day Thursday 7:00 p.m.	May 24	May 31 Pentecost (with incense)	June 7
Chalice bearer	R. Mitchell	J. Runge	G. Garcia	G. Garcia	J. Runge	G. Garcia	S. McKinney
Priest server	S. McKinney	J. Davis	R. Mitchell	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	J. Davis	P. Kelley
Crucifer	R. Mitchell	J. Crofoot	G. Garcia	G. Mason	J. Crofoot	P. Davis	S. McKinney
Torch 1	C. Anderson	C. Anderson	A. Mitchell	W. Dyer	C. Anderson	J. Runge	A. Mitchell
Torch 2	W. Dyer	W. Dyer	J. Runge	P. Davis	J. Runge	G. Mason	P. Davis
Lector	M. Harrell	B. Barnes	M. Amend	L. Bonney	B. Clamurro	M. Amend	M. Harrell
Intercessor	L. Bonney	J. Runge	M. Mingenback	B. Clamurro	M. Mingenback	J. Runge	G. Garcia
Nursery 1	J. Scheuerman	A. Jacob	J. Hubert	J. Hubert	J. Scheuerman	A. Jacob	J. Hubert
Nursery 2	L. Lingenfelter	N. Jacob	J. Scheuerman	L. Lingenfelter	C. Lackey	N. Jacob	J. Scheuerman
Greeter 1	J. Hubert	D. Mai	J. Hubert	D. Mai	N. Romine	J. Hubert	D. Mai
Greeter 2	J. Runge	S. Mai	TBD	S. Mai	TBD	TBD	S. Mai
LEV 1	J. Hubert	B. Barnes	J. Hubert	-----	S. McKinney	L. Bonney	S. McKinney
LEV 2	G. Mason	L. Bonney	L. Bonney	-----	G. Mason	J. Hubert	P. Kelley

Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.

FROM THE RECTOR, cont.

Usually, when I pray for God to fix something in my life and it doesn't happen, I become frustrated and offended by God's apparent lack of willingness to do what I think I know is best for me. Instead of offering up my life, wounds and all, to God, I present a prayerful ultimatum that springs from my deluded ego's need to create its own reality of what resurrection must look like. However, if I am honest with myself, my image of resurrection is probably pretty shoddy in comparison to the one that the creator and redeemer of all has in store for me.

When we acknowledge our wounds and then offer them up to God so that God can work through them to transform us, we begin to glimpse resurrection in a new and profound way. We may begin to see that it is often in the most wounded areas of our lives that God can do the most transformative work. That is not a resurrection that reverses the film of our lives to a time before the fire, but a resurrection that embraces and transforms our entire being into the image of the risen Christ, wounds and all.

Pax,
Kelley+

From the Treasurer

The following offerings were received for special projects.

Good Friday offering	
Diocese of Jerusalem	\$127.00
Easter offering	
AIDS International	\$594.00

—Mary Mingenback

Harrell creates Veneration Cross for St. Andrew's

Millard Harrell designed and created the cross used for Veneration during Good Friday liturgy. Millard, an accomplished and nationally-recognized woodcarver, worked on the cross during February and March to have it ready in time to be blessed on Palm Sunday, April 5.

The cross is made of poplar; the corpus is of basswood.

He is shown here with Fr. Kelley and Fr. Rand Frew, who participated in the Good Friday and Easter liturgies.

From the Senior Warden

Happy Mother's Day

1914: The U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution, which President Woodrow Wilson signed, establishing Mother's Day, emphasizing women's role in the family.

Happy Mother's Day, this May 10, to all the mothers, grandmothers, fathers and others who practice "mothering." St. Andrew's has a multitude of these people who work (many times, anonymously) taking care of our children, feeding us, cleaning, tending the grounds, organizing, figuring money, writing, sending cards, visiting the sick, making music, creating role models, making peace – and the list goes on to include acts, unacknowledged, that comfort us nonetheless.

Two of the many quotes attributed to Mother Teresa, particularly sum up the role of mothering:

- Love is doing small things with great love.
- Do not wait for leaders. Do it alone, person to person.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

—Sue Wilson

Northwest Convocation to host picnic for entire diocese

A diocesan-wide picnic to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Kansas will take place on Sunday, June 7, on the grounds of Bethany Place and Grace Cathedral in Topeka.

The afternoon will begin at 4 pm in the cathedral with Evensong offered by the Cathedral Choir. A picnic with hot dogs and potluck side dishes and desserts will follow after the service, beginning about 4:45 pm.

Episcopalians from across the diocese are invited – this isn't just for parishes from the Northwest. Each of the four convocations is hosting a special sesquicentennial event. —*from Dialog, the diocesan online newsletter.*

Deacon Kitty to graduate

Deacon Kitty Shield is graduating from seminary and everyone is invited! The ceremony is at Resurrection United Methodist Church at 13720 Roe Avenue, Overland Park, at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 15. Let Fr. Kelley know if you're going and maybe some car pooling can be arranged.

Prayer for the unemployed

If you or someone you know is unemployed or facing unemployment, this prayer from the Book of Common Prayer (page 824) may be of solace.

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer from want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of the land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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May 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the June Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it by noon that day to office@standrewsemporia.org.

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www.StAndrewsEmporia.org**



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