

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

April 28, 2024



Prelude *Lord of the Dance* Sydney Carter
Autumn Barber, flute

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The assembly stands and turns to face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

ELW 385 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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(11:00) Children Worship and Wonder

Children are dismissed for Children Worship and Wonder

Greeting

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

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

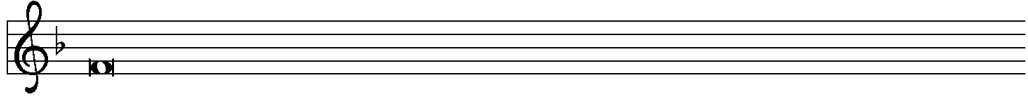
Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

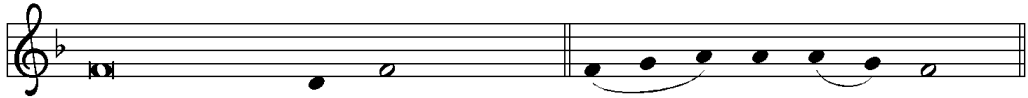
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



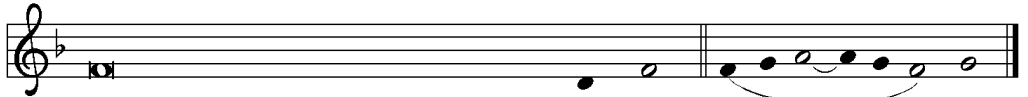
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Canticle of Praise



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40 *Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian*

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.”

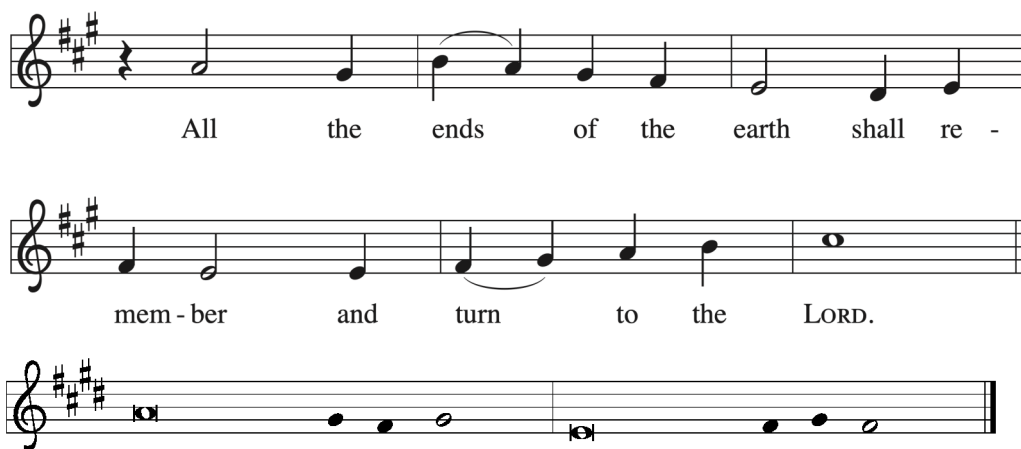
³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the 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.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



Psalmody

Psalm 22:25-31



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "All the ends of the earth shall re -". The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "mem - ber and turn to the LORD.". The third staff shows the beginning of a new line of music, starting with a key signature change to D major (two sharps).

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ^l great assembly;

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

²⁶**The poor shall eat ^l and be satisfied,**

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

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ^l to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow ^l before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs ^l to the LORD,**

who rules o- ^l ver the nations. R

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ^l down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- ^l fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall ^l serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to genera- ^l tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ^l yet unborn,

saying to them, "The ^l LORD has acted!" **R**

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21 *God's love perfected*

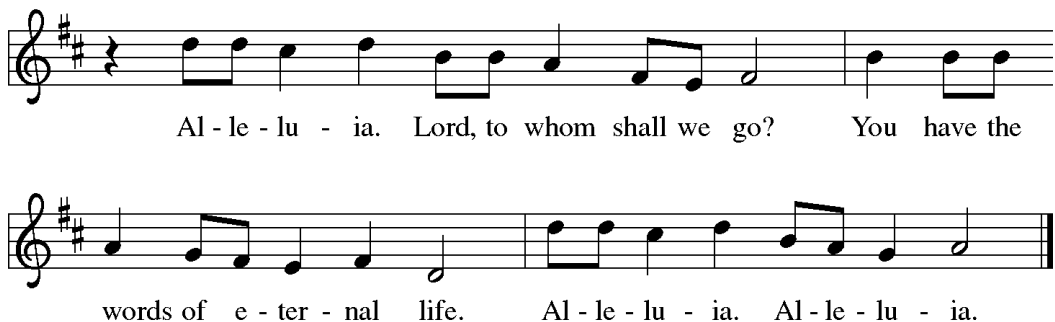
⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is 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. The word of the Lord *or* Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand to welcome the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

(cantor) I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. (Repeat alleluia)

Gospel

John 15:1-8 *Christ the vine*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 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.”

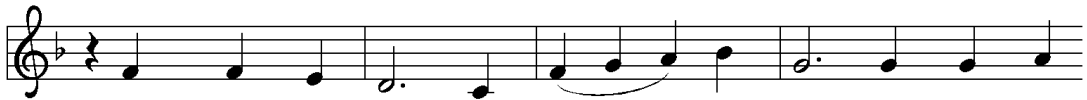
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sing the acclamation and then we sit.

Sermon Pastor Dana Lockhart

We stand to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day ELW 447 *O Blessed Spring*
(cantor sings first 2 stanzas)



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950
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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

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share the peace of Christ with one another and then sit.

Welcome and Announcements

(11:00) Choral Offering

Love Is Come Again

French Folk Tune, arranged by John Erickson

Parish Choir

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead my risen Lord is seen, love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again. Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: love is come again like wheat arising green.

Christ the Lord is risen, sing alleluia! Risen for our salvation, sing alleluia! Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: love is come again like wheat arising green.


We stand.

Offering Song WOV 671 *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*


Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord; al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia give praise to his name. 1 Je - sus is Lord of
2 Spread the good news o'er
3 Come, let us praise the



all the earth; he is the king of cre - a _____ tion.
all the earth; Je - sus has died and has ris _____ en.
liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Refrain

Offering Prayer


Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**


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

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

It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:



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 death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
 ...great and promised feast. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
 ...all your saints in light. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
 ...now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Music during Communion

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing setting by Sondra Tucker
 Autumn Barber, flute

Be Known to Us Lord Jesus (sung repeatedly)

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.

When all have communed, we stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Hymn

ELW 537

On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Dismissal

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

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

On Our Way Rejoicing setting by Mark Sedio

Serving Today

Assisting Minister	Ray Hughes
Cantor	Justin Felix
Flute	Autumn Barber
Organist/Pianist	Kathy Egner
Ushers	(8:30) Richard Michel & Lin Whitley (11:00) Wendroth Family
Greeter	(8:30) Linda McDaniel (11:00) Debbie Rosenberg
Sacristan	(8:30) Julie Keller (11:00) Phyllis Hasbrouck
Counters	Judy Page & Elaine Billington
Livestream Operator	Jonathan Delap
Ministers	All Members of Faith
Pastor	The Reverend Dana Lockhart
Pastor Emeritus	The Reverend Ron Luckey
Parish Administrator	Amanda Nord
Director of Music	Kathy Egner
Youth Assistant	Paige Barricklow
Faith Learning Center Director	
Sexton	Neil McComb

Worship Servants for Next Sunday (May 5)

	8:30	11:00
Assisting Minister	Judy Page	Judy Page
Cantor	Carrie Hayes	Carrie Hayes
Ushers	Richard Michel & William Holmes	Victoria & Bea Lockhart
Greeter	Diana Shappley	Debbie Rosenberg
Sacristan	Marianne Kehres & Diane Nicely	Sharon Fegley
Counters	Penni Black & Carol Buchanan	
Livestream Operator		Jonathan Delap

April 28, 2024 Announcements



The Harstad Fine Arts Series presents the 2023-2024 Season Finale:

A Taste of Arkansas Bluegrass

Sunday, May 12 at 3:00 PM

An eclectic amalgamation of hard driving traditional Bluegrass and progressive musicality juxtaposed with a soulful Country and Americana flavor presented by Gravel Yard.

"LexArts has provided funding support for the Harstad Fine Arts Series 2023/2024 season through its Fund for the Arts."

LEXARTS



Thank you so much to everyone who has helped make our soup lunch fundraisers for the National Youth Gathering successful, especially to those who brought soup! Our next soup lunch will be April 28th after the 11:00 service. If you would like to bring in a soup for this fundraiser, please reach out to Paige Barricklow and let her know what you're bringing. If not, please plan to stay after church on the 28th for a bowl of soup!

Save the Date: Outdoor Service

There will be one service at 10 am on June 30. This will be our annual outdoor service and will be at the same location as last year (Shillito Park). More details to come!

YARD SALE!!!!



Saturday, May 25th, 2024

8:00 AM to 1:00PM

Faith Lutheran Church

1000 Tates Creek Road

Lexington, KY 40502

Are you doing some spring cleaning? Are you ready to de-clutter? Need extra space in the kitchen, the closet or the garage? Well, here is your chance to make your efforts count! The Parish Life Committee of Faith Lutheran Church is once again organizing a yard sale to help the **A Taste of Grace** family of nonprofits. This year, the yard sale proceeds will go to **Grace Missions and Chez Moi Orphanage**. Please consider donating any unneeded items you may have and of course come shopping! **We are not accepting electronics, large furniture items or clothing (with the exception of lightly used children's clothing).** **Due to storage issues, we will begin accepting items on Saturday, May 18th.** Please stop by Faith Lutheran Church located at 1000 Tates Creek Road in Lexington during office hours (Monday-Thursday 9AM – 3PM & Friday 9AM – Noon) for directions as to where to place your donations. Please contact Scott Gralheer (859-552-6206 or s.gralheer60@gmail.com) or Don DeLuca (859-619-1008 or don.deluca@eku.edu) with any questions.

Israel/Palestine Forum

On April 14th, Faith had an initial forum about the ongoing crisis in Gaza and the wider issue of peace in the Holy Land. Pastor Dana shared resources from the ELCA and we had a respectful discussion. To build on this, a second forum is scheduled for May 5th at 10 am in Faith House. All are welcome to attend and take part in the conversation. Please contact Pastor Dana for more questions or for more information.

Pentecost Ideas Needed!

Pentecost Sunday is traditionally the third great feast day on the church calendar (along with Christmas and Easter). This year, we are hoping to make Pentecost a grand celebration at Faith Lutheran. Let's make this a Sunday where we bring a friend, reach out to someone we haven't seen in a while, or invite someone new. The goal is to hit at least 150% of our in-person average Sunday attendance. This would be about 130 people between both services.

To do this, we need suggestions for Pentecost traditions and practices that are meaningful. Please send ideas to Pastor Dana at pastordana@faithlutheranchurch.com.

We also need to determine the linguistic diversity of our wider congregational family. If you are proficient in a language other than English (and would be willing to have a small part in a service), please let Kathy or Pastor Dana know.



THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Sunday, April 28

Used Book Sale

- 8:30am In-Person Worship
- 11:00am In-Person/Livestream
Worship
- 12:00pm FLY Soup Lunch
- 2:00pm Ivy Moore Recital

Monday, April 29

- 6:15pm AA

Tuesday, April 30

- 9:00am FLLC Creative Movement
Class
- 11:00am Tuesday Morning Bible
Study
- 2:30pm Corales Rehearsal
- 5:30pm BUILD

Wednesday, May 1

- 6:00pm AA (Faith House)
- 7:00pm Parish Choir

Thursday, May 2

- 7:15am Men's Group (First Watch)
- 2:45pm Corales Rehearsal

Sunday, May 5

- 8:30am In-Person Worship
- 11:00am In-Person/Livestream
Worship
- 2:00pm Renee Corales Recital
- 5:00pm Confirmation