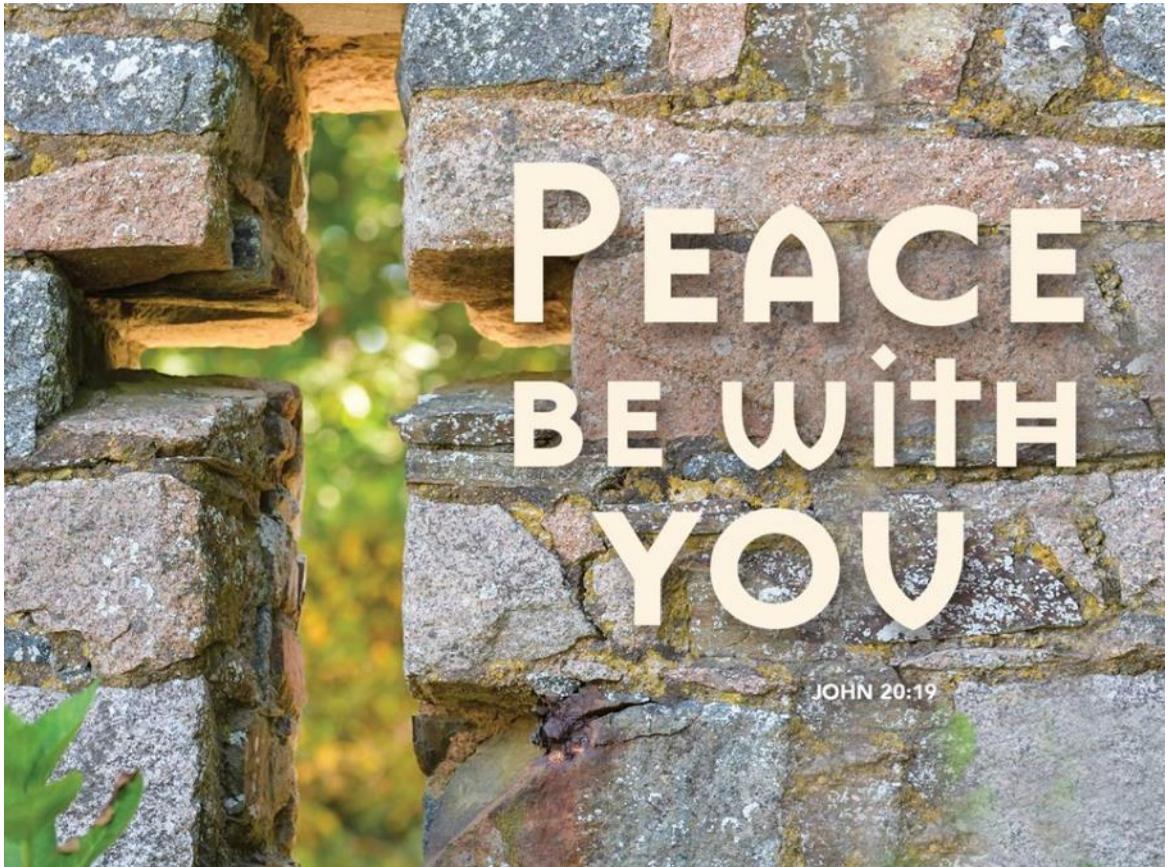


Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018



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, you may leave this 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.

SERVING TODAY

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Acolyte and Crucifer..... Libby Karim and Delanie Halstead
Communion Preparer Eileen Mitchell
Greeters Lois House and Lorraine McCann
Coffee Hour Hosts Parmelee family, Jeff Potter, Jennifer Jarvis & Janet Craven
Director of MusicJonathan Reuning-Scherer
Musician Sarah Asmar
Assistant Music Director Katie Cox
Sound & Recording Harry Arcand



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

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The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

PRELUDE

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, for rain [and snow],

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** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!* **369**

*** 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* **ELW Page 140**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection.
By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the
resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 assembly may be seated.
The children are invited to come forward.*

ACCLAMATION***We Are Marching in the Light***

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We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas:

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

NOISY OFFERING**FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35**

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God, word of Life

PSALM: Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleas- | ant it is,
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe. R**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore. R

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, word of Life

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

*** GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31**

The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

P: The holy gospel according to John

C: **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.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus 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.³¹ But 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.

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

SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk by Faith

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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.

OFFERING MUSIC *Oh Sons and Daughters of the King*

Emanuel Choir

*** 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.**

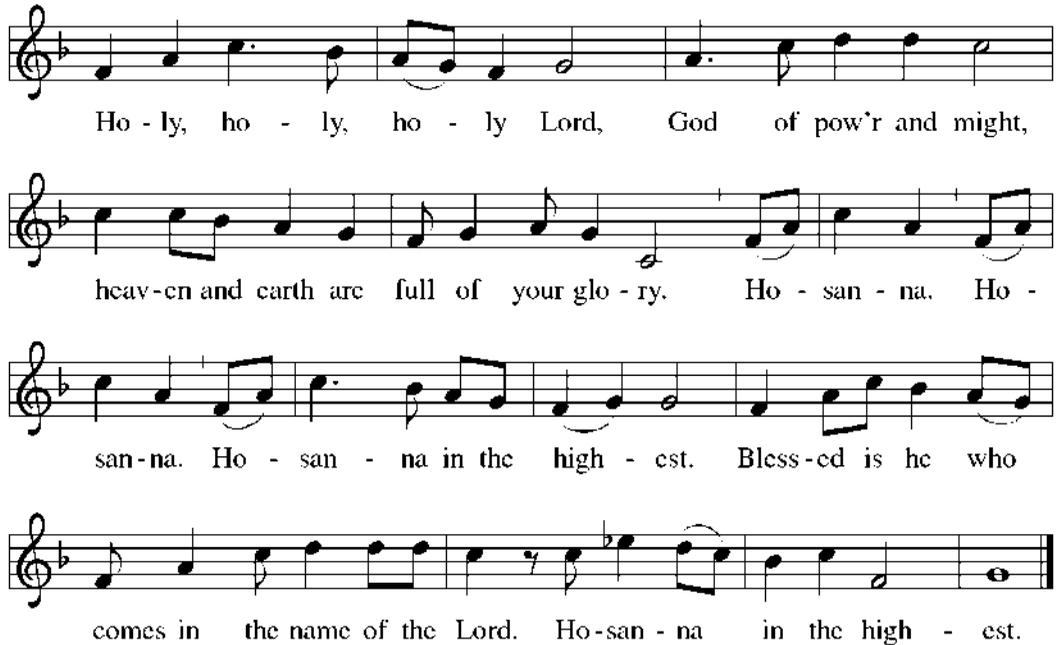
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Now the Green Blade Rises
Alleluia

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Sarah Asmar, Soprano

*** 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**

Alleluia, Christ is Arisen

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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.

Brook Nowak † Mal Doyle † Russ Bjorklund † Dr. Candi Carroccia † Gail Duek †

Karin Gottier † Rudy Peterson † Carol Johnson † Elaine Wilson †

Joan Feldmann † Doris Barron † Betty-Lois Benson † Inger & Beverly Swanson

Dick Johnson, a life long member of Emanuel passed from this life into life eternal with God on Wednesday, April 4. His family will have a private memorial service for him in the near future.

“CONNECTIONS!” BULLETIN BOARD IN LUTHER HALL—A PLACE TO POST ITEMS OR SERVICES Whether you’re searching for something or have something to offer, take a look at what’s on the board. Please keep the posting to no larger than 5 ½” X 8”. It should be dated and must have your name and contact number.

- ◆ Postings will stay up for one month and then will be retired. You are welcome to put up a new posting.
- ◆ Emanuel makes no warranties or promises regarding the condition, quality or pricing of any goods or services -- Emanuel only provides the space and opportunity for postings.
- ◆ No services or goods that require professional licenses or permits may be posted.
- ◆ Sorry -- please no company business cards.
- ◆ It’s OK to use Emanuel’s parking lot for delivery/pickup, but the church cannot receive, transport or store any items.

MISSION AND MINISTRY MEETINGS

Three more Mission and Ministry Meetings have been scheduled: April 29th and May 6 at 11:30 at Emanuel. May 15 at 7:00 PM at the Murphy Residence. Sign-up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e45ada82aa7fc1-mission> or the sign-up in Luther Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EMANUEL

- ◆ April 15 at 11:30—Special Meeting of the Congregation to vote on our 2018 Capital Plan.
- ◆ April 18 and May 9 at 6:30—Presentation by Pastor Paula of Bible Places along with a potluck dinner (parts 1 and 2)
- ◆ April 22—Chili Cookoff to benefit the Youth Group
- ◆ 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 3—Senior Luncheon
- ◆ May 5—6:00 PM Emanuel Day at Hartford Yard Goats (call the Church Office for Tickets—\$11/each)
- ◆ May 16—Confirmation potluck dinner with Prayer Friends
- ◆ May 19—Elinor McCue Memorial Service
- ◆ May 20—Confirmation Sunday

See the Calendar on Page 15 of this Worship Bulletin for more events and activities!

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
SUNDAY – APRIL 15**

There will be a special meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, April 15, 2018 after the 10:00 AM Service to discuss and vote on Emanuel’s 2018 Capital Plan. Please plan on attending.

**EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2018 Capital Plan**

Expand existing fire alarm system to include Chapel smoke detection	\$ 2,000
Replace parking lot lighting.....	\$ 3,000
Install safety padding in gym	\$ 4,000
Replace auditorium/gym doors	\$ 7,500
Replace Luther Hall rear entry door	\$ 6,000
Preliminary study on West tower masonry and parish building North windows .	\$ 6,000
Purchase 2 AED Defibrillators	\$ 3,200
Re-key church/parish building locks to include key/alarm code assignments	\$ 5,000
Install additional AC unit in Luther Hall	\$12,000
Install parish building directional/room signage	\$ 1,000
Hungerford House improvements (appliances, laundry hookups, floor refinish) .	\$ 9,000
Purchase 3 pedestal fans for church cooling	\$ 1,200
Restore landscaping	\$ 500
Install lobby exterior signage, bench, accessories	\$ 4,000
Refresh/amend front exterior signage	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
TOTAL 2018 Capital Plan	<u>\$65,900</u>

Note: These are preliminary estimates. Property and project teams will work to implement the most cost effective and appropriate solution to meet Emanuel’s needs.

MOTION FOR CAPITAL NEEDS

In recognition of the ongoing needs related to the care and operations of Emanuel’s facilities, the congregation needs to vote to approve the allocation of \$65,900 from the Capital Needs Endowment Fund to support the projects as outlined above.

This capital plan is presented with the understanding that unanticipated needs may require modifications/re-prioritizing as determined by Council and Property Committee.

April/May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 8 2ND Sunday of Easter † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Noisy Offering • Sunday School	9	10 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Property Committee	11	12 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	13 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	14 • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout
15 3RD Sunday of Easter † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • No Sunday School • Meeting of the Congregation to vote on Capital Plan	16	17 • 10:00 AM Craft Group	18 • 6:30 Potluck and Pictures	19 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:00 AM Bible Study • 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry (lounge) • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	20 • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program	21 • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout
22 4TH Sunday of Easter † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Sunday School • 11:00 Chili Cook-Off	23	24 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 Council	25	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	2	3 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10A M Bible Study • 12:00 Senior Lunch • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal • 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	4	5 • 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	7	9 • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Property Committee	9 • 6:30 Potluck and Pictures	10 • 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10A M Bible Study • 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal • 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	11	12

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