

THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2021



**FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH - ST LOUIS**  
**A GREAT CHURCH OF GREAT PEOPLE SERVING**  
**A GREAT GOD DOING GREAT THINGS!**

**MY FAITH**  
*Still*  
**HOLDS!**

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful!  
Hebrews 10:23

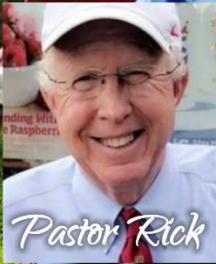


**JOIN US EASTER, APRIL 4, 2021**  
*Angel Hunt after 11am Service*

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

**SUNRISE 7A, WORSHIP 11A, 6P**

*Call for a Bus Ride (314) 607-1424, Handicapped Accessible, Listening Devices for Hearing Impaired, Welcome to All!*



**CLEAN UP &  
WORK DAY  
SATURDAY,  
MARCH 27 9AM**

**We need yard workers,  
painters, cleaners,  
sweepers,  
shiners, polishers, carriers,  
lifters, helpers, YOU!**



**PR WILL BE FIRING UP  
THE GRILL FOR  
DELICIOUS  
HAMBURGER  
& HOT DOGS  
FOR ALL  
THOSE  
WHO HELP  
US!**

yes!





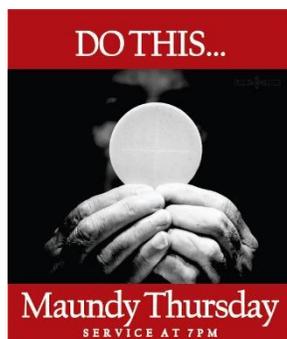
**Celebrate our Lord's Triumphant Entrance Into Jerusalem!**

**KIDS WILL LOVE THE HOSANNA PARADE**

**SERVICES  
WEDNESDAY  
3/31/21 7P**

**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY  
4/1/21 7P**

**GOOD  
FRIDAY - 4/2/21 7P**



**RESURRECTION SUNDAY,  
APRIL 4, 2021**

**7AM SUNRISE  
11AM WORSHIP  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
12PM ANGEL HUNT  
4PM DRIVEinCHURCH  
6PM EVENING SERV.**

**FROM THE WORD OF GOD**

**MATTHEW 26**

<sup>58</sup> But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

<sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

<sup>60</sup> But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,

<sup>61</sup> And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

<sup>62</sup> And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

<sup>63</sup> But Jesus held his peace, And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>64</sup> Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

<sup>66</sup> What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

<sup>67</sup> Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,

<sup>68</sup> Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

<sup>70</sup> **But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.**

<sup>71</sup> And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

<sup>72</sup> **And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.**

<sup>73</sup> And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

<sup>74</sup> **Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.**

<sup>75</sup> And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

## **A SPIRITUAL QUESTION**

Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?

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## **SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- PRAY THAT THIS EASTER SEASON WILL HAVE SPIRITUAL IMPACT in our community, our church, and in our personal lives.
  - AMY PIPKINS
  - YVONNE MASON
  - RON FEGER
  - DARLENE BULLAR
  - AVA CATLETT will be having open heart surgery in Boston, MA
  - SHARON NICKELSON
  - NORMA GILLHAM
  - AL LOCKHART
  - RICK FEGER and HIS WIFE
  - JANE FEGER'S SISTER PAT AND HER BROTHER SAM.
  - TAMMY LEWIS
  - LOGAN LEWIS
  - BOBBY KING
  - CHRISTY DODSON
  - KAREN CRABTREE
  - DAN STAFFORD
  - KEEP ALL THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY LOST LOVED ONES in your prayers...Remember Gary Oliver and family at the loss of his brothers Sid and Earle., Darryl Jenkerson at the loss of his father Jenks, Sheryl VanLandingham at the loss of her mother Ruth George, Ashley Akers at the loss of Jeff, Yvonne Mason at the loss of Raquel, Christy Dodson and Megan Walls at the loss of Diane Noltkamper, Megan Sample at the loss of Anthony, Elisa Biondo at the loss of John, Tom and Joe and Nick at the loss of their parents, Sheri Lewis at the loss of her cousin and aunt and uncle, and there are many others who are bereaved. Keep holding them up in our prayers.
  - LET'S PRAY FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and that THERE WILL BE GREAT AWAKENING IN OUR NATION!
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Rowan & Judy Fay Are Coming April 25

# MOMENTUM WEEKEND

These dear friends of your Pastor's will  
ENCOURAGE, STIMULATE, AND BLESS YOU!

Brother & Sis Fay have Pastored in NY, FL, & NC.

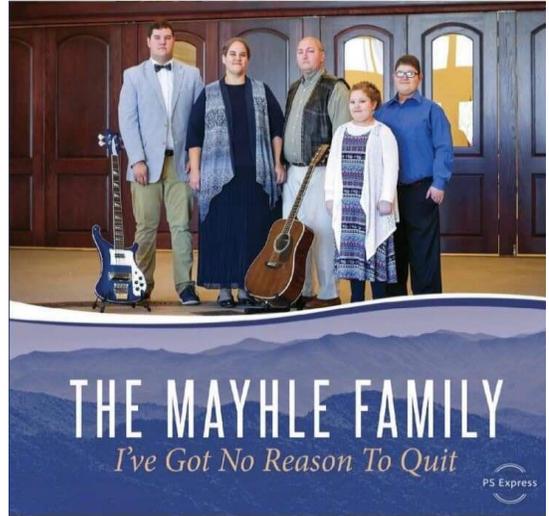
25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

*Together!*  
Philippians 1:27

We will have dinner on the grounds and  
an afternoon GOSPEL SINGING!

HEAR THE MAYHLE FAMILY SINGERS!

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REVIVAL SEP 12-19, 2021



CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT!

## March 2021

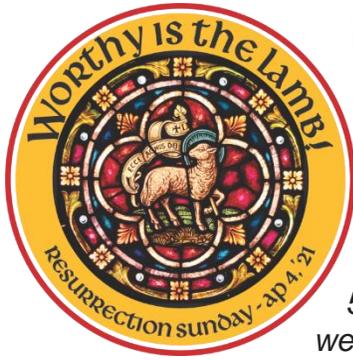


SUNDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>I LOVE MY CHURCH!</b> 31	CHICAGO SERVICE 2	7PM PRAYER MTG. 3	IHC BUS & OUTREACH CONVENTION @ UBC 4	7PM TEEN MEET 5	<b>NO MAKEUP REQUIRED MEN'S FELLOWSHIP FCC</b> 8am 10A WITNESSING 6
11A WORSHIP 6P PRAISE 7	MOBERLY SERVICE 9	7PM PRAYER MTG. 9	6PM DEACONS MTG. 11	7PM TEEN MEET 12	10A WITNESSING <b>SATURDAY MAR 13, 9:30A</b> 13
TIME CHANGE SUNDAY 11A WORSHIP 6P PRAISE 14	<b>SPRING AHEAD</b> CHICAGO SERVICE 16	7PM PRAYER MTG. 1	<b>FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH WELCOMES THE ALLEGHENY WESLEYAN COLLEGE</b> College Choir FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021 AT 7PM 2000 N LANSFORD, ST. ANNE, MO 65201 - TEL: 636.492.4444	<b>YOUTHQUAKE '21</b> AWC CHOIR 7P 19	ESCAPE NIGHT 6P 20
March Gladness! YQ21 11A WORSHIP 6P PRAISE 21	MOBERLY SERVICE 23	7PM PRAYER MTG. 24	25	7PM TEEN MEET 26	<b>FCC MEDIA</b> Three times a week FCC services are LIVESTREAMED on Facebook & YouTube & soon www.FCCStLouis.org 27
<b>Hosanna!</b> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! John 12:13	CHICAGO SERVICE 30	7PM PRAYER MTG. 31	<b>MAUNDY THURS. 7PM</b> 1	<b>GOOD FRIDAY 7PM</b> 10	3

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY - APRIL 4, 2021**  
**MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND - MAY 9, 2021**



DON'T LOSE THIS PACKED CALENDAR OF EVENTS! GOD BLESS OUR FCC FAMILY!



## WHY DID PETER DENY CHRIST?

Luke 22:54 "Peter followed afar off..."

### SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 22:54-62

54 Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.

55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.

56 But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him.

57 And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.

58 And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not.

59 And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaeen.

60 And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.

61 And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

**REFLECTION:** He denied Christ. "I know him not!" (Luke 22:57).

Then, he denied Christ again. "I am not!" (Luke 22:58)

Then, he denied Christ again. "I know not what you are saying!" (Luke 22:60)

The rooster crowed as dawn was breaking on the Holy City. Oh what a day that would be. Jesus turned away from facing his accusers and engaged Peter's eyes. (Luke 22:61)

A few hours earlier Peter knew that he would never deny Christ. "Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death." (Luke 22:33) But our compassionate Christ knew what Peter would actually do. "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat, But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." (Luke 22:31,32).

Bitter, scalding tears course down his face as he walks away from the scene of the crime. Three of the Evangelists tell us that Peter wept. Two of them tell us that Peter's tears were "bitter." (Matthew 26:75, Luke 22:62). We have all wept tears like that. We hate to fail those we dearly love. We hate to fail ourselves.

Much has been said and written of the distance between Peter and Christ on this fateful night. We read, "Peter followed afar off." (Luke 22:54). We cannot help but wonder if Peter would have kept his promise to be faithful if only he had been closer to Christ.

**Yet it wasn't where he was--it was who he was, that was his problem.** He was weak. He was fearful. And he was inconsistent. But Jesus loved him. (And Jesus loves us). And Jesus prayed for him. (And Jesus prays for us.) He prayed that Peter's faith would not fail. He prayed that Peter would be converted. And He prayed that Peter would strengthen his fellow brothers.

Was our Lord's prayer for Peter answered?

See Peter fifty-three days later, at 9:00 a.m. on the day the Jewish Church celebrates Pentecost. He is no longer weak--he is empowered. He is no longer afraid--he is emboldened. He is no longer inconsistent--his heart is fixed forever on Jesus.

It had been wonderful to have Christ with him the last three years, but it was far greater to have the "Spirit of Christ" within him that day, and everyday thereafter. (Romans 8:9-11).

The Lord's prayer was answered. He had prayed the Peter would be converted and he was!

When the multitudes gathered around the disciples to ask what they should do, Peter answered, *"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."* (Acts 2:38ff).

That sanctifying Spirit that so transformed Peter so that wherever he was, who ever he was with, and whatever he was doing, he would be found faithful, is able and willing to so transform us!

Until that day when he himself would die on a cross, Peter praised the Lord for the *"living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"* that *"sanctification of the Spirit,"* and the keeping *"power of God through faith."*(1 Peter 1:1-5). And so should all who have *"Christ within, the hope of glory!"* (Colossians 1:27).

**PRAYER:** Father in Heaven, "Whom have I on earth beside Thee, Whom in heaven but Thee." We honor your Word. We love your will. We are forever thankful for the sacrifice of your Son. We rejoice in the presence of your Spirit. Oh Lord God, we are so grateful that just as you were patient, and faithful, and loving to Peter, you have been more than patient, and faithful, and loving to us. May we never take your mercy and grace for granted. Lord we pray that the same Spirit that transformed Peter would transform us. Change who we are we pray. We are thine now, and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen. *"Our Father, &c"*