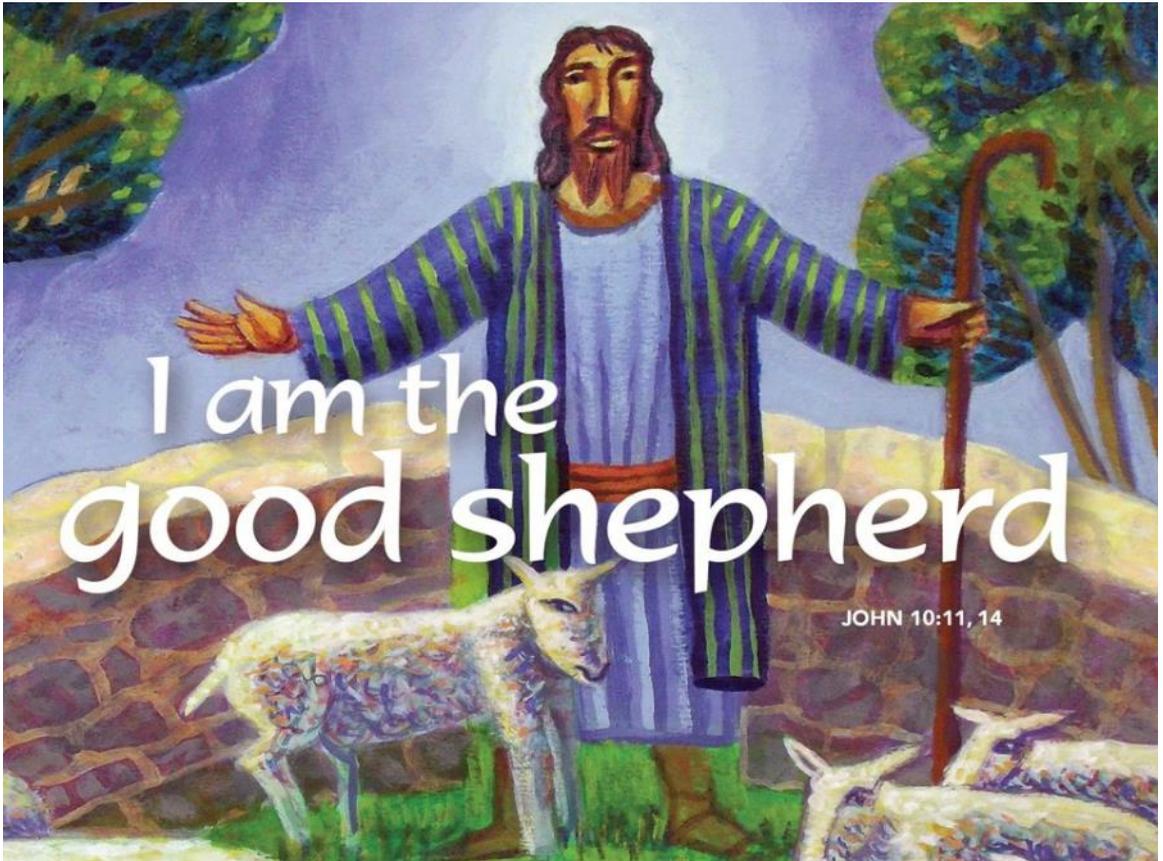


Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018



WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind,
please see an usher or ask any of Emanuel's parishioners.

For recycling, please leave this Worship Bulletin and any inserts on your seat.

WELCOME! If you are visiting with family or friends, we pray that your time together is filled with joy and love. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of our community of faith here at Emanuel Lutheran. Please consider filling out one of our “blue forms” that are in the back of the Church on the usher’s table.

HYMNS are taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Service Book & Hymnal (the red book in the pew rack), unless otherwise indicated.

PLEASE SILENCE cell phones and all electronic devices during the Service.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be submitted to the Church Office using a “blue form” which can be found on the back Usher’s table. These forms can also be used for address changes, and other information. You can also call the Church Office with your request.

EMANUEL NEWS: If you do not receive the Weekly Emanuel News by email there are printed copies in the back of the Church.

SERVING TODAY

Presider/PreacherThe Reverend Dr. Paula V. Mehmel
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Greeters Nancy and Andy Gray
Coffee Hour Hosts Property Committee
Director of MusicJonathan Reuning-Scherer
Musician Sarah Asmar
Assistant Music Director Katie Cox
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Easter is not just one day, but a whole season when we celebrate the resurrected Jesus. The season began on Easter Sunday and lasts for 50 days, The color is white, symbolizing resurrection and joy. *Thus the paraments on our altar will be white for 50 days.*

***The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of dear friends
by Rae Ann Gremel***

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The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

PRELUDE

Vocalise (Rachmaninoff)

Sarah Asmar, Soprano

During the prelude, the congregation is invited into a time of silent prayer.

WELCOME

The congregation is invited to stand for the parts of the Service that are marked with an asterisk "". If you are unable to stand you may remain seated.*

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends,
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.
Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.
We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
for water to bathe in, water to drink,
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,
for water that gives life to our planet.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
for water from our tap, and for rain

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

P: We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,
for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,
for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,
and for all who gather here;
for godparents and baptismal sponsors,
for children and grandchildren,
for our brothers and sisters in Christ
whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

P: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus v. 1-4

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*** GREETING**

P: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

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*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide
us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall
be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The congregation may be seated.

The children are invited to come forward.

ACCLAMATION***Halle, Halle***

Hal le, le, hal le lu jah! Hal le, le, hal le jah! Hal le lu jah! Hal le lu jah!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS**ACCLAMATION*****Halle, Halle*****FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today’s reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus’ name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Ananias the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Word of God, word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

¹The Lord | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no
evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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* GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

P: The holy gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay

down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY

The Lord's My Shepherd

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* THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us 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, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

* PRAYERS

After each petition

P: Lord in your mercy

C: **Hear Our Prayer**

* PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of God's peace.

*** PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

P: We offer our gifts – our time, our talent, and our treasure - to God,
 in thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

*** OFFERTORY** *This Joyful Eastertide v.1*

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*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Together, let us pray ...

**C: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
 as you were made known to the disciples.**

**Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.**

Amen

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
 the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
 who in dying has destroyed death,
 and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
 And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
 resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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**

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

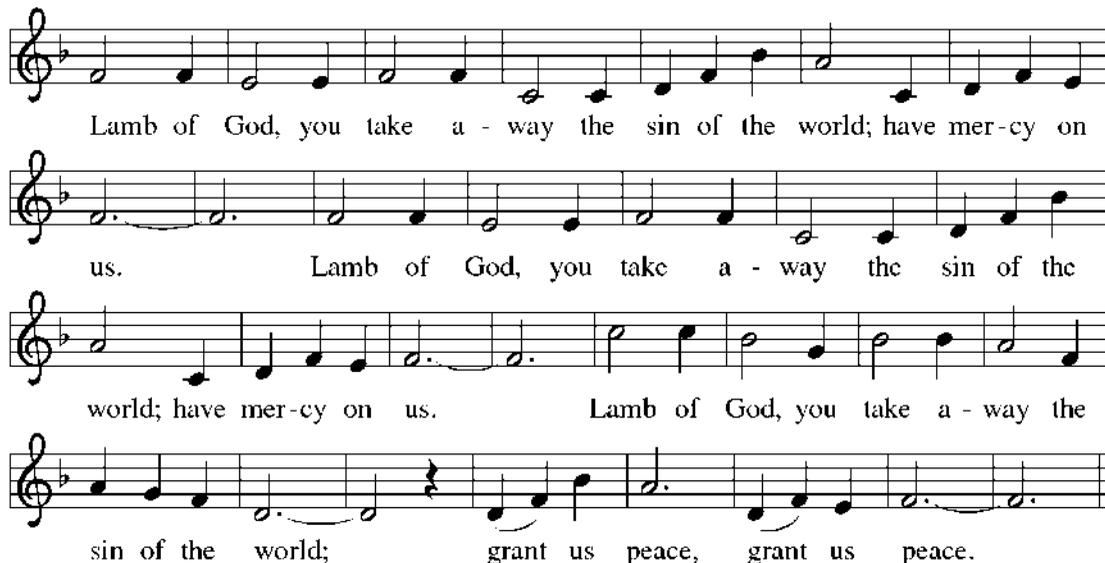
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All are welcome

P: Now let us feast this Easter day
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*The sacrament is offered using the practice of **intinction**. Please dip the bread into either the red wine or white grape juice.*

Gluten-free wafers are offered on a special tray, along with contaminant-free glasses of wine and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the Communion Servers.

If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and we will be happy to bring communion to you.

Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Children will receive a goldfish cracker as a reminder of God's love for them.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Have No Fear, Little Flock

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God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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*** TABLE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: **Amen.**

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*** BLESSING**

P: May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia, v. 1, 3, 5

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us downstairs in Luther Hall for coffee and fellowship. All are welcome!



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Linda Cutler † Emre † Brook Nowak † Mal Doyle † Dr. Candi Carroccia †
Gail Duek † Karin Gottier † Rudy Peterson † Carol Johnson † Elaine Wilson †
Joan Feldmann † Doris Barron † Betty-Lois Benson † Inger & Beverly Swanson

Susan Johnson passed from this life into life eternal with God on
Tuesday, April 17. A memorial service will be held at a future date.

MISSION AND MINISTRY MEETINGS

Four more Mission and Ministry Meetings are available. If you have not yet participated please consider signing up for and then participating one of these informal meetings. Whether you are a life-long member of Emanuel or have more recently joined your voice is important.



- ◆ April 23: 7:00—9:00 PM in West Hartford at the Graulich Residence
- ◆ April 29: 11:30—1:30 PM in the Lounge.
Host: Mark Hollertz and Keren Paquette
- ◆ May 6: 11:30—1:30 PM in the Lounge.
Host: Jim Flanders and Elizabeth Kieschnick
- ◆ May 15: 7:00—9:00 PM in West Hartford at the Murphy Residence

Sign-up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e45ada82aa7fc1-mission> or in Luther Hall.

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE



On the first Sunday of each month the Sunday School Children have been taking an offering in lieu of a Children's Sermon. To date, the "loose change" that you have generously placed into the buckets has totaled \$485. The Children will decide, in the context of Sunday School, where to designate this offering. Once they have decided, we will let the congregation know. The idea behind the "Noisy Offering" is to instill a sense of excitement about stewardship in children as well as identify opportunities to give beyond themselves to support the needs of others. It also helps us all to see that no offering is too small and when we unite together, we can accomplish more. The next "Noisy Offering" will be on May 6th, remember to bring your loose change!

2018 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Emanuel is proud to maintain thirteen scholarship endowment funds, valued at approximately \$1.15 million at the end of 2017. Last year, thirty members of Emanuel’s family received \$71,050 in scholarship or grant awards, bringing the awards for the past ten years to over \$540,000 for 150 individuals. How blessed Emanuel has been to benefit from the generosity of the scholarship fund donors who left gifts that would positively impact the lives of so many Emanuel people! Further details about the scholarships and the process for applying will be provided in the May issue of *God With Us*.

EMANUEL AT THE HARTFORD YARD GOATS

We still have a few discounted tickets to the Hartford Yard Goats vs. Portland Seadogs on Saturday, May 5. Gates open at 4:30 PM with Game Time at 6:05 PM.

This is “Faith and Family Day” at Dunkin Donut’s Park with a post-game Fireworks display by Atlas Fireworks. The seats are in Section 106 which is between home plate and first base and behind the visitor’s dug out. If you are ready for some baseball and/or fireworks and would like to purchase tickets please call or stop by the Church Office, or see John or Jane this morning. The tickets are \$11 each (a discount of \$5) and they are on a “first come, first serve” basis.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EMANUEL

- ◆ April 22—11:45—1:45 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Mini-Retreat
- ◆ April 25—6:45 PM Confirmation Students with Pastor Paula
- ◆ April 28—Trinity Academy Fund Raising Gala at the Delmar in West Hartford. Call the Office for info.
- ◆ April 29, May 6 & May 15—Mission & Ministry Meetings
- ◆ May 2—6:00 PM Confirmation Students
- ◆ May 3—12:00 Noon Community/Senior Luncheon
- ◆ May 5—6:00 PM Emanuel Day at Hartford Yard Goats (call the Church Office for Tickets—\$11/each)
- ◆ May 9—6:30 PM Potluck Dinner and Presentation at 7:00 PM of Bible Places -Part 2
- ◆ May 16—Confirmation potluck dinner with Prayer Friends
- ◆ May 19—Elinor McCue Memorial Service
- ◆ May 20—Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Sunday
- ◆ May 27—Baptism of Kai & Izzy Hazard
- ◆ May 28 —Memorial Day. Church Office Closed

April/May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 4th SUNDAY of Easter † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Sunday School • 11:45 – 1:45 7 th & 8 th Confirmation Mini-Retreat	23 • 7:00 – 9:00 PM Mission & Ministry Meeting	24 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 Council	25 • 6:45 PM Confirmation Students	26 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10 AM Bible Study • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	27 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	28 • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout • 6:00 Trinity Academy Gala @ Delmar
29 5th SUNDAY of Easter † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Sunday School • 11:30 Mission & Ministry Meeting	30 May 1 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 10:00-12:00 CT Genealogists • 7:00 PM Neonatal Bereavement	• 6:00 PM Confirmation Students	2 • 6:00 PM Confirmation Students	3 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10 AM Bible Study • 12:00 Senior Lunch • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal • 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	5 • 8:45 – 3:00 PM Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering (Zion Lutheran) • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout • 10:00 AM Foodshare Walk Against Hunger at Dunkin Donuts Park. Register at 8:30. • 6:00 PM – Emanuel & Yard Goats baseball (vs. Portland)
6 6th SUNDAY of Easter † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Sunday School • 11:30 – 1:30 Mission & Ministry Meeting	7 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Property Committee	8 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Property Committee	9 • 6:30 Potluck Dinner and Pictures	10 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10 AM Bible Study • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	11 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	12 • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout
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20 DAY OF PENTECOST † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Confirmation Sunday • Sunday School	21 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Council Meeting	22 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Council Meeting	23	24 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • No Bible Study • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	25 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	26 • No Sprout • 10:00 AM Martha Dimantry Kannah Service for her uncle

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