



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 2022 † 8:30 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.
Ushers will gather these following worship.*

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Children are welcome to participate throughout our
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

Children's Bibles and activity bags
*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

Large print bulletins are available for worship services.



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Three on “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Michael Costello
Michael Burkhardt
Robert Buckley Farlee

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 363

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

***Eastertide Lament**

P We assemble, praising the God of creation, rejoicing in the promise of the resurrection, and renewed in the gift of baptism.

Yet we stand with those who suffer throughout the world:
victims of war, both soldiers and civilians; refugees fleeing violence;
those forced into the loss of freedoms; the oppressed seeking justice
and social acceptance; those sick with the coronavirus;
the millions mourning their dead; the hungry and the homeless.

Hear us, O God.

C Hear us, O God.

P Keep us in the joy of the resurrection.

C Keep us in the joy of the resurrection.

P Sustain us to serve all in need.

C Sustain us to serve all in need.

P Give us your life.

C Give us your life.

Hear these words and receive their power:

God the Father, in wondrous mystery, daily sustains the whole earth.

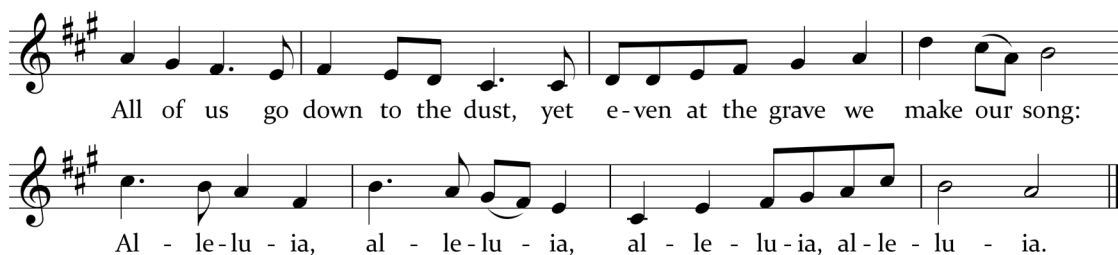
God the Son accompanies us through death and promises us new life.

God the Spirit empowers us to turn our Easter joy into service for others.

C Thanks be to God.

***Response Hymn — “All of Us Go Down to the Dust”**

Mark Mummert



Music: Mark Mummert, © 2003 Augsburg Fortress

***Greeting**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

- P** O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands
of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and
strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Acts 5:27-32

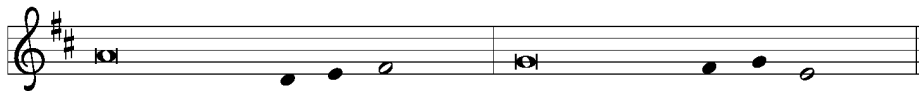
²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

- L** The word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 150

Antiphon: J. Jefferson Cleveland

Antiphon: Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah! Everybody, praise the Lord.



¹Hallelujah! Praise God in the | holy temple;
praise God in the | mighty firmament.

²**Praise God for | mighty acts;**
praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness. Antiphon

³Praise God with | trumpet sound;
praise God with | lyre and harp.

⁴**Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;**
praise God with | strings and pipe.

⁵Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;
praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.

⁶**Let everything | that has breath**
praise the LORD. | Hallelujah! Antiphon

Second Reading — Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — John 20:19-31**

ℙ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter. **☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.” ²⁶A 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.” ²⁷Then 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.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1005

“Ask the Complicated Questions”

***The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition: **℣** Lord, in your mercy, **℟** hear our prayer.

***Peace**

℣ The peace of Christ be with you always. **℟** And also with you.
You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”

French carol, arr. Kevin McChesney

Rejoice Ringers

***Offering Hymn** — “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav’nly blessed sing:

“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”

Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

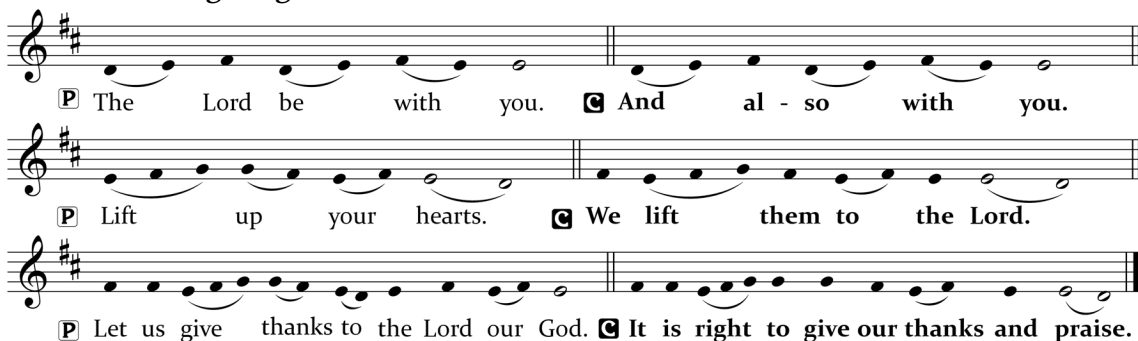
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

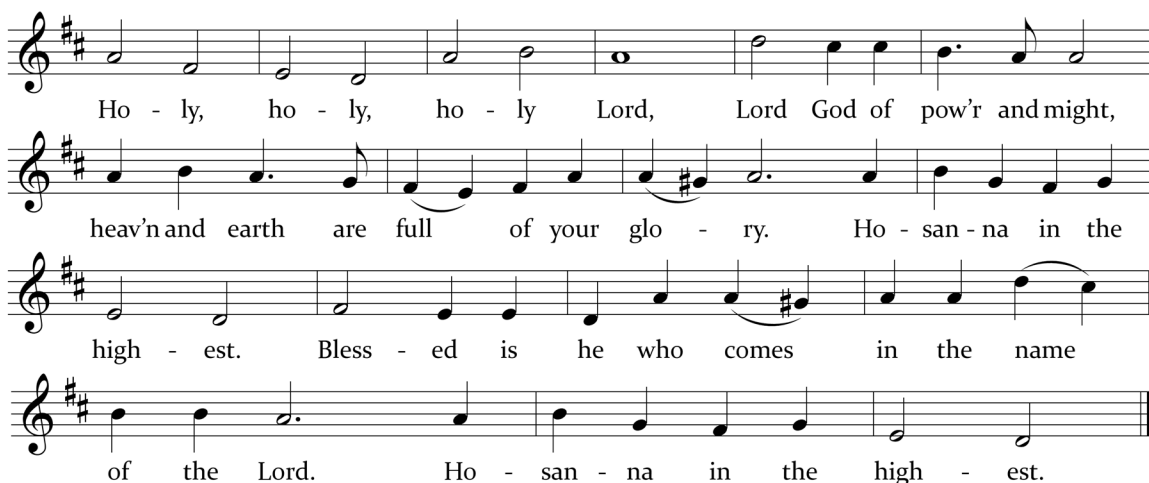


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer

- ☐ In the night he was betrayed . . .
... do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
- ☐ Great is the mystery of faith.
- ☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary;
ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center.
After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice.
The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray.
**If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know,
and communion will be brought to you.***

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn — “Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus”

Anne Krentz Organ

Cantor, then all singing.

Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Music: Anne Krentz Organ, © 2020 Augsburg Fortress (ACS Setting 12)

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☐ We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. ☑ **Amen.**

***Blessing**

Response: ☑ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn — ELW No. 375**

“Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen”

Refrain — All; Verses — Cantor

***Dismissal**

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
☑ **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
☐ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.
☑ **Thanks be to God!**



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Taggart Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch
Piano	David Sims
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; Zachery Pelletier, director
Coffee Service and Treats	Angie Gehring, Ted and Tricia Peterson
Counters	Sue Brockman, Shirley Keltto, David Norman
Ushers	Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert
Fun Run/Walk Volunteers	Dave and Cheryl Buck, Candace Godfrey, Doug Johnson, Jim and Deb Loe, Todd Menssen, Bob and Pat Tabery

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 24):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Next Week (May 1):

Coffee and Celebration of Duane Kringen's 100th Birthday, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6-12 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

Parent Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)

St. John's Forum: Emotional Health Part 2 (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in celebration of Lester Gunderson's 100th birthday on April 21. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: June 12, 19 & 26.

ELCA Alleluia 5k Fun Run/Walk

Today Beginning at 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's

The ELCA congregations of Northfield (St. Peter's, St. John's, and Bethel) are partnering on this 2nd Sunday of Easter to offer a unique worship service—a Fun Run/Walk! There will be a full 5k route (starting at St. Peter's) as well as a half-distance option (starting at St. John's). You don't have to be a walker or a runner to participate. Folks will be at each church to cheer and to return the Easter greeting to the walkers and runners. Church choirs will be singing along the way! Gather at Bethel at 11:00 a.m. for the final portion of the service (with holy communion). We will then enjoy a fish taco fellowship (in honor of Jesus' resurrection appearance at the beach)—if you're not a fish person, other fixings will be available too.

Coffee Hour Today After First Service in the Commons

To sign up to donate treats (homemade or store-bought), or to help with serving or clean-up, sign up in CCB in the "Monthly Hospitality - May" Group under the Needs tab, or email Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Special St. John's Forum: Emotional Health—Tending to the Effects of the Pandemic, Part 2

Next Sunday, May 1, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall and via Zoom

As we all try to find our way in this next phase and season of COVID, it is more and more clear that we, as a church and a community, are still living with the effects of the pandemic. Two years of chronic stress, periods of fearfulness, losses large and small, and the grind of perpetual change have taken a toll on all of us in different ways. How do we process and tend to these experiences? We can start by connecting and talking about them together. With the help of two local therapists, Erin Barnett and Elaine Nesbit, we will spend some intentional time thinking and sharing about the impact the pandemic has on us as individuals and as a community. During Part 1, we reflected on our experiences of the past two years and the impact on us that remains. For this session, we will look at how to live with the losses and benefits we have gathered during this time and how to live with uncertainty going forward. We hope you will join us for this community conversation.

Courageous Conversations Book Group Begins Thursday, May 12 at 4:00 p.m.

We will read and discuss *I Hotel* by Karen Tei Yamashita. The group will meet every two weeks on Thursdays through September. Dates are: May 12 & 26, June 9 & 23, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18, and September 1, 15 & 29. Please contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to sign up and receive the reading plan and Zoom link.

Announcements (continued)

Mental Health First Aid Course Offered at St. John's

Come learn about signs, symptoms, and how to respond to others with mental health concerns in this FREE training! Adult Mental Health First Aid has information and skills that everyone in our community should know about. People need others to be prepared to listen and to be aware of the resources available, especially in this ever-changing COVID time. It will be a worthwhile investment of your time! Choose either option:

- 2 four-hour sessions from 4:00–8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, and Tuesday, May 3
- 1 eight-hour session from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23

For information on how to register, go to the St. John's website.

Questions? Email Laura@healthycommunityinitiative.org.

Life in the Time of COVID. Tell us your story . . .

The New York Times calls COVID-19 “the greatest health catastrophe in a century.” In our community the first infections began in mid-March 2020, and the pandemic remains an ongoing public health crisis. In one way or another we still feel its impact on our lives. The Faith & Health Board invites St. John's members of all ages to reflect on living in the time of COVID. What have you experienced and felt? What have you lost or gained? How are you coping? How has the pandemic affected work, family, and church? Do you see a hopeful future?

- We are looking for stories from 100 to 2500 words in length. Artwork and poetry are also welcome. Submissions will close May 31, 2022.
- Please email your story to: office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. If you cannot send us your story by email, paper submissions are welcome at the St. John's office.
- Please see the link on the St. John's homepage for how families can submit for their children.

Children and Youth Ministries

3rd and 4th Grade Catechism Retreat

Saturday, April 30, 9:00–11:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

Vacation Bible School is Coming

An outdoor Family VBS provided by Bethel, St. John's, St. Peter's and Emmaus.

When: Wednesdays, June 15 & 22, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Where: Outdoors at Bethel (We will move indoors if raining.)

Who: Designed for Kids up through Elementary

Cost: \$20 per family

Register Online: <https://forms.gle/kWGJ6vxZo4qMdB6W6>

Prayer Requests

We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.

Healing and Support

Those in the hospital or in need of healing

Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Dick Kleber,
Paul Peterson, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Robert Franek (brother of Amanda Hansen)
Family of Joe Madsen (brother-in-law of Alli Skoglund)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim,
Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

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This Week At-a-Glance

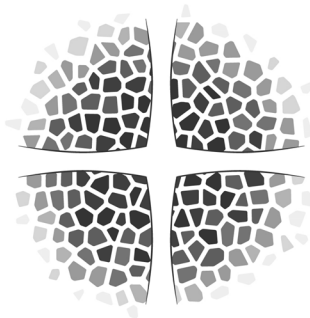
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Apr. 25	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Apr. 26	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Apr. 27	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Apr. 28	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Communion at Three Links, Offsite Book Buddies, St. John's Library Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Apr. 29	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Apr. 30	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Grade CAT Retreat, St. John's Hall O.W.L. Retreat, Youth Room
Sunday, May 1	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary (<i>For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11</i>) Worship (Baptism - Elijah Anthony Rydberg), Sanctuary

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 1):

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 + Psalm 30 + Revelation 5:11-14 + John 21:1-19



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.