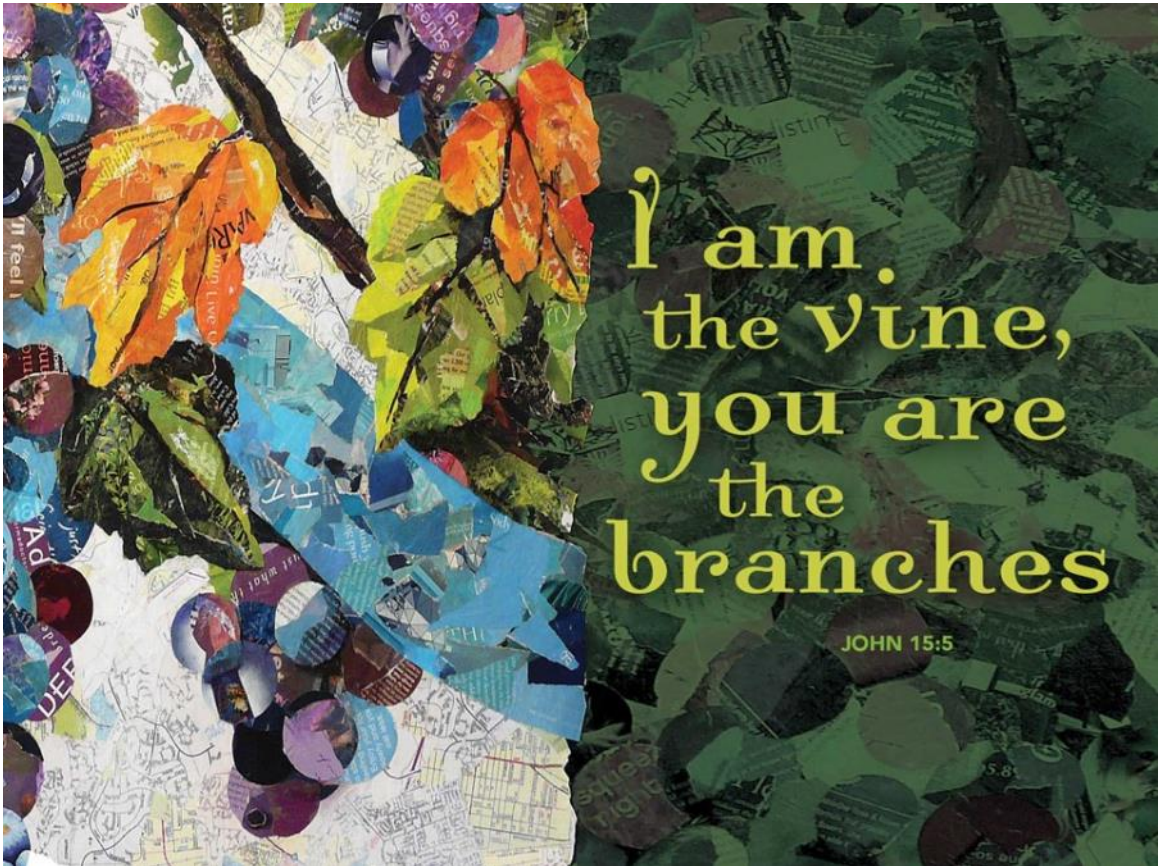


Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018



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
Assisting Minister..... Alan Meeds
Lectors..... Kathy Haller (8 am) and Chet Brodnicki (10 am)
Acolyte and Crucifer Gifty Kannah and Olivia Jarvis
Communion Preparer Val and Craig McDonald
Greeters Sue and Ed Maher
Director of Music Jonathan Reuning-Scherer
Sound & Recording Rhiannon Kiersznowski



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 Thanksgiving for the prayers of the People of Emanuel by Lynn & Lee Sherman

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This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

At the Lambs High Feast

Bell Choir

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

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**

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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 God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot
live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of
love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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**ACCLAMATION*****Halle, Halle*****FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, the Ethiopian is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

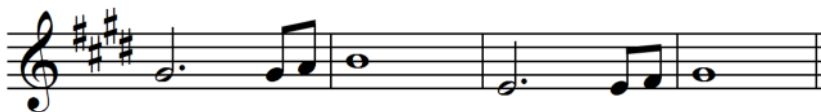
Word of God, word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31



I will praise you, Lord, in the as-sembly of your peo - ple



²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations. R**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the

LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" R

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love would bear fruit, for apart from him, they could do nothing.

P: The holy gospel according to John

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

We Know That Christ is Raised

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*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

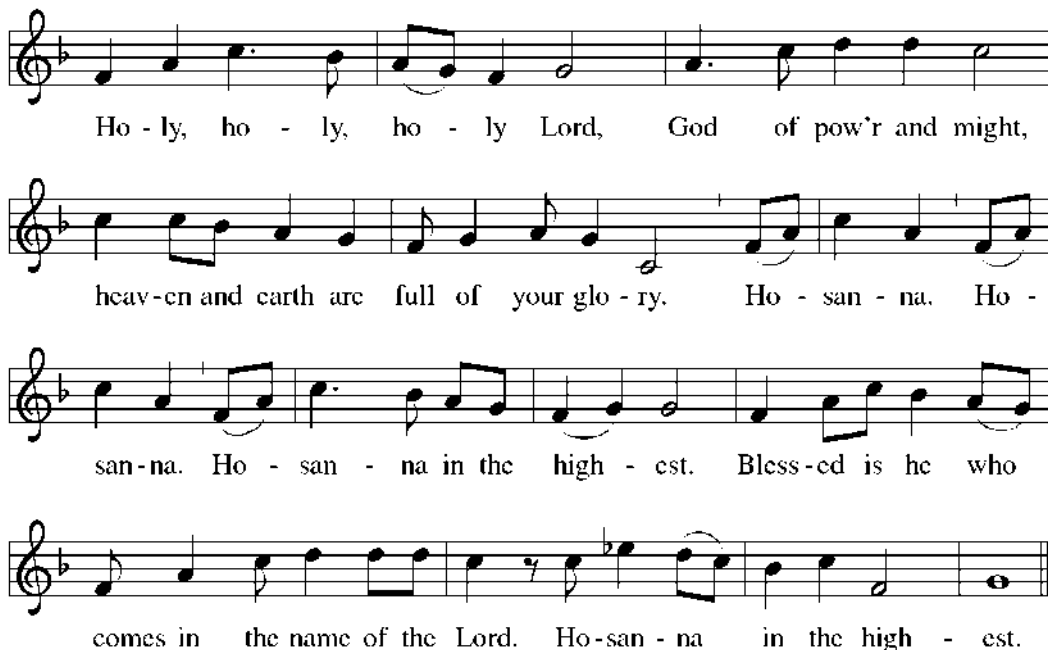
P: Let us confess our faith, in the words of the Apostles Creed.

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.**

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**

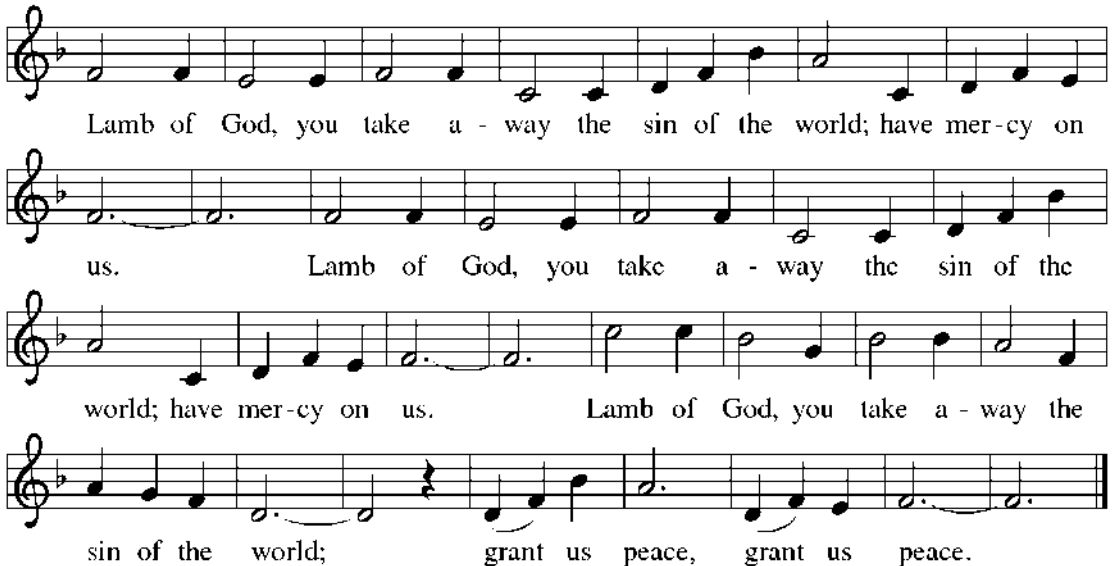
*** LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**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

All are welcome

*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

O Blessed Spring

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*** POST COMMUNION 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**

He is Exalted

He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high; I will praise___ him.

He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise his

name. Je - sus is Lord, for - ev - er his truth shall reign;

hea - ven and earth re - joice in his ho - ly name.

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high.

*** 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

Postlude on 'Engleberg'

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

INVEST IN THE YOUTH GROUP



On June 26th-July 1st, 11 youth and 2 adults from Emanuel will attend the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. This trip provides an amazing experience of faith, grace, and community service with 35,000+ other Lutheran youth from across the country. To support this trip, our youth will hold a Stock Sale where you can invest in our youth on and in return receive a post-card or letter from a youth on the trip and attend a Stockholders' Dinner in the fall where you can hear about the Gathering and our youth's experience. The Stock Sale will occur in Luther Hall after church on 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, and 5/20. Shares will cost \$25 each and you may purchase as many shares as you like. For questions or if you will not be in church and want to purchase shares, please reach out to Lance Hansen at lance.hansen.ct@gmail.com or (860) 882-9632.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EMANUEL

- ◆ Mission & Ministry Meetings: 4/29 at 11:30 am, 5/6 at 11:30 am, 5/15 at 7:00 pm
- ◆ May 2—6:00 PM Confirmation Students
- ◆ May 3—12:00 Noon Community/Senior Luncheon
- ◆ May 5—8:30 AM Foodshare Walk Against Hunger
- ◆ May 5—6:00 PM Emanuel Day at Hartford Yard Goats (Tickets—\$11/each)
- ◆ May 6—Noisy Offering
- ◆ May 9—6:30 PM Potluck and Pictures 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 |
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| April 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 | 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 | 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 • Noisy Offering • Sunday School • 11:30 – 1:30 Mission & Ministry Meeting | 7 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 • 7:00 Mutual Ministry Meeting | 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 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 • 10:00 AM Martha Dimranay Kannah Service for her uncle | |
| 27 HOLY TRINITY † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • 10:00 am – Baptism of Kai & Izzy Hazard | 28 Memorial Day Church Office Closed | 29 • 10:00 AM Craft Group | 30 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal | June 1 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program | 2 • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout | |

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