

May 11, 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM

As the Christian church was being formed, many questions arose about whether people had to convert to Judaism before joining the church. In the end, it was recognized that the gift of God's Holy Spirit is conversion enough, marking all believers as holy and beloved. The doors of the church were opened to all!



Welcome to Worship!

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

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

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.

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

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

PRELUDE

Scènes Mignones De Mon Enfance
VII. Grandmother's Swing
V. In a Monastery
Hillary Nordwell, Piano

Composer: Hwaen Ch'uqi

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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.



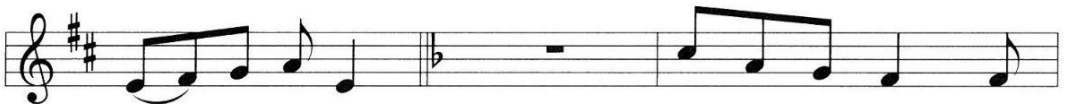
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and



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. Lord of all,
in Jesus you have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. There is no distinction between Gentile and Jew. There is no separation that can remove anyone from fellowship in Christ's community. Open our hearts, so that in unity we may proclaim your truth to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ in whom there is harmony and peace. Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

WORD

As the body of believers in Jesus continues to expand beyond people who are Jewish or Samaritan, discussion arises about what one must do in order to be fully part of the church.

A Reading from Acts:

Acts 15:1-21

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the gentiles and brought great joy to all the brothers and sisters. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us, and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

The whole assembly kept silence and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,

‘After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen;
from its ruins I will rebuild it,
and I will set it up,
so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—
even all the gentiles over whom my name has been called.

Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things known from long ago.’

“Therefore I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those gentiles who are turning to God, but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from sexual immorality and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every Sabbath in the synagogues.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

Assembly

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

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

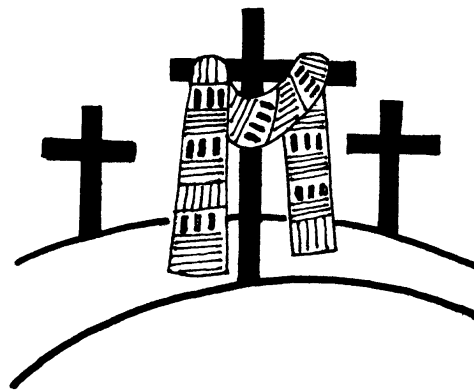
ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

SERMON

A report from our global mission team to Tanzania

Marvin Kananen, Michele Vossler, David Vossler, Amy Twito, Jean Wahlstrom

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN OF THE DAY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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 “De Mes Amis, Les Animaux” Composer: Hwaen Ch'uqi
VII. Flit of the Fireflies Upon a Summer Rain
Hillary Nordwell, 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

Jesus, our risen Savior,
you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

MEAL

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.

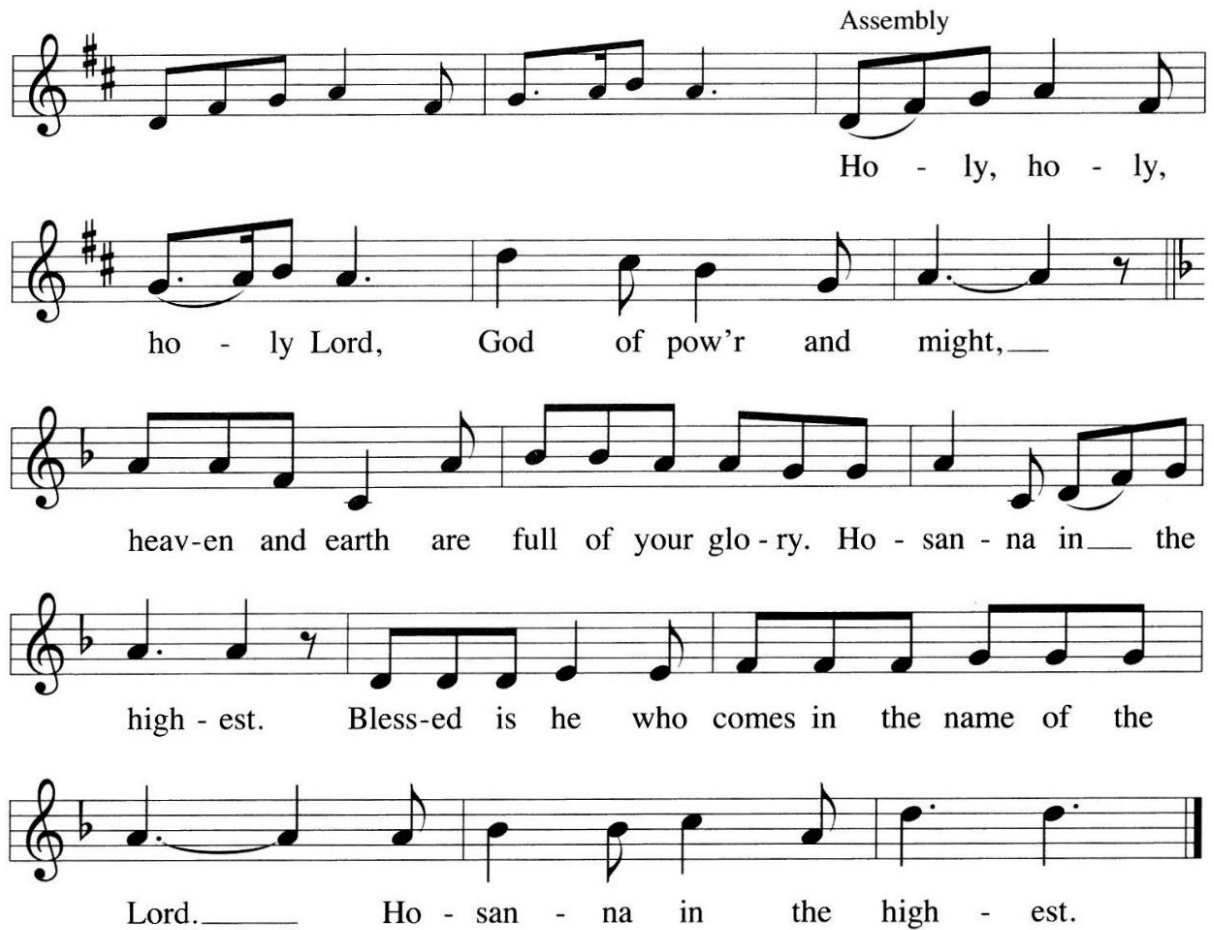
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and 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.**

Please be seated.

We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.

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

Today, Communion is received continuously at two stations.

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.

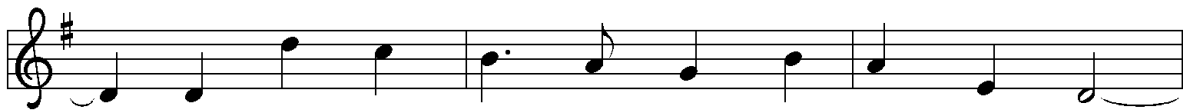


COMMUNION HYMN

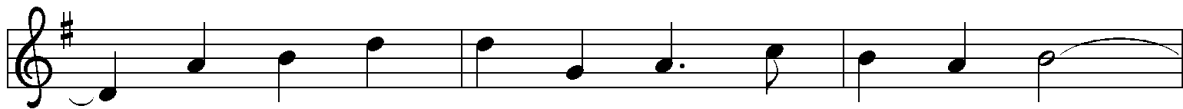
We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

MUSIC

“Wehmut (Melancholy) from Liederkreis, Op. 39”

Hillary Nordwell, Piano

Composer: Robert Schumann

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Living God,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
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!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.
Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

SENDING

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Widmung (Dedication) from Myrthen, Op. 25”

Hillary Nordwell, Piano

Composer: Schumann/Liszt

Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Marvin Kananen, Michele Vossler, David Vossler,

Amy Twito, Jean Wahlstrom, *Preaching Ministers*

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Presiding Minister*

Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

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May Dates to Remember:

May 18: Sunday Brunch Bunch.

Also, the Sophia Way Community Brunch; 12:00 PM, Salt House, Kirkland.

May 20: O.W.L.S.: The historical society of Issaquah will be here to enlighten and inform us of local history and their museums.

May 22-25: Our youth will be attending May Youth Weekend at Holden Village! Prayers are welcome for the journey over the mountains!

May 26: Memorial Day – *the office is closed.*

May 31: Backpack Brigade 5 K

Going Italian! Join us for the Brunch Bunch next Sunday, May 18.

We will enjoy lasagna and/or macaroni and cheese, green salad and bread. (A gluten free pasta will also be available.) We dine right after the worship service ends. It's a fun time to socialize! No reservations needed. Volunteers always welcome – see Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, call her at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE JEDI GROUP: The JEDI group (*Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion*) wants to remind you about the books to borrow in the Narthex! Check it out! Feel free to borrow a book and return it when you're done. (Kids books are for adults, too!) If you have questions, please feel free to contact a member of the JEDI group.

Sunday, May 18, Discipleship Hour, 9:00 AM: Affordable Housing Questions and Answers: Zac Delap with HCMP will be back to update the congregation on the final edits to the legal agreements previously reviewed and review key points in the construction easement and restrictive covenants. Updated design boards reflecting input from the congregation will also be available. **This will be the last review** meeting for the congregation before the semi-annual meeting at which time the congregation will vote on the resolution authorizing the council president to execute the purchase and sale agreement with Imagine Housing for the affordable housing project.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, May 11

Happy Mother's Day

- 9:00 AM Discipleship Forum. Tanzania Mission Team
Sunday School, pre-K ~ 5th Grade
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, May 12

- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Congregational Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 13

- 8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 14

- 10:00 AM W.E.B.S.
1:00 PM Congregation Care Team
4:00 PM Adult Education Planning Team

Thursday, May 15

- 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

Friday, May 16

Office is closed.

- 1:00 PM Synod Assembly begins

Saturday, May 17

- 9:00 AM Synod Assembly ends

Sunday, May 18

- 9:00 AM Discipleship Forum. Affordable Housing
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Sunday Brunch Bunch

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