

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 6, 2025

8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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And Jesus came and said to them.
"All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

GO therefore
and

MAKE DISCIPLES of all nations.

BAPTIZING them in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of
the Holy Spirit

and **TEACHING** them to obey
everything that I have
commanded you.

And **REMEMBER**

2025

I am with you always, to the end of the age." 28:18-20

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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
KIM KYLLO, SENIOR PASTOR
NATHAN LYKE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

PRELUDE: "On My Heart, Imprint Your Image"..... arr. Robert Hobby
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"arr. Gilbert Martin

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

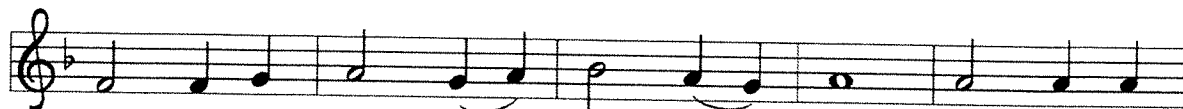
P: Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ELW 803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

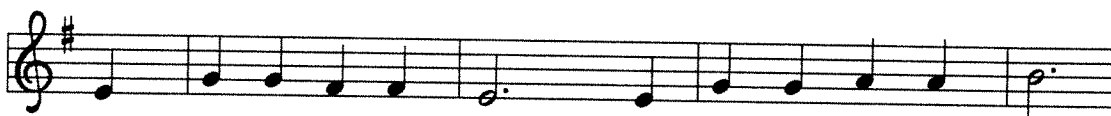
Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

GREETING: ELW p. 203

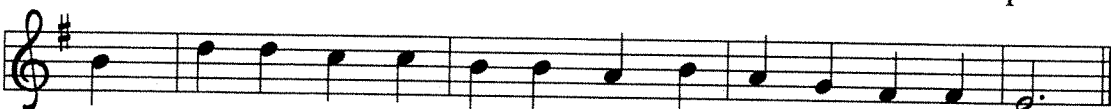
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE..... ELW p. 203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord Be With You

C: **And also with you**

P: Let Us Pray.

C: **Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

L: A Reading from Isaiah

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Pastor Nathan Lyke

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 205



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL READING: John 12:1-8

P: A reading from the Gospel of John

C: Glory to You, O Lord

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON.....Pastor Kim Kylo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"ELW 596



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

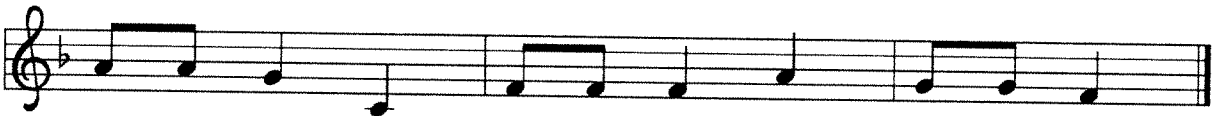


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

Offering Music: (8:30) Chancel Choir "Lamb of God" Thomas H.B. Slawson

Anthem text:

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world; the sin of the world;
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, have mercy, have mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world; the sin of the world;
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world; have mercy, O God.
Grant us thy peace. Grant us thy peace. God, grant us thy peace.

(10:30) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. David Cherwien

GIVE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE please scan this QR code or text "give" to 218-210-7853 and click the link



The pink envelopes in April support St. John's Care and Compassion Team Scholarships which will be awarded to our graduating seniors in June. Pick up a pink donation envelope from the pew rack while at church and place your check or cash inside and place in the offering plate during service. Or you can give on Tithe.ly too, just choose "pink envelopes" from the dropdown menu and write "College Scholarships" in the note box.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

P: God of Grace

C: Receive our Prayer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION (10:30)

P: The following children have been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament of Holy Communion....Will you help them in this journey of faith? If so, please say:

C: I will with the Help of God.

C: Gracious God, We ask you to bless these young people and to continue to strengthen them in their faith. Continue to guide them and their family members who support and love them. Bring blessings into their lives and empower them to do the same for others, Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Lamb of God".....ELW p. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "In the Singing"ELW 466



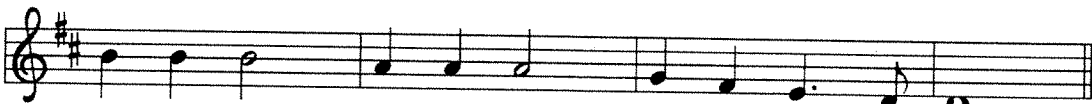
1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pect-ant, o - pen,
 2 In the ques-tion, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment of ac-cept-ance,



in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble,
 in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,



Refrain
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

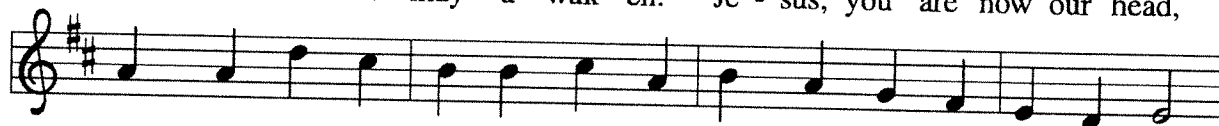
Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931
 Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926
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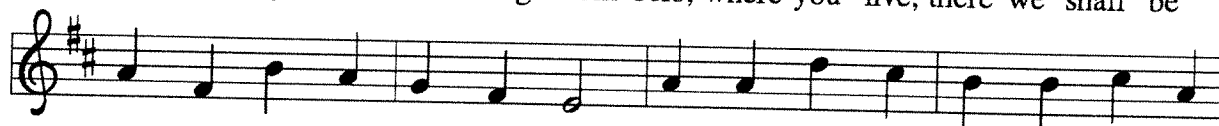
1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross,
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



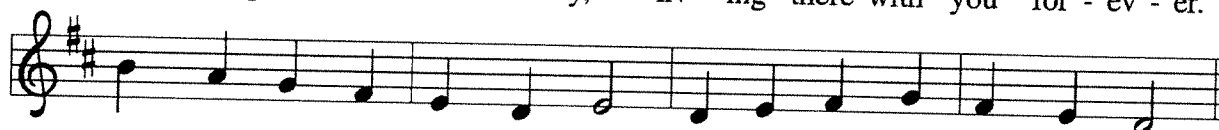
through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.
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DISMISSAL

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **And also with you**

P: We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

POSTLUDE: *"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"* arr. David Cherwien

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The following children have been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. They are now presented to this congregation to become full and life-long participants at our Lord's Table. Please welcome them as we celebrate this milestone in their faith.

Keegan Ackman
Brett Allen
Derek Boerschel
Tobias Borchardt
Ben Bring
Weston Gjovik
Maya Gleason
Ellorie Jacobs
Victoria Johnson
Evan Kuck
Griffin Theel
Noah Tresselt-Warren

Wednesday Lenten Schedule of Events

- 5:15-6:15-Lenten Supper
- 5:30 - 6:30-Youth choirs-JAM (K-4th), FLY (5th-MS)
- 6:00 - 6:30 - Highlights
- 6:30 - 7:15 - Lenten Worship Service
- 7:15 - 8:00 - First Communion Classes,
Affirm 6th/7th Lenten mentors,
Affirm 8th/9th Discussions
- 7:15 - 8:30 - Chancel Choir HS-Adult
- 8:00 - 8:30 - Youth Group

Wednesday Lenten Series: "Inside Out Faith"

March 12 - April 9

Join us for Wednesday Lenten Worship at 6:30 pm, as we explore the vibrant landscape of the spiritual and emotional life in "Inside Out Faith." God intentionally designs and creates us in the image of God: with a body, mind, and soul, and equips us with core emotions to help us navigate this life: joy, sadness, fear, anger, and disgust. How are these five core emotions tools that provide information about the world around us and the ways we move through it? Join us as we explore one of these five emotions and how they function in our spiritual lives each week.

April 9—Inside Out Faith—Disgust

To diversify our spiritual engagement of this theme, we invite you into two optional practices alongside Wednesday Lenten Worship:

1. **Adding to our cross mosaic** - after our Scripture and Message during Wednesday Lenten Worship, you will have the opportunity to engage with the core emotion for that evening by coming forward to add to the cross mosaic, using the corresponding color for that core emotion in fabric and tying it to the cross. By the end of Lent, we will together create a cross covered by a visual representation of our spiritual and emotional lives!
2. **Lenten Journaling** - During worship each Wednesday, we'll provide a faithful framework around the function of each emotion, using Scripture. Guided journals - with prompts for each of the five Lenten Wednesdays - will be available for everyone, to take home for ongoing reflection on each night's core emotion. These are yours to keep and use as it is meaningful and spiritually enriching for you! You will not be asked to share your journals or turn them back into us. We pray this will deepen your spiritual life this Lenten season.

Vacation Bible School Pen Pals

This year for vacation bible school, I am hoping to have a letter/picture exchange between our campers and seniors or other adults in our St. John's community and our assisted living friends in the Lakeville community.

The idea for this project would be, you would write a letter (some tips and topics are included below) that will be given to a VBS camper. They will then read and respond to your letter, either with a letter of their own or a special picture, the week of June 16th. You should receive your letter/special picture, or several of them, the week of June 23rd.

Some tips for writing your letter to our campers:

- Since you won't know who you are writing to, you can address the letter "Dear VBS camper" or "Dear Child of God"
- Write a little bit about yourself: your name, where you live (in general, like "Lakeville" or "Highview Hills", etc.) and some things you like to do (play games, garden, read, watch sports, etc.)
- Tell the campers about a favorite bible story or a favorite Bible verse and why it's your favorite or a story from when you were in Sunday School (or VBS) or how much God means to you.
- To close, wish them well on their week at VBS, hope they have a nice summer or tell them how much you are looking forward to receiving their letters.

If this project sounds like something you would like to do, please submit a half page (approximately) **hand-printed or typed** letter by **May 31st** by email to elisa@silcl.org or by regular mail at:

St. John's Lutheran Church
C/O Elisa Brown/VBS letters
20165 Heath Ave.
Lakeville, MN 55044

Thank you so much, in advance, for participating in this very special project!
Elisa Brown, St. John's VBS director

Announcements:

1. ACE in April. **Sunday, April 6**, 9:30 in the Sanctuary. **Get To Know The Enneagram.** The enneagram is more than another set of labels to tag ourselves and others with. It can be a powerful tool for getting unstuck and moving forward. Beth Beaty, who will present on the topic, is a certified enneagram teacher and has been using the enneagram to help people, teams and organizations find expansiveness, compassion and clarity for over 10 years.

Sunday, **April 27**, 9:30 in the Sanctuary. **Meet Socheat: Chaplain For The Minnesota Vikings.** Socheat Chum serves as the chaplain for the Minnesota Vikings and will share about his unique ministry call to professional football teams, players, and staff. Come and hear what it's like to pray after a game on the 50 yard line with players from both the Vikings and Packers!
2. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**
Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am
3. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**
Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next April 1st.**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
4. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am from September through June. Contact Ruth for details.
Where: St. John's
Topic: A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.
5. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on April 10th.**
Where: Highview Hills
6. **More Than Just Lunch** will be viewing the new art exhibit at the Thrivent building in downtown Minneapolis on **April 15th**. The new exhibit is The Expression of Awe through Art. This exhibit features objects from the Thrivent Collection of Religious Art as well as a variety of works from the Collection of Contemporary art. The artworks on display span eight centuries, from the 14th century to present day. Thrivent has had a variety of

art works over the past 43 years. After the tour we will have lunch at the East Town Cafe which is in the Thrivent building. We will **meet at church at 9:30.**

7. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**

Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: pjgudel@gmail.com)

Meets Next: April 21.

Where: Perkins in Lakeville

Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.

8. **Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's).** Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be.

These weekly messages include a 3–5-minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one-page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!!

9. The book group will be reading **"All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.** **Plan to come to the group discussion on April 9 at 1:00pm. (note the new date).** Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris, and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure's reclusive great uncle lives in a tall house by the sea. With them they carry what might be the museum's most valuable and dangerous jewel.

10. **Worship helpers needed**

We are so thankful to have many volunteers to serve in worship and in other areas at St. John's. Some of the more pressing needs are for readers, worship coordinators, clickers and running the sound and livestream during worship.

Clickers:



Worship
Coordinators

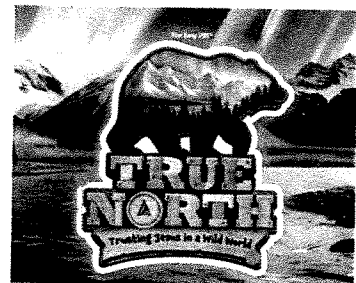


Readers:



11. Call for Eye Glass donations from the Lion's club. **Eyeglasses recycling** Since 1925, Lions International has been a champion in helping combat vision impairment and blindness. You can donate eyeglasses here at church in the Eyeglasses box near the coat racks. Partner with the local Lion's Club to give the gift of sight to those in need.

12. Save the date for this summers Vacation Bible School (VBS). An adventure with Jesus! June 16-19, 2025 from 9am-12pm at St. John's. The theme this year is True North! Registration is open now!



Senior Scholarship Important information

The Care and Compassion Team will be awarding at least three \$500 Scholarships to active St. John's Youth who will be pursuing a post-secondary education. If you are interested in this scholarship opportunity, please submit the following by **Wednesday, May 14th**:

1. A **one-page, 500-word, essay** entitled **"My Faith Journey"**. In your essay, describe your early experiences with your faith at church and in your family (Sunday School, VBS, holiday traditions, etc.). Your later, middle school and high school experiences with your faith. Include youth group experiences, mission trips, bible camp, clubs at church, activities outside of church etc. Think about any special moments of faith you may have had, any "AHa" moments or stories of how you felt God in your life and include your ideas about how you will continue your faith journey as you move on to this next life chapter

The essay should be submitted as a Word or Google document to elisa@sjlcl.org

2. Submit a copy of an original file of your graduation photo. If you didn't have graduation photos taken, please submit a clear copy of a recent photo of yourself. **Please submit either type of photo as a .jpg.**
3. Your contact information including: **your email address; phone number; parent's email and phone number; your college's name and the mailing address for the college.**

*The Compassion Team will review all submitted essays and select the scholarship recipients. The winners will be notified by email at the end of May.

****The recipients of the scholarships will be celebrated on Senior Sunday, June 8th.****

****Students' essays and senior pictures will be shared with the congregation in the June newsletter.****

****Scholarship money for the winning essays will be distributed in Summer/early Fall 2025.****

Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
Lector Linda Nielsen (8:30), Dave Coldren (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Don Knauff (8:30), Jeff Winkels (10:30)
Crucifer..... Brody Fitzke (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up.....Lynn Coldren
Communion Servers..... Jeanne Hartwig, John Hartwig, Linda Nielsen (8:30)
Pam Haukoos, Don Alberts, Elisa Brown (10:30)
Sound Tech Dan Nelson (8:30), Jennifer Milbradt (10:30)
Clicker TeamKatie Henning (8:30), Sydney Springer (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso (8:30), Francine Capasso (10:30)
Worship CoordinatorChristie Wright (8:30), Pam and Peter Haukoos (10:30)
Coffee ServersGinger Gustafson and Kathy Ziller

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector (8:30), (10:30)
Usher Team Leader John Hartwig (8:30), Josh & Kay Halvorson (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up..... Kathy Ziller
Communion Servers.....Kathy Ziller, Christie Wright, Sandy Johnson (8:30)
Kristie Winkels, Jenni Tange, (10:30)
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