FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024



${\it ELW~SETTING~6}\\ {\it LUTHERAN~CHURCH~OF~THE~HOLY~SPIRIT}$

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We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION.

PRELUDE "My Heart Ever Faithful" J.S. Bach, arr. by Lani Smith Organ/piano duet, Nila Bilstad, piano, Kathy Roderer, organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- **P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P Source of all life,
- C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us.

Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

- P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" ELW 385 *Hymn is printed on page 19*

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





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.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Joleen Gleasman

FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas 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."

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4 Hal Hopson

The choir/cantor sings the refrain first. The congregation joins in the second time and then sings the refrain as indicated.



- L Refrain
- C REFRAIN
- L The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I need.

 I am given pastures, fresh and green with quiet waters running by.
- C REFRAIN
- L There my soul is refreshed. I am guided along the right path as was promised. If I walk through the valley of darkness, there is nothing I fear; You are with me, Your rod and staff are my comfort.
- C REFRAIN
- You prepare a banquet for me in the sight of my foes;With precious oil You welcome me, my cup overflows.I know that Your mercy and love will be with me all my life;The house of the Lord will be my home as long as I live.
- C REFRAIN

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SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

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.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE





GOSPEL John 10:11-18

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- P [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

Pastor Joleen Gleasman

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY Hymn printed on pages 20

"The Lord's My Sheperd"

ELW 778

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray Α for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,
- \mathbf{C} hear our prayer.

- A Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter (grandson of Louise), Dylan Utterback (son of Julie & Joel), Jim Detjen (brother of Mary), and Kimberly Koblas (daughter of Wendy & Jim). God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without Α housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. We especially pray for Katie Bally, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan, Amy Dohler, Jane Ernst, Elizabeth Falato, Jean Gates, Dorothea Lehtinen, Bill Lynn, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Inge Ohnona, Ken Rosko, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, John **Bertrand** (son of Carol Bertrand), **Jim Hanzel** (uncle of Patrick Cantagallo), Dana Imlah (daughter of Mary Lou Gilliam), Phil Larson (friend of Nila Bilstad), Todd Luedtke (friends of Darlene and Larry Neumann), Sally Navarro (friend of Ruth Ann Grockis), the Chase Petersen family (friends of Amy Dohler), Bruce Tagge (father of Tim Tagge), Jacob Rosenkranz (friends of the Prosk family), Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears, (relatives & friends of the Labellartes), Coco & Lukas (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz), baby Ryan and his family (friends of the Pedersen family). Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

- A Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith and all who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel. Remember our beloved who have died and comfort those who mourn. We especially pray for the family and friends of **Nancy Flynn** (friend of Mary Detjen). Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

THE OFFERING

SECOND OFFERING

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Musical OFFERTORING "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Hal Hopson Flute: Nancy Fencl

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

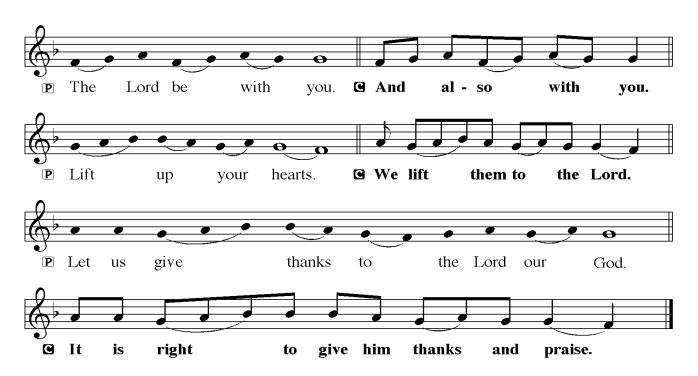
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

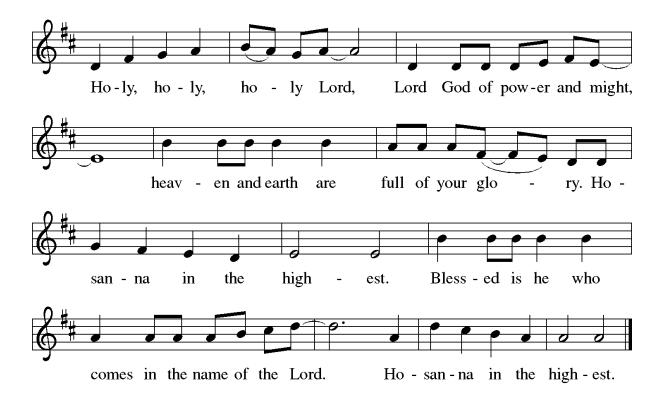
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, through 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.

P Blessed are you, O holy God:



you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness

and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing,

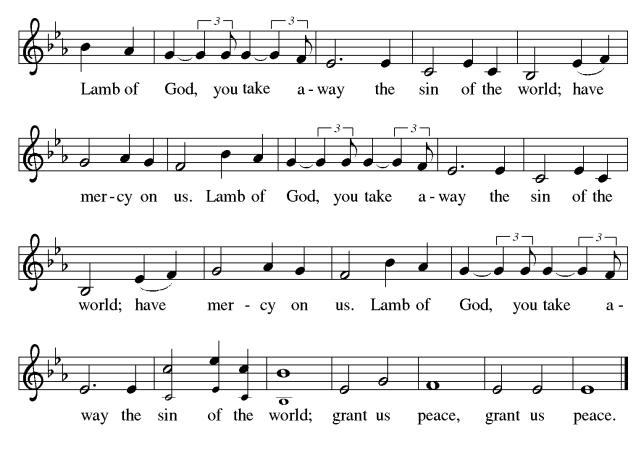
his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.
- C 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 CANTICLE



COMMUNION HYMN

"Shepherd Me O God"

ELW 780

Hymn is printed on page 22-23

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise;

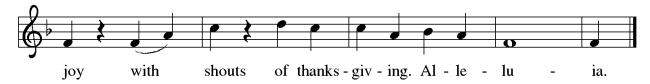
tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

A



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.





Shepherding God,

you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is" ELW 502

Hymn is printed on page 21

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE "Allemande" Holburne

Sanctuary flowers donated by the Weglarz in memory of Jim Gloudeman.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY — Today April 21st

Today is "Good Shepherd" Sunday and this year Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) has designated it as a "Giving Sunday" for all their important ministries. One in 30 people in Illinois have been impacted by the services LSSI provides and they are the largest social services agency in the state, currently serving nearly 100,000 people. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, cared for his sheep by feeding them, and healing them, and by reconciling them to themselves, their families, and their communities. Through LSSI, the love of Jesus continues to transform lives of people in need. We will be taking up a special offering today for LSSI, so please consider giving generously to the vital ministries that Lutherans provide for people throughout our state. If you like you can make a direct donation online. A link to the LSSI Giving Sunday donation page can be found on the holy Spirit website home page at www.holyspirit-elca.org or by scanning the QR Code provided here.

EXPOS — Expos will be pausing their monthly meetings for the upcoming spring and summer months. Any special gatherings will be announced as they are scheduled.

QUILTERS — Quilting ministry meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP — Our prayer group meets at 9:30 am on Thursday mornings in the Sanctuary. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Thursday Bible Study meets from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. and everyone is encouraged to attend. Besides delving into the Holy Scriptures, we also study contemporary theologians, our Lutheran roots, and current issues as they impact our lives. We are currently starting a new study on C.S. Lewis' best selling book "Mere Christianity". Rejecting the boundaries that divide Christianity's many denominations, Lewis provides an unequaled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith. It is a collection of scintillating brilliance that remains strikingly fresh for the modern reader and at the same time confirms C.S. Lewis' reputation as one of the leading writers and thinkers of our age. Join us for some spirited discernment and conversation! We always close our time together in prayer.

FLOWER CHART— If you would like to donate flowers in honor or celebration of someone, please sign up on the new flower chart hanging in the Gathering Space.

ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE — Our secure online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap "Process" to complete your donation.



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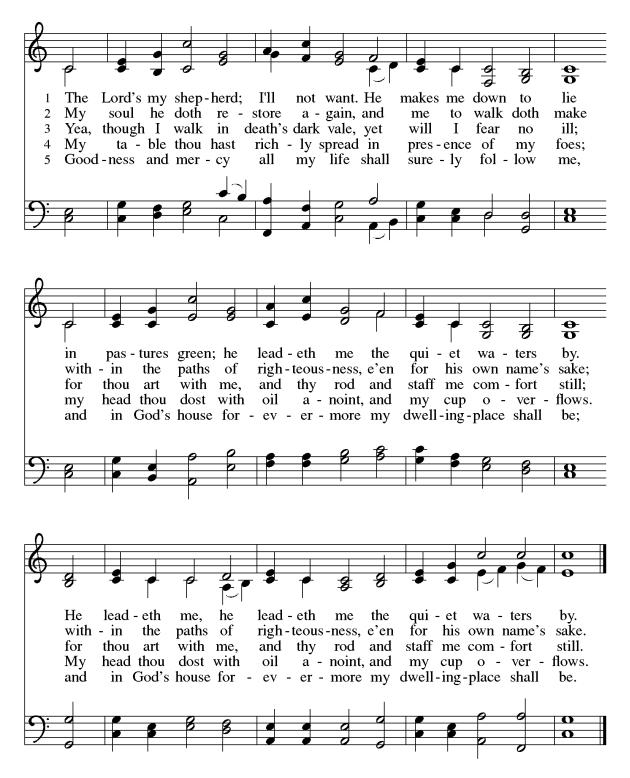
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



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Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615
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The Lord's My Shepherd



Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895–1984 Arr. © Oxford University Press.

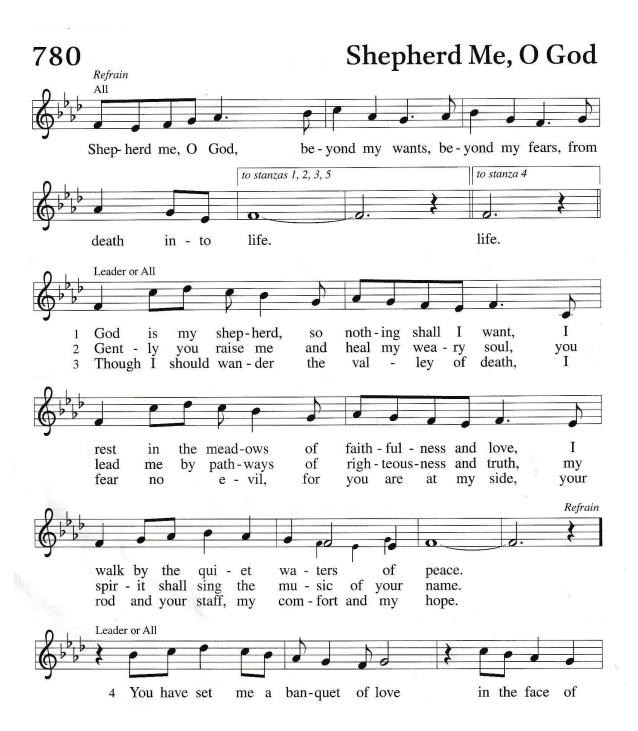
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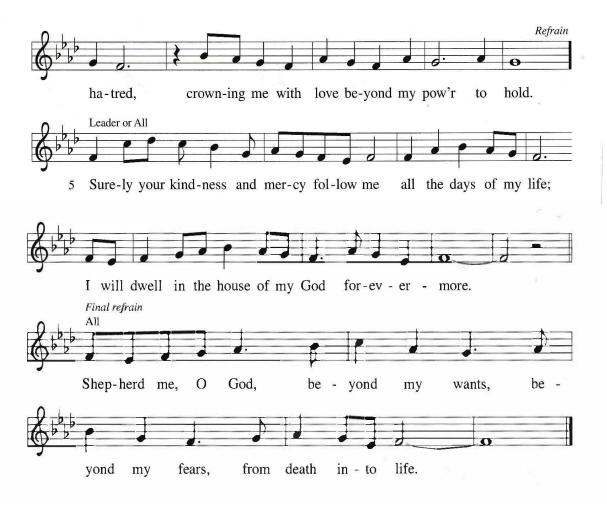
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune





HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS		
Sunday, April 21	9:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	10:45 a.m.	LSSI Giving Sunday Special Collection Brass Choir
Tuesday, April 23	10:00 a.m.	Quilters
	4:15 p.m.	LYFE
Wednesday April 24	6:15 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday April 25	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Sunday, April 28	9:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Meet & Greet

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Organist: Kathy Roderer

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