



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Called by Christ, we grow in grace,
live with love, and go to serve.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover to tell us more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the green LBW and blue WOV hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page about additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us online at graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. Contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Electronic Devices

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during worship. Thank you.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Bella Cohen and her family in thanksgiving to the Lord, and in gratitude to the people of Grace Lutheran Church and School.

We Gather

For the second time in four weeks, Thomas has questions. He is mostly remembered, and unfairly nicknamed, for his questions after the resurrection. But it was consistent behavior. On the Thursday before the crucifixion, Jesus speaks words of promise and hope. Yes, he is leaving the disciples, but only for a while. And with great purpose. Thomas, however, cannot see how it can apply to him and his friends. How can we follow where you lead the way, Jesus? Philip joins in with his own demands. Jesus doubles down on the promise. He is not simply leading them somewhere. He is the destination. Jesus, our risen Lord, comes into our midst again this day. Because he is here, we are exactly where we need to be. Because he is here, we will never be lost or alone again.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Concerto No. 1 in E Major ("Spring")
I. Allegro

Antonio Vivaldi

We stand and face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

(blue) **WOV #747**

The choir sings stanza three in a setting by Carl F. Schalk.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a fermata. The lyrics are aligned with the notes below the staff.

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
Choir 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 ask to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.: tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

GREETING

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☑ **He 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: Worthy Is Christ

(organ) This is the feast of

vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Worth-y is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es wis-dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of

vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The music is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words aligned under specific notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of
all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. This is the feast of
vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-
gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life with all the world,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55–60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1–5, 15–16

Mark Sedio

ANTIPHON: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

- ℣ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
deliver me | in your righteousness.
- ☩ **Incline your | ear to me;***
make haste to de- | liver me.
- ℣ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag | and my stronghold;*
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.
- ☩ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,***
for you are my tow- | er of strength.
- ℣ Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,*
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O | God of truth.
- ☩ **My times are | in your hand;***
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who | persecute me.
- ℣ Make your face to shine up- | on your servant,*
and in your loving- | kindness save me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L The Word of the Lord

G **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen



Christ is a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise



full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on.



Now, with him to life re-stored, we praise the Fa-ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
 Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967, alt.
 Music: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1–14

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

G **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Show Me

Pastor David R. Lyle
John 14:1-14

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: You Are the Way

(green) **LBW #464**

1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

in you, O Christ, has God re - vealed his heart, his will, his mind!
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*; Edinburgh, 1615

NICENE CREED

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/ANTHEM: Lead Me in Your Truth

Daniel Barta

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
on you I wait all the day.

Psalm 25:5

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
 Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
 our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
 Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

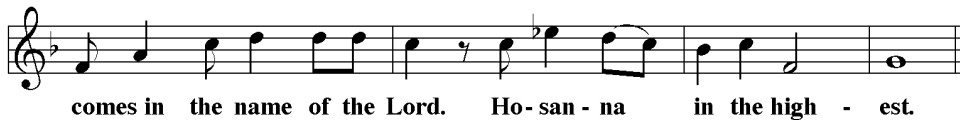
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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 our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:



☐ Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who,
living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



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

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.
The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread
and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

*Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.*

Anointing with oil for healing *is offered during the distribution of communion.*

*After receiving communion, come to the anointing station at the head of either side aisle
for prayer and anointing as a tangible sign of God's promise of wholeness for you.*

*Your need may be healing from physical illness, spiritual or emotional distress, grief, loss, or
anxiety, for yourself or a family member.*

MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Stone Rejected by the Builders

Michael D. Costello

Stone rejected by the builders,
JESUS, now the cornerstone –
You, our life and truth most blessed,
Are the way to God alone.

Living stone,
You are our builder;
Give us grace to live each day
Serving God, serving others,
Walking always in Your way.

Seeing You, we see the Father;
Born in You, we are God's own
Chosen race and priesthood royal
Joined in worship round God's throne.

J. Michael Thompson
(Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; I Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21), EASTER 5A

VOLUNTARY: Concerto No. 1 in E Major ("Spring") I. Allegro pastorale

Antonio Vivaldi

HYMN: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

(blue) **WOV #67**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,



he is the king of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Text: Donald Fishel, b. 1950

Music: ALLELUIA NO. 1, Donald Fishel, b. 1950

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G Amen.

A Let us pray.

Eternal God,

through our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ

you give us the water of life and nourish us at this table

with the food and drink of the promised land.

Send us forth into the world, that we may be witnesses to your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

G Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

☐ Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW #389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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DISMISSAL

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☑ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

☐ Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Jonathan Reuss

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Liz Hanson, assisting minister

Val Spiller, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace 3-4 Choir

Johanna Johnson, conductor

Kontras Quartet

Eleanor Bartsch, violin

Sherri Zhang, violin

Ben Weber, viola

Jean Hatmaker, cello

Mary Margaret Bartley, Deborah Maxwell, lectors

Olivia Hartung, Ben Beatty, crucifer/book bearer

Christine Phillips, Al Swanson, gift bearers

Bob Jandeska, Diana Sicuro, anointers

Thomas Ewert, David Kuipers, John Sanger, Scott Schwar, Susan Weber, ushers

Liz Hanson, Roberta Gillespie, altar guild

Kathryn Jandeska, Gerlinde VanDriesen, greeters

Michael Starrick, livestream audio/video

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Benevolence ministries

Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois

In thanksgiving for

Dean and Beverly Lueking for their service as foster parents,
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Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Josh Espinosa (*cousin of Jenny Luebbe*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

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Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, MAY 3

Library Open (self-service, coffee)	8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Mentor Sunday (Youth Center).....	8:45 a.m.
New Members Class (Senior Pastor's Office)	8:45 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, SK-6 th Gr (3 rd Floor Commons).....	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
LCFS Foster Care Event (Fellowship Hall)	11:15 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Breakfast Group (Church Library).....	10:15 a.m.
Health Committee (Church Library)	7:00 p.m.
Property Committee (Conference Room)	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

School Chapel Service	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room).....	6:15 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Moms of Littles (Youth Center).....	6:30 p.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall)	6:30 p.m.
Social Ministry (Conference Room).....	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Finding Hope (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
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