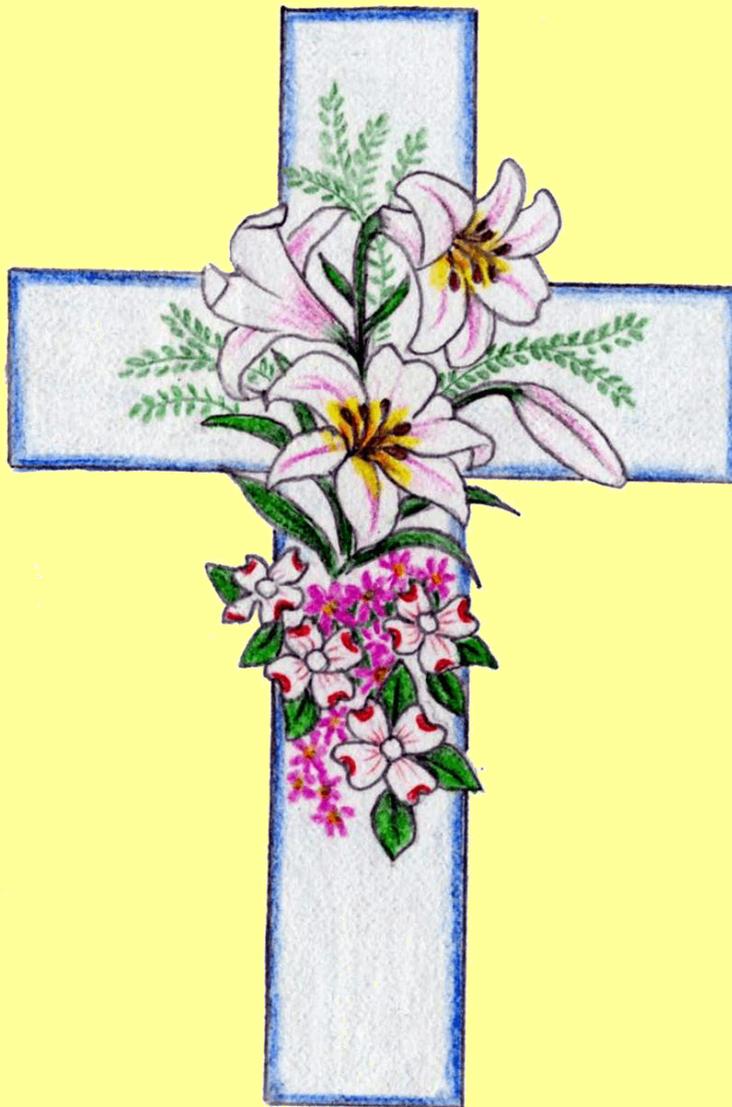


Zion Lutheran Church & School
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Sunday May 9, 2021 10:30 a.m.



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HYMN LSB 660 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict in this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

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INVOCATION

- P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

- P:** Praise the LORD!
C: **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**
P: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
C: **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
P: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C: **whose hope is in the LORD his God.**
P: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
C: **Praise the LORD!**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

C: Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

P: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

**C: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

P: Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of His praise be heard,

**C: who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**

P: Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

KYRIE LSB 943

Kyrie, kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.

HYMN OF PRAISE Page 155 *"This is the Feast"*

Chorus: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Chorus

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. Chorus

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Chorus

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Chorus

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Risen and ascended Lord, while we were still in our sins, You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another and to go out into the world to bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34-48*

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” ⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 John 5:1-8*

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Alleuia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleuia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Fifteenth Chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

GOSPEL *John 15:9-17*

⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

- 1) **Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove**
- 2) **Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God; He,
to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.**
- 3) **Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.**
- 4) **Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen How I'll sing Thy wondrous
grace! Come, my Lord, no longer tary, Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.**Public Domain

SERMON *"Birth From Mom; Rebirth from God" 1 John 5:1-2*

NICENE CREED

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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall 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 worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian 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.

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. We thank God for the Church and pray that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.

HYMN LSB 895 *"Now Thank We All Our God" vs. 1*

C: **Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.**

P: We pray for our families, especially for mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers on this special day. We ask the blessing of our bounteous God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut-in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those whose needs are known to us, Lord, grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.

HYMN LSB 895 *“Now Thank We All Our God”* vs. 2

**C: Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer up
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!**

P: Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

C: Amen.

HYMN LSB 895 *“Now Thank We All Our God”* vs. 3

**C: All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

OFFERTORY LSB 782 “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” Vs. 1 & 4

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings new each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending, for Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings may bring glory to Your name.

4 Δ Heav’nly Father, may our caring bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit, praise be Yours in ev’ry place! Refrain

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PREFACE & PROPER PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your amazing love in all our days. Assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we would receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Together with angels and archangels and with all who rejoice in the courts of heaven, we praise Your glorious name:

SANCTUS “Hosanna”

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, we lift up Your name, With hearts full of praise;

Be exalted, O Lord, my God, Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings;

Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings.

Lord, we lift up Your name, With hearts full of praise;

Be exalted, O Lord, my God, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We bless You now for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to give us assurance of Your fatherly care, knowing that all of our days are spent in God's sight. Directed by Your Holy Spirit and reflecting Your limitless love toward us, grant that we live faithfully and hopefully, awaiting the fulfilled promise of eternal life in Your heavenly kingdom, where saints and angels gather around Your throne in glory everlasting. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI LSB 962 *"Lamb of God"*

1 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 392 *"God Loves me Dearly"*

1 God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me. Refrain

ref Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

2 I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working to make me free. Refrain

3 He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus and set me free. Refrain

4 Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed. Refrain

5 Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You all my life long. Refrain

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"Shout to the Lord"

Ref. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King; Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand; Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You, All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love: My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower and refuge and strength; Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You. Refrain

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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *“Give Thanks”*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!”**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks. Give thanks.

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POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You have again welcomed us at Your Table of grace. Grant that this Sacrament, which we have now received, strengthen us in faith and in loving service to one another. As we have shared in the blessings of Your Table, grant that we live each day as Your people who see those around us as You see them and love them as You love them; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF DEPARTURE LSB 855 *"For All the Faithful Women" Vs. 1, 3 & 4*

1 For all the faithful women
Who served in days of old,
To You shall thanks be given;
To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
In tasks Your wisdom gave.
To You their lives bore witness,
Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.

3 O God, for saints and servants,
Those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages
Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving
And fervent prayer we raise
That, faithful in Your service,
Our lives may sing Your praise.

4 Δ All praise to God the Father!
All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Holy Spirit,
Who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went before us,
With saints who witness still,
We sing glad Alleluias
And strive to do Your will.

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given in remembrance of Alexis Wernsing
~by her Family.

BULLETINS are 'In Praise as we Thank God for our Mothers'
~by Ed & Pat Wernsing.

WELCOME to all gathering together with us in worship today! May our time together in God's Word be blessed by Him. We are glad to be gathering together once more!

RECEIVING COMMUNION - 10:30 a.m.

In preparation, examine yourself by asking these questions:

Am I truly sorry for my sins?

Do I believe I am forgiven because of Jesus' suffering and death?

Do I believe in the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament?

Do I desire to be strengthened in faith to live a God-pleasing life, and to forgive others?

This is the faith expressed by the LCMS and those in fellowship with us. All members of fellow LCMS congregations may commune with us. If it is your first time with us, please speak to the pastor before communing.

PRAYERS

For Healing: Heath Beccue, Aldena Pluhm, Mindy Pastrovich, Minda Drewel, Lara Brumm, Dee Galyon, Harold Turner, Hendrix Porter (Son of Sarah Saxby Porter), Todd Schmidt, Pat Titsworth, Reini Morgan, Florence Collmann, and Declan Treece,

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METRO -EAST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL (MELHS) is accepting letters of interest and resumes for a Part-Time Upper Level High School English position available starting August 2021. If you are interested please contact Dr. Jay Krause, Principal at jay.krause@melhs.org

MISSION SERVICE FOR MAY There's a fun project for May, and we're hoping you'll want to help! The Living Alternative group (formerly Crisis Pregnancy Center) in the county is doing a "baby bottle" cash collection. If you're interested in participating, please pick up a bottle and an informational brochure in the hallway. (ZLS students have bottles in their classrooms.) Put your donation in the bottle and return to the church office, Becky Helgen, or Sharon Cordani.

PICKERS MARKET Zion will be having a food booth at Picker's Market on the second Sunday May through October. The first one is on Sunday, May 9th from 9am-3pm. Once again we will be serving grilled pork chop sandwiches, burgers, slaw, baked beans, chips, beverages and ice cream floats! Workers are needed for various shifts. Please call 217-254-4442 to volunteer. This is a fun time to work together to raise funds to support the church and school and also puts us out in the community.

HAVE YOU "HERD" ABOUT OUR FOURTH QUARTER CHAPEL OFFERINGS?
Zion's Student Council has selected a special project through Lutheran World Relief for our fourth quarter chapel offerings. We would like to be able to purchase a HERD of thirteen animals, which includes two goats, two sheep, two piglets, one hen, and six chicks, to be given where there is a great need. YOUR HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED! We will need to collect \$530 in chapel offerings and donations to be able to give this gift of love. Each week our Student Council President will be giving an update of our progress. . "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16)

DOOR OFFERINGS will be accepted this weekend. All donations will go to the landscaping committee to help offset the cost of the new landscaping.

SERVING US IN WORSHIP

Organist – Keith Marburger

Elders – 5:30 p.m. Andy Frerichs, 8:00 a.m. Kyle Frerichs, 10:30 a.m. Darin Ashby

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, May 9 – *Pickers Market Food Booth* – 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 11- *School Board*– 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 13- *Berean*- 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, May 13 – *Church Council* – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 15 –*Worship – Traditional(Communion)* - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 16 –*Worship – Traditional (Communion)* - 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 16 – *Bible Class* – 9:15 a.m.

Sunday, May 16 –*Worship –Contemporary*-10:30 a.m.