

Gathered Together by God to Grow and Go Out!

May 19, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday Worship In-Person and Online at Facebook and YouTube

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Waukesha, Wisconsin

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+ GATHERING +

CALL AND RESPONSE *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

P: Our God has done this.

C: **We are amazed!**

P: This is the day that God has made.

C: **We will rejoice and be glad.**

GATHERING HYMN (*please stand as you are able*)

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen!

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

Share a sign of peace with your neighbor expressing God's peace. If you are joining us for worship online, please share a sign of peace in the comments section of the live stream.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Kyrie eleison

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.


Last time




Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the
2 That we may live out your im -
3 For peace in our hearts, that for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you

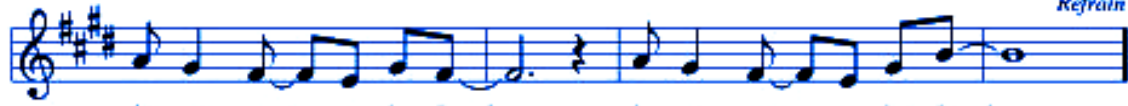


health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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GREETING

A: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Spirit of fire, your holy presence burns bright within this world. Spread your spirit throughout our communities, so that our hearts may burn with love and hope.

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THE PASTOR

READINGS FROM ACTS AND CORINTHIANS

Acts 2:1-4

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them ability.

1 Cor 12:1, 4-13

Paul writes: Now, regarding spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. There are different kinds of activities, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. The Spirit gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. The Spirit gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. God alone decides which gift each person should have.

The human body is one, made up of many parts, and the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION *(please stand as you are able)*

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the acclamation. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues with 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.'. The third staff has 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:4-8

God sent a messenger, John, to baptize. John came out of the wilderness and announced a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People from all of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.

John announced: “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Sara Gillespie

A brief silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *(please stand as you are able)*

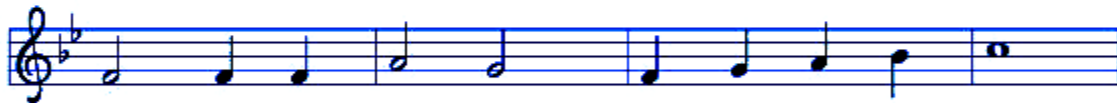
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



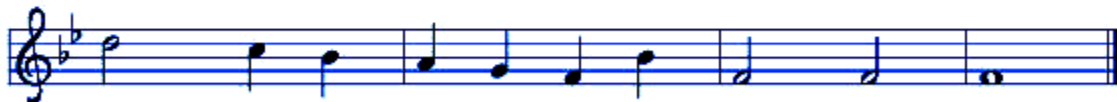
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-189

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us profess our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(please be seated)*

We will sing the song responsively after each petition is offered.

Please sing a new verse each time the song is sung.

We offer prayers during this time of meditation and singing. As a way of practicing our faith, you are invited to offer ways in which you experience the seeking and granting of forgiveness during the prayers of the people.

*If you have prayers you would like to have offered up during this time, please place names and concerns on a prayer request card and hand it to a welcome team member. **If you are joining us for worship online please begin typing names in the comment section so we might pray continuously during worship.***

Hear Our Prayer

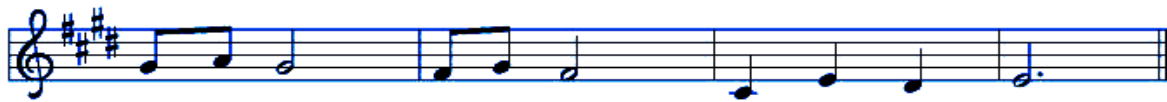
Prayer Response



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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LORD'S PRAYER

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

MISSION MOMENT AND OFFERING

We give thanks for our continued offerings that invest in God's work in and through St Mark's. *You may mail your offering to church (424 Hyde Park Ave Waukesha WI 53188); if you prefer to give digitally, follow this [link](#). If you'd like to text your contribution, please use this number: (262) 383-2338.* We are grateful for all your offerings and give thanks to God for you. Our offerings honor God, the giver of all things.

OFFERTORY SONG

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The second staff has a fermata over the final note. The third staff has a fermata over the final note. The fourth staff has a fermata over the final note. The fifth staff has a fermata over the final note.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950
Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

DIALOG

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

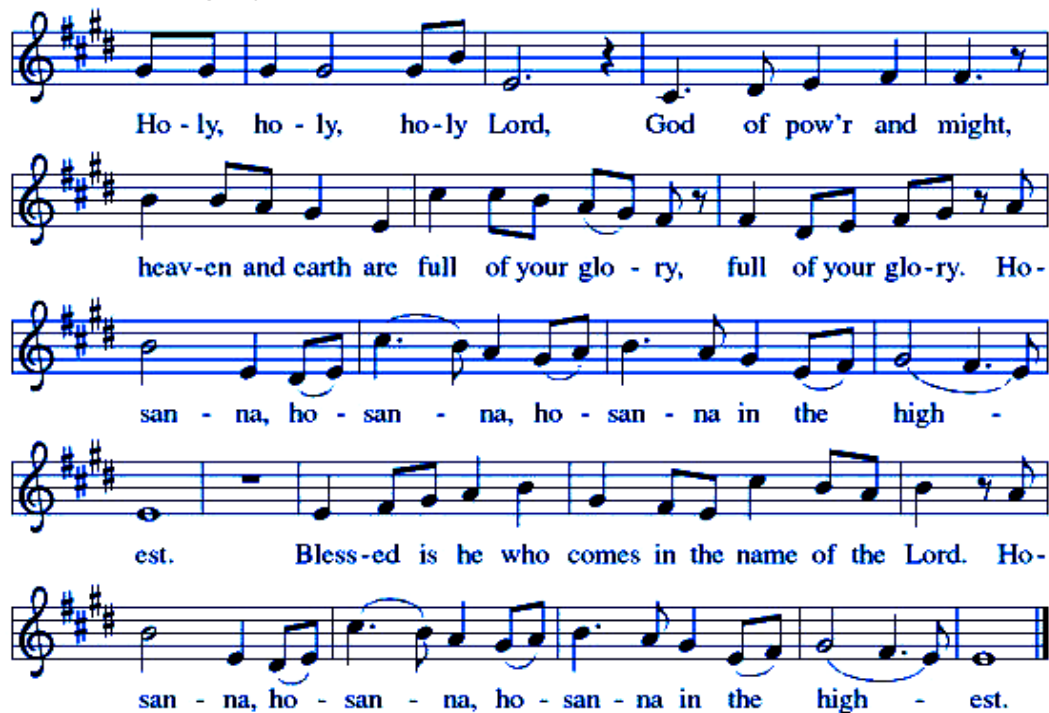
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

COMMUNION

The table of Holy Communion is inclusive, all people are welcome to receive this free gift of God. You will be invited by welcome team members to come forward down the center aisle. Bread is distributed at the center, with gluten free options at request. Your choice of grape juice or wine is available to you as you move toward either direction to return to your seats. Baskets for your empty cups are in the aisles as you return to your seats. If you need to have communion brought to you, please let a welcome team member know and the pastor or the assisting minister will commune you in your seat.

Prayer Partners (wearing a red badge) are available for confidential prayer for yourself or others in the front and back of the sanctuary.

EUCHARISTIC INVITATION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

Refrain - All



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.
3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al-ways be on my lips;
To-ge-th-er let us all . . . praise God's name.
You'll want for noth-ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo-ry in the Lord;
I called the Lord, . . . who an-swered me;
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou-bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

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Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.
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TABLE BLESSING *(please stand as you are able)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen



SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave,
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—
The sup - per is end - ed, Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve,
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race,
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all,
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing
to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call,
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorp, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

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Pastor Sara's Sabbath Day is Monday.

Deacon: Marcia Marquardt (marcia1@wi.rr.com, 262-784-2062)

Deacon Marcia's Sabbath Day is Friday.

Music Director: Jennifer Manvilla

Assisting Minister: Dave Groenewold

Our last Sunday School class of the year will be June 2. There will be NO Sunday School on May 19. Children will be excused for the class after the "Children's Time with the Pastor" within worship. There are no Sunday School classes during the Summer. Heartfelt thanks to Suzanne Lorenz for teaching our children about God and sharing God's love with them.

Join others for conversation and treats at the Coffee Hour after worship today in the fellowship hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Where to find information:

- Welcome2stmarks.com
- facebook.com/welcome2stmarks
- Youtube.com (Search St. Mark's Waukesha)
- Church email address is: welcome2stmarks@gmail.com
- Weekly email blast (if you don't receive these, contact Marcia at marcia1@wi.rr.com)
- Prayer Chain Requests to Lana DeCoto at lrdecoto@gmail.com.

Pastor Sara's vacation: Pastor Sara will be on vacation May 24-28. If you need pastoral care, contact Deacon Marcia (262-784-2062).

Senior Connection on Tuesday, May 21 at 11:30am: Potluck Picnic (Hopefully in the Courtyard). We'll cook the burgers and you bring the sides. Followed by an old fashioned sing-along. Sign up at the table in the church lobby. All are welcome!

Bible App Workshop: Join Marcia Marquardt on Thursday, June 6 at Noon-1:00pm in the fellowship hall for an informational presentation about using the YouVersion Bible app. It's a FREE app that can be used on smart phones and tablets that gives access to many versions of the Bible, devotional plans, videos, audios, and other tools. Bring along your device and any app store passcode that is needed, and Marcia will help you download the app. Bring along a sack lunch if you would like. Can't make that time, but interested? Contact Marcia and she'll meet with you another time.

Church Keys - If you have a key for the building, and no longer use it, please return it to the office. We need keys for new volunteers. - thank you - Debbie Wagner

Strong People, Strong Bodies: St Mark's is hosting a University of Wisconsin Extension exercise class on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00-2:15pm in the fellowship hall (April 23-June 27). The classes include progressive resistance training, balance training, and flexibility exercises. Suggested donation of \$30. To sign up, contact Jillian Smith at jillian.smith@wisc.edu or 262-548-7789.

Thank You! We regularly receive thank you notes from organizations in our community that we have supported. Recently, Hope Center sent a note with these words of appreciation: "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they are priceless. Thank you for volunteering with us." Thank you to those who have shared the love of God with people in our community by serving at Hope Center. We appreciate you!

Zoom Meeting Numbers:

Faith Formation Gatherings Zoom: 817 7030 6574,

Church Meetings Zoom: 823 2326 4353 Contact Marcia for passcodes.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- Sunday Worship at 9:30 am on YouTube and Facebook Live and in the sanctuary

MONDAY, MAY 20

- Quilting at 8:30am in fellowship hall
- Call Committee at 4:00pm on Zoom 823 2326 4353 Contact Marcia for passcode.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

- Stewardship team meeting at 10:00am on Zoom 823 2326 4353 Contact Marcia for passcode.
- Senior Connection at 11:30am in courtyard
- Strong Bodies exercise class at 1:00pm in fellowship hall
- Staff meeting at 1:00pm
- Still Waters Run Deep discipleship huddle at 2:30am in lounge

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- Zoom Bible Study at 3:45pm on Zoom 817 7030 6574 Contact Marcia for passcode.
- Confirmation class at 6:45pm in sanctuary

THURSDAY, MAY 23

- Hybrid Bible Study at 10:00am in fellowship hall AND Zoom 817 7030 6574 Contact Marcia for passcode.
- Strong Bodies exercise class at 1:00pm in fellowship hall

FRIDAY, MAY 24

- Pastor Sara begins her vacation (May 24-28)
- Dwell in the Word small group at 1:00pm in fellowship hall

SUNDAY, MAY 26

- Sunday Worship at 9:30am on YouTube and Facebook Live and in the sanctuary
- Pastor Dean Natterstad preaching