



MORNING SUNDAY SERVICE
10:30 AM
SUNDAY- APRIL 22, 2018
COMMUNION SERVICE



FIRST SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD APRIL 22, 2018

THE MISSION OF FIRST SAINT JOHNS

Lutheran Church is to proclaim His Gospel! To worship and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Our major objective is to have a passion to lead all to Jesus and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ.



AS WE GATHER

This Sunday in the Church Year is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The appointed Psalm for the day is Psalm 23, which is among the most well-known psalms. The Gospel from John 10 records Jesus revealing Himself as the Good Shepherd. While fewer and fewer people are familiar with what it is like to take care of sheep, this metaphor of God’s protection and provision has become a great source of comfort and hope. God grant that you find such blessed comfort as you dwell securely here in the house of the Lord.

WELCOME WORSHIPPERS

Welcome to everyone; especially first time worshipers to our service. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us as we celebrate friendships, especially that in God's love we are disciples of our Savior, Jesus. May God bless you as you worship with us. If you have questions or need assistance, our members, Greeters, and Pastor are here to assist you. If you have no church home, please ask about membership at First St. John's. **Please fill in the names of those here today. If any address or phone numbers have changed note the changes on the card, and place our WELCOME CARD in the offering plate when it is passed.** We look forward to seeing you again.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. **Our Lord invites** to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. All who believe that as they receive the bread and wine they also receive Jesus' body and blood are invited to receive the Supper with us today. 1 Cor. 11:²³⁻³² If you have any questions, please consult with the Pastor. **Please check (✓) the names of those receiving the Lord's Supper and place our WELCOME CARD in the offering plate when it is passed.**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love"

R. W. Gieseke

WELCOME **P** = Pastor, **A** = Assistant, **L** = Lector, **C** = People, & **△** = (Stand)

✠ **LSB DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 3** ✠ **LSB 184**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P He is our Good Shepherd. **C** He leads us to green pastures and still waters.

P He is our Good Shepherd. **C** We listen to His voice.

P He is our Good Shepherd. **C** He lays down His life for the sheep.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

LITANY

P O Lord, **C** have mercy.

P O Christ, **C** have mercy.

P O Lord, **C** have mercy. (LSB 288)

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”

LSB 900

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In this Easter season, celebration is always near our lips. We are glad to shout Alleluias in worship, but when we leave we do not always recognize our neighbors in need. We may close our hearts to them. We may reject them. We may fail to follow the example of our Good Shepherd. As we draw near to the Lord, let us consider our sins and ask God for His forgiveness.

[Silence for reflection]

P Heavenly Father,

C we have sinned against You and against our neighbors in our thoughts, words, and actions. You know our sins, and they are ever before You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us as a shepherd leads his sheep.

P God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Good Shepherd. He has laid down His life for our forgiveness and has taken His life back up again in His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. The Lord restores us and leads us in paths of righteousness.

Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
 For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

GLORIA PATRI



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you

C And with thy spirit

P Let us pray...

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

(Sit)

FIRST READING (Peter proclaims Jesus as the stone that was rejected and has become the cornerstone.) **Acts 4:1-12**

- 1 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,
- 2 greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
- 3 And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

- 4 But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.
- 5 On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem,
- 6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.
- 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"
- 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders,
- 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed,
- 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead---by him this man is standing before you well.
- 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.
- 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE (Love one another as Christ has loved us.)

1 John 3:16–24

- 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.
- 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?
- 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.
- 19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;
- 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.
- 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;
- 22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.
- 23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.
- 24 Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"The Lord's my Shepherd"

Adult Choir

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL (Jesus is our Good Shepherd.)

John 10:11–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

- 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.
13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.
16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.
17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.
18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

God called to us inviting us to be a part of his family. Through Holy Baptism He made us His children. As a family we live together in trust and hope confessing our faith:

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and (Sit)s at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(Sit)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709

SERMON

THE SHEPHERD OF THE CHURCH AND HIS SHEEP

John

RITE FOR RECEPTION OF MEMBERS BY TRANSFER OR PROFESSION OF FAITH

(All gather near the font, at the chancel steps, or before the altar, as local custom dictates).

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. "Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord. Matthew 10:32-33 NKHV alt.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R Yes, I do.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scripture to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R I do.

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R I do.

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R I will, with the help of God.

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are a member/members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

(Stand)

P Let us pray...

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (515) **C Amen.**

The pastor may extend the right hand of fellowship, greeting each by name. The rite concludes with the following blessing:

P The grace of our † Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **C Amen.**

(The new members return to their places).

(Sit)

OFFERING {Please fill out the BLUE CARD and place it in the offering plate.}

VOLUNTARY

“The Good Shepherd”

R. C. Wilson

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

Lord, You are our Shepherd and You provide us with all we need to support this body and life. We lack for nothing. Help us to appreciate all the good gifts You have given us of clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Lord, when we are lost and weary, You restore our souls. Make us to lie down in the green pastures of Your Word and Sacraments, basking in the abundance we find in those good gifts. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Lord, in this fallen world we often walk through the valley of the shadow of death. War, terror, disease, and chaos threaten to steal our peace of mind. Remind us daily that we need not fear any evil since You are with us, since Your rod and staff comfort us. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, **[especially...Joyce, Bonnie, Wil, Bill, Gloria, Dawn, Ruthetta, Becky, Angie, Don, Beth, Doug, Pat, Keith, Helen, Susan, Eddie, Larry, Chris, Marianne, Graham, Patti, Nicie, York Firefighters-Erik Swanson, and Greg Altland, Christine, Those persecuted for Jesus' sake, prayer warriors, The ministry of First St Johns, our radio ministry of WYCO, Our Community and families, Music Ministry, "for all those who do not know Jesus as Lord"]**, Restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P For those who lay down their lives for their fellow men and women, including first responders, members of law enforcement, doctors and nurses, and those who wear the uniform of our country, **(especially...Charlie, Jose, Blake, Clay, Austin, Sean, Brent, Jake, Justin, Kevin, Lindsay, Jonathan, Dakota, Matthew, Chuck, Megan, Krista, Jonathan, Dylan)**, that they take shelter in the arms of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mercy.

P Lord, death remains a curse until You come again, and many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. [*the families and friends of Zachary Anthony and Ivan Flanscha, Betty Smith*]. Comfort them with the knowledge that those who trust in You will dwell in Your house forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Lord, Your goodness and mercy follow us all our days. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C** Amen.

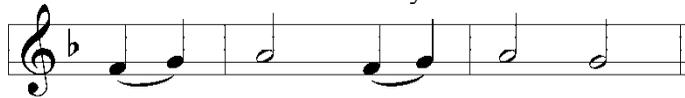
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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE



The Lord be with you.



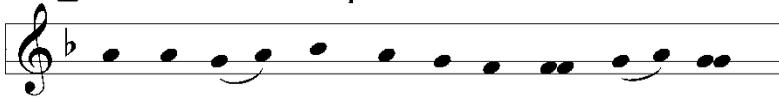
C And with thy spirit.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up unto the Lord.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who

overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Now as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Sit)

DISTRIBUTION

[The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:]

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

[In dismissing the communicants, the following is said]:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace **C Amen**

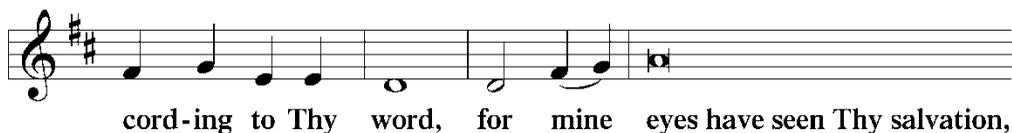
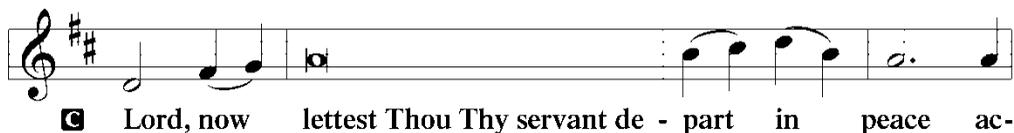
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

LSB 623

(Stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS



is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray...

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

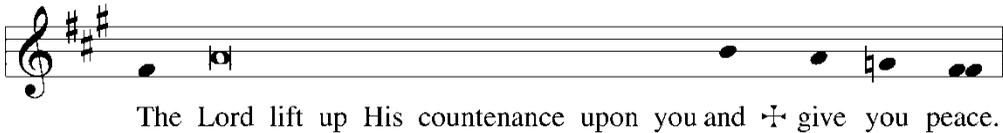
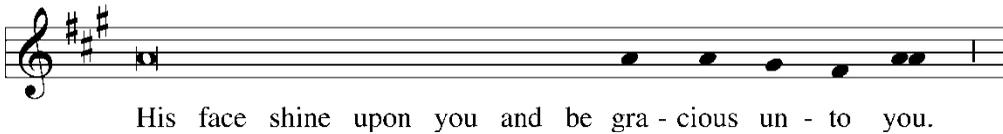
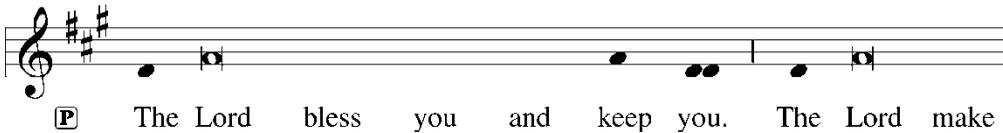
P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



RECESSIONAL HYMN

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

LSB 740

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!

Dios los bendigas, Gott Segne Dich, Dieu te bénisse, Shàngdì zhùfú nǐ

POSTLUDE

“Blessed Jesu”

J. S. Bach

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| THE PASTOR: | Rev. James A. Driskell |
| MINISTER OF MUSIC: | Ken Sanders |
| THE LAY READER: | Pierre-Paul Rodriquez |
| THE USHERS: | Jose Montalvo, Matt Lauer |
| THE ALTAR GUILD: | Wally and Beth Smith |
| REFRESHMENTS: | Lois Hollinger, Kimberly Thompson |
| THE ADULT CHOIR: | Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Ding Wang, Quitao Zhang, |
| THE GREETERS: | Delores Rehmeyer, Barb Klahold |
| THE PRIESTS: | The People of 1 st St Johns |

FAVORITE SUMMER HYMN SELECTIONS The forms to request hymns for the summer services are located on the table at the back of the church.

ATTENTION (NURSERY FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL).

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the **GLORY OF GOD**.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING for the month of **APRIL** is LCMS World Relief/Human Care.

THE 2ND SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE OF THE MONTH will include a healing service. The next healing service is **May 13th**. Please contact the pastor if you would like healing attention at a different time.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE meets at 12:00 Noon on the 1st Sunday of every Month.

STEWARDSHIP

John 10:14 – “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.” What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him...and in knowing Him we learn to imitate Him. And that is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.

WEEKLY WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

THURSDAY

9:00 AM-*Matins*

5:00-6:00 PM-*Private Confession*

SUNDAY

8:30 AM

Matins

9:00 AM

Adult Bible Study / Confirmation Class

9:15 AM

Sunday school

10:30 AM

Worship Service

READINGS FOR THE APRIL 29th SERVICE

FIRST READING (Philip is sent to meet the Ethiopian eunuch to tell him the Good News about Jesus.) **Acts 8:26–40**

EPISTLE (Test the spirits. God is love.)

1 John 4:1–11 (12–21)

HOLY GOSPEL (Jesus is the vine. We are the branches. Abide in Him and abide in love.)

John 15:1–8

UPCOMING SERVICES

April 29th-Non-COMMUNION (5th Sunday of Easter) (10:30 am morning service).

MAY 10TH-ASCENSION DAY. A DECISION WILL BE MADE IF THE SERVICE WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR.

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