

Easter Festival Worship Service April 9, 2023

"The Land of Milk & Honey" April 9, 2023

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AS WE GATHER

Finally! At long last! We made it! Easter Sunday has arrived, and we gather this morning to sing the praises of Him who was crucified and now bursts forth from death's grave! As the children of Israel wandered through the wilderness for forty years, they held fast to the hope that the land flowing with milk and honey was waiting for them. As we have journeyed through the season of Lent over the last forty days, we have anticipated the joy that we share together this Easter Day. We have also learned to look ahead, all the way to the promised treasure of life everlasting in heavenly glory. Today's feasting with our risen Savior gives us a preview of what awaits us in eternal life. And on that glorious coming day, we know what we will say: Finally! At long last! We made it!

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

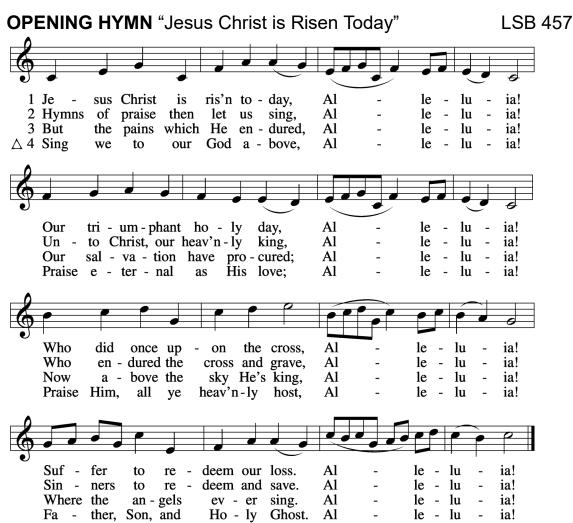
CALL TO WORSHIP (Choir) "Resurrection Victory"

EASTER GREETING

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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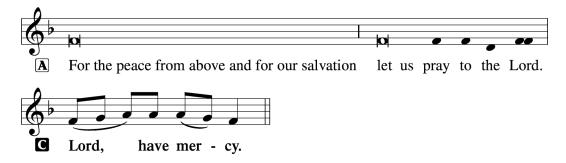
- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

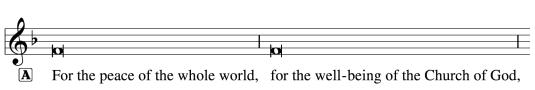
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

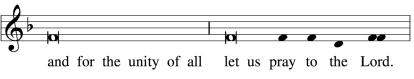
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C Amen.

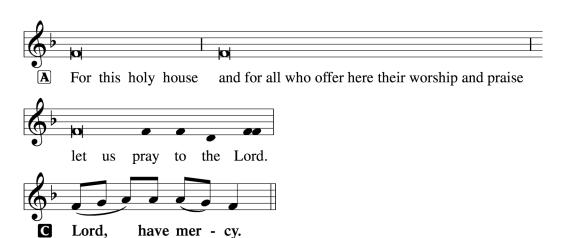


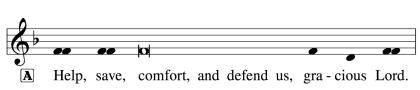










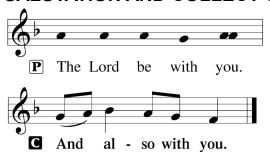






SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 3:1-10

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the

God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

CHOIR "One Day"

THE EPISTLE LESSON

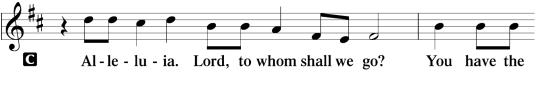
I Corinthians 15:19-28

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. 28When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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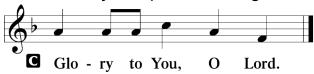




THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁴And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ¹But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ³And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "One House Abides Unending"



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APOSTLES CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.

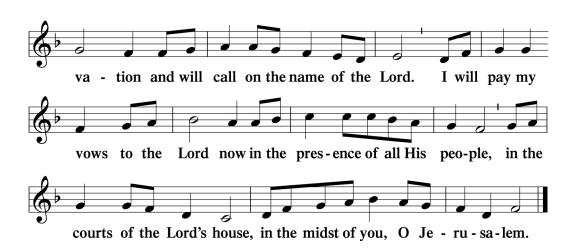
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You that You raised Your Son from death's grave so that life everlasting may be given to us through faith in Him.
- C: Grant that the promised treasures of Your Word remind us of the inheritance we have received.
- P: Lead us to a firm reliance upon our risen Savior, trusting that He is victorious over our greatest enemies of sin, death, and the power of the devil.
- C: Help us to know the power of His resurrection, sharing together the joy of His Easter triumph.
- P: Lord Jesus, grant that the message of that first Easter Day change hearts and lives on this day when we celebrate Your victory over death and the grave. Give strength and peace to those who grieve the death of those they love.
- C: Help them to know that You are preparing a family reunion in heaven for all who trust in You.

- P: As You now reign with the Father at His right hand, You govern all the peoples and nations of the world, including the country where we live. We are strangers in this land that is not our own, so give us hearts that anticipate the day You will welcome us into eternal life,
- C: gathering us and all Your people into the promised land, where we will dwell with You forever.
- P: Holy Spirit, You bring the reality of Jesus' resurrection into our lives today, uniting with Christ those who have been baptized into His name.
- C: Bless us through any joy or triumph, defeat or difficulty we may face.
- P: We lift up before You ourselves, our families, our community, and our family in Christ in this congregation, [especially . . .]. Holy Spirit, give us joy in knowing the fellowship of the communion of saints, the peace of sins forgiven, the comfort of the resurrection, and the sure and certain hope of life everlasting with You in the promised land of heaven.
- C: All glory, honor, and praise belongs to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

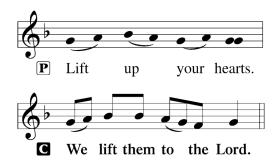


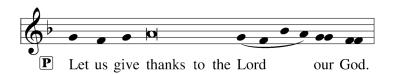




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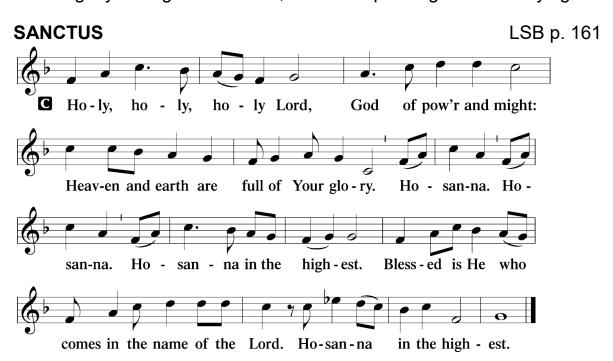


PROPER PREFACE

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(Include in Pastor's Copy only)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has guaranteed for us the promised land of everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (spoken by pastor)

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PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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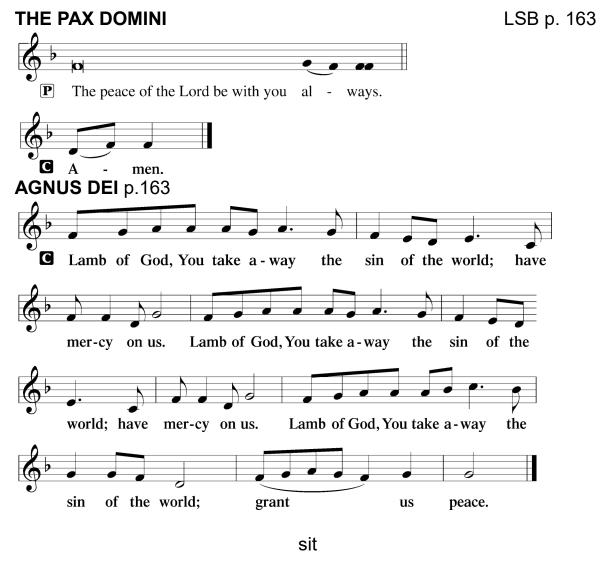
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

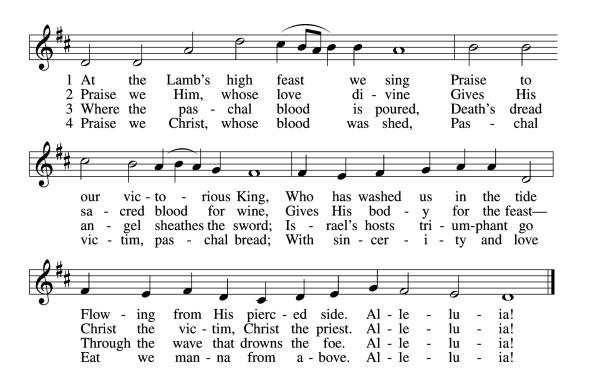
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

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- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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"He's Risen! He's Risen!" LSB 480

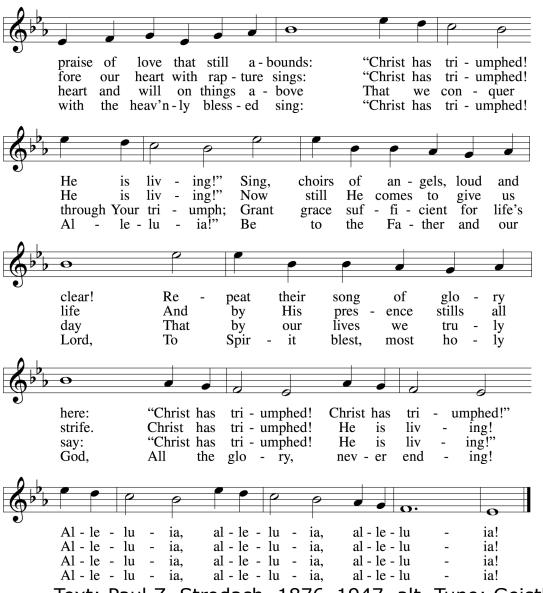


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"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

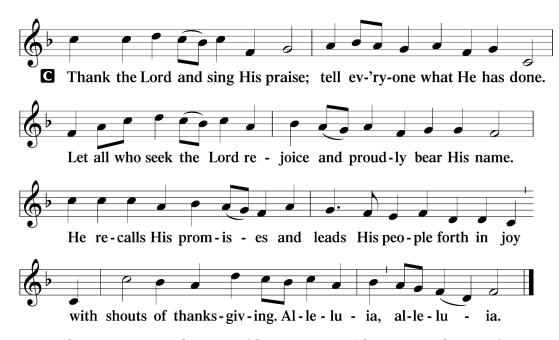
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Post-Communion Collect (Column 3 – "Gracious God...") p. 166
P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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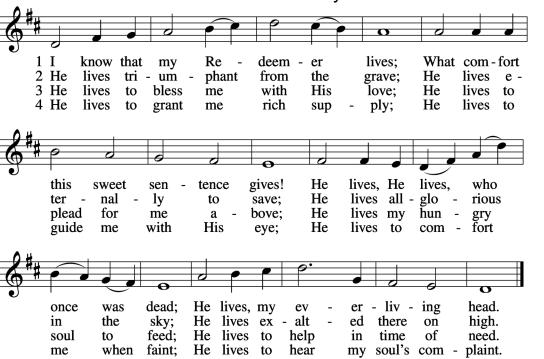
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF DEPARTURE "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461



- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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THE SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

POSTLUDE(S)

Welcome to Peace in the name of the Risen Savior!

We request that visitors register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. We ask that you share your name and address so that we can recognize your visit with us. All members are requested to register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. Members, please indicate all family members present and those who took communion, so that the Pastor and Elders can be spiritually accountable for you and your family.

Hearing assist devices and large print bulletins are available for those who may need them. Please see an Usher or the Elder who will be happy to assist you.

A Mother's Room is available for parents of young children if the need arises. The Mother's Room in the west hallway. The worship service is able to be heard in the Mother's Room.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is a sacred act, established by Christ Himself and is given to His Church. As members of **The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**, we hold the doctrine of the Real Presence, in with and under; meaning that Jesus gives His Body and Blood with the bread and wine, as He Himself says,

"This is my body... This is my blood... for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26ff)
The Holy Scriptures also teach us to receive this meal in a way that is responsible and healthy. As overseer, St. Paul wrote- "let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself" (1 Cor. 11:28-29). Out of genuine care for God's people we ask that those (1) who have not been baptized and instructed in the faith or (2) who come from another church body, not in altar or pulpit fellowship with us, refrain from receiving Holy Communion.

For those preparing to receive Holy Communion, Luther encourages us to ask ourselves these

questions:

Do I repent of my sins, desiring to turn away from them, back to the Lord?

Do **I believe** Jesus died and rose for me and gives me His Body and Blood this day "for the forgiveness of sins"?

Do **I intend** to use this means of grace to change my life, following His will and way? We ask that all who receive the Lord's Supper fill out a "Care Card" and place it in the offering plate. Please note that reduced-alcoholic white wine is available in the center cups of the communion tray.

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

Holy Communion Celebrated at all Services Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (Sept. –May) 10:30 a.m.

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