

Sunday, April 19, 2026
The Third Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM



Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at the Lord's table. Holy Communion is God's Word made visible in bread and wine. At communion distribution, the BREAD is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cups. Gluten free options are available, as well.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services.

Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

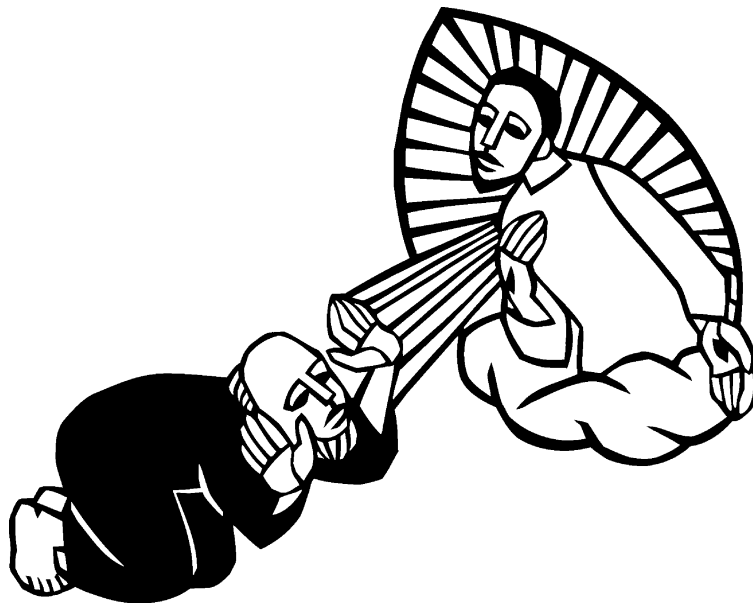
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”
“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”
Dr. Sue Mercer, Soloist

WELCOME

Pastor Lara Forbes

*Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.*

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN

Drawn to the Light



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

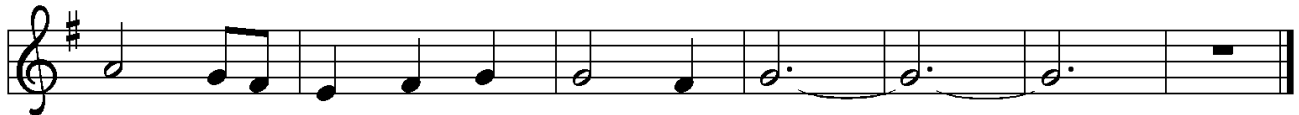
Refrain



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sins.

Silence for reflection.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open and all desires are known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, † God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assembly



This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



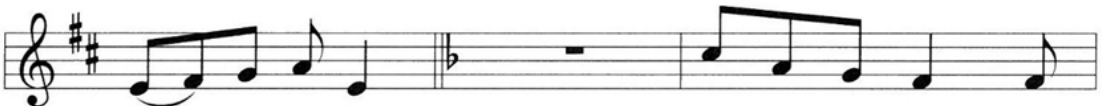
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or,



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



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our



God. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. Eternal God,
with all the angels and all the saints, we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

You can find the Gospel story in your Spark Story Bible, page

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-19a

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”

But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”

But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Assembly

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? — You have the words of e -

ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:19-24

[Jesus said] “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

“No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lara Forbes

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Trusting in God's baptismal promises, we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

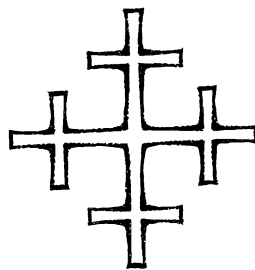
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**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.**

** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.



THE PRAYERS

*After each petition, the leader will say, “God of grace”.
Your response is, **hear our prayer.***

THE PEACE

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

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

OFFERING Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC “Improvisation in the manner of Rachmaninov” Will Simpson
Will Simpson, piano

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY VERSE

Refrain
Assembly

Now we of - fer you, our
 Fa - ther, with the bread and with the wine all our
 joys and all our sor - rows, all our strug - gles__ and our
 time. *(^)* 1 As the fields of wheat now grow - ing will be -
 2 We sing glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to
 come a ho - ly sign__ so shall we re - veal you,
 Christ who lives a - bove,__ and we praise the Ho - ly
Refrain
 Je - sus, that in us you now may shine.__
 Spir - it for the gift to us of love.__ Now we

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
 ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have
 raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you
 and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 Amen.

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.

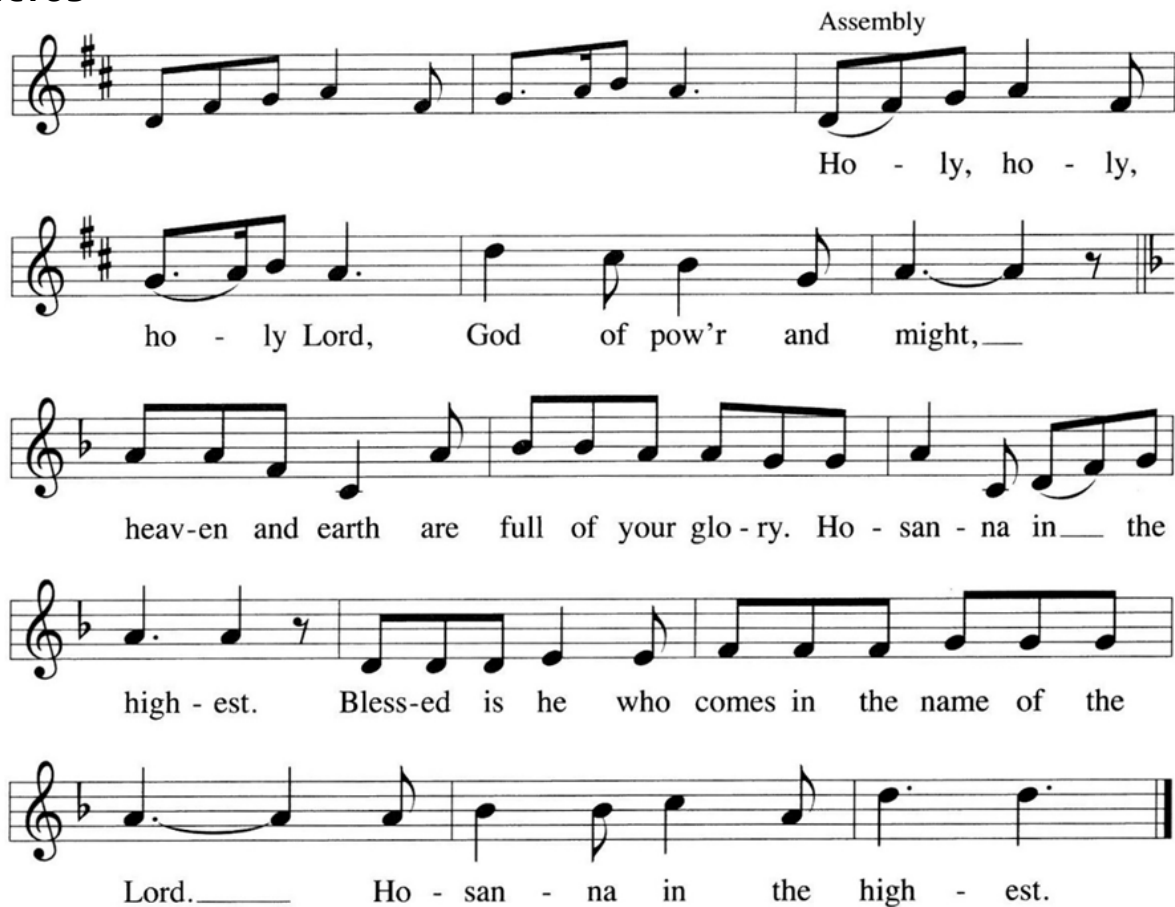
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, 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:

SANCTUS

Assembly



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 in the

high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

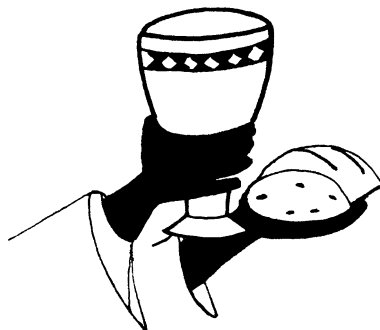
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

Please be seated.

*We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.
All are invited and welcome at the Lord’s table.*



LAMB OF GOD

Assembly

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. _____

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN

Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Please stand as you are able

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us prayer together. Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

SENDING

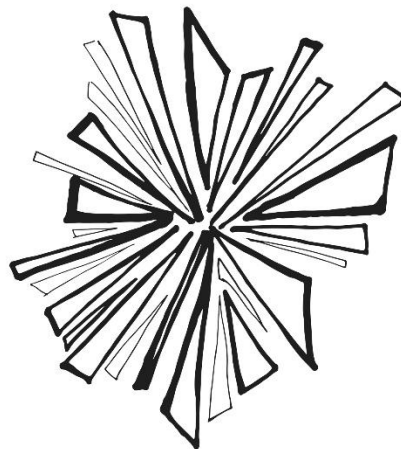
Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Holy Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Share God's love.

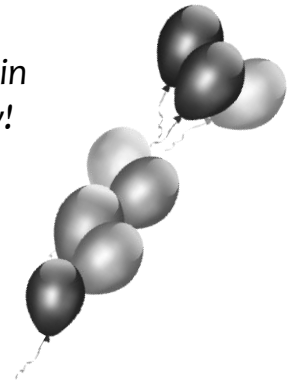
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Étude Opus 10 #1.
Evan Cen, Piano

Frédéric Chopin

The flowers today are given by Janell Erickson in joyful celebration of her 'significant' birthday!



Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*
Will Simpson, *Director of Music*
Vanessa Wilkie, *Bell Choir Director*
Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*
Tom Getzinger, *Assisting Minister*
Scott Lester, *Lector*
Melanie Grad, *Acolyte*
Shana and Erik Nielsen, *Ushers*
Karin Eklof, *Altar Guild*
David Mills, *Livestream video*
Johannes Grad, *Audio*
Judy and Howard Johnson, *Greeters*
Teresa Lutterman, *Coffee hosts*

**Worship Texts for April 26
Acts 16:16-34 and Luke 6:17-23**

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Announcements:

Health & Wholeness Spring Health Kits!

Health and Wholeness is collecting for our spring LWR drive and we could use your help with donations. *We plan to assemble health kits on April 27 at 10:00 AM*, which are then sent around the world to those in need. We need:

- **Bath towels:** lightweight, **dark colors**, size 20" x40" to 52" x27"
- **Soap:** 4 or 5 oz. bars
- **Toothbrushes:** adult size
- **Combs:** sturdy - 7" length (no pick or fine toothed combs)
- **Nail Clippers:** large size preferred
- **Boxes:** medium size

Grab a shopping list from the Narthex coffee table!

Place your donations in the bin in **Narthex labeled Health and Wholeness, LWR Health Kit Supplies, or church office**. We also accept monetary donations. Mail or place your check in the offering place, indicating it is for Lutheran World Relief.

The Health and Wholeness Ministry thanks you for your support!



O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Saints) Returns in April !

**"Share Your SALC Memories" at OWLS,
Tuesday, April 21, 11:45 AM.**

Bring your fun stories and memories about Saint Andrew's to *the Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints* luncheon on April 21st. Our church will celebrate its 70th anniversary on May 24 and 31.

We want to know things you remember, cherish and love about SALC. OWLS gather at **11:45 AM** for a potluck lunch. We dine at noon and will start the memory-fun after we eat. If possible, please pitch in with a dish to share. *Remember, you don't have to be older or wiser to participate.* Questions? Call Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-233-2346 or 425-746-2529 or email her at sherry@salc.church.





Imagine Housing
building eastside communities

Adult Education

Sunday, April 26

9:00 AM

We welcome Emily Goodright

Interim Director of Resident Services

Imagine Housing

**She will update us on what's happening with
our project and others in the area!**

Join us!



CORNER OF BLESSING: Hopelink is anticipating their **End Summer Hunger** program. They have asked us to help them stock up on foods that are kid friendly and will provide these children with adequate nutrition when they are not getting fed at school. They would like us to collect packages of single serving foods and snacks. For April we will be collecting these items: (packages of individual servings)

- Granola bars
- Fruit snacks
- Cereal/oatmeal cups
- Fruit cups
- Jello/pudding cups
- Small bags of: trail mix, chips, pretzels, Chex mix, cookies, popcorn

● ~~Microwaveable Mac & Cheese~~
Calendar

Sunday, April 19 Microwaveable Chef Boyar

9:00 AM Adult Education, JEDI
Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Knit Wits

Monday, April 20

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 21

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
11:45 AM OWLS

Wednesday, April 22

10:00 AM Women's Book Group
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23

10:00 AM Grace Book Group
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 24

Office is closed

Saturday, April 25

1:00 PM Dave Marcrauder Memorial Service

Sunday, April 26

9:00 AM Adult Education, Imagine Housing
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, April 27

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM ELF Planning Meeting
7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 PM Building and Property Committee

Wednesday, April 29

10:00 AM Women's Book Group
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 30

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 1

Office is closed

Saturday, May 2

Day of Service

2:00 PM Kafika House event

Sunday, May 3

9:00 AM Adult Education
Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship

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Christ congregation.**



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