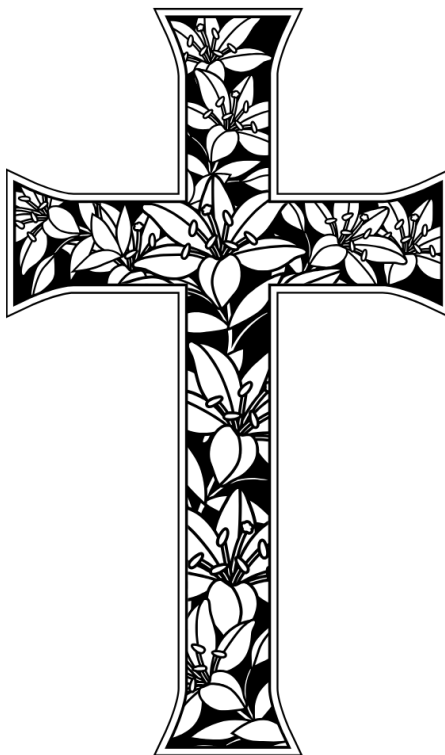


# Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*April 26, 2026*



**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

*Feeding the Hungry + Welcoming the Stranger*

*Being Transformed by God*

## ***Welcome to this morning's worship!***

*Thank you for joining us. If you are new to our service, please take a moment to fill out our welcome card so we can get to know you. Please use this bulletin, the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the blue Hymnal to follow along in worship. Nursery care is available down the stairs at the back of the church. Activity bags are available at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged.*

***Our worship service today includes a Liturgy of Belonging.***

***If you have joined St. Andrew's in the past year or consider yourself still to be a new member and would like to participate in the liturgy, you are warmly invited to come forward after the announcements.***

### **Prelude**

**Opening Hymn** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

*All creatures of our God and King (vv. 1, 4, 5, 7)*

Hymnal 400

### **The Opening Acclamation**

BCP p. 355

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **Gloria**

Hymnal S-277

*Hymns beginning with S are found in the Service music in the front pages of the Hymnal.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Children's Procession

All children are invited to Children's Ministry time. They will process out of the church together and go to the classroom hall for Godly Play and Kids of the Kingdom, returning for the announcements.

*Jesus loves you (sung by all)*

*Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves you. Yes, Jesus loves you.  
Yes, Jesus loves you; the Bible tells us so.*

## The Word of God

**The First Reading** (*Please be seated.*)

Acts 2:42–47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

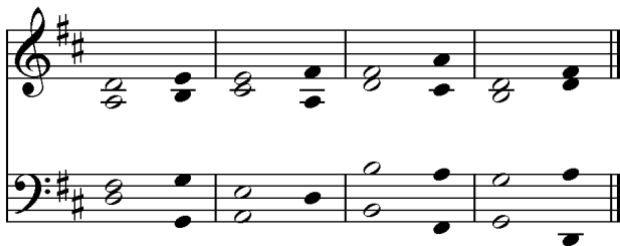
Reader      The Word of the Lord.

People      *Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm** (*sung by all*)

Psalm 23

Anglican Chant by Jerome Meacham



**Chanting the Psalm:**

*Move to next note after / and \*  
and at each new verse.*

*The Lord is my / shepherd; \**

*I shall not be in / want.*

*He makes me lie down in green / pastures \**

*and leads me beside still / waters.*

*He revives my / soul \**

*and guides me along right pathways for his / Name's sake.*

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no / evil; \**  
*for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.*

*You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; \**  
*you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running / over.*

*Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life, \**  
*and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for / ever.*

## **The Epistle**

1 Peter 2:19–25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

## **Gradual Hymn** (*standing*)

*For the fruit of all creation (vv. 1–2)*

Hymnal 424

## **The Holy Gospel**

John 10:1–10

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*      ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his

voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

*Deacon*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*     ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

### **Gradual Hymn**

*For the fruit of all creation (v. 3)*

Hymnal 424

**The Sermon** (*seated*)

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

**The Nicene Creed** (*standing*)

BCP p. 358

### **The Prayers of the People: Honoring God in Creation** (*standing or kneeling*)

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always: Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth around us, and pour your blessing upon the people and organizations working everywhere for the good of the planet. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Light and source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all its inhabitants, and lend us the wisdom and will to conserve them. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Wise Creator whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your generosity, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant* Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter the Confession of Sin is omitted.*

## **The Peace**

## **Announcements**

## **Liturgy of Belonging**

*Following the announcements, new members being welcomed will come forward,  
and the congregation will be seated.*

*Priest* We joyfully welcome these persons who wish to join with this body of Christ, the people of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

*Priest (to new members)* Our mission at St. Andrew's is to feed the hungry, to welcome the stranger, and to be transformed by God. Will you commit to joining us in this mission as we journey together?

*New Members* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Priest* Will you support this community of faith through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

*New Members* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Priest (to congregation)* Will you who witness these promises do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ and in this congregation?

*Congregation* ***We will.***

*Priest* In Christ, we welcome you as members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Everliving God, we give you thanks for these new members of our church and for the whole Body of Christ. Help us to live as your beloved, to grow with each other, to love each other, and to support each other. That by our common life in this community we may come to more fully know and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

arr. by Michael Burkhardt  
text at Hymnal 645

#### **At the Presentation**

*The Doxology*

Hymnal 380, v. 3

#### **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP p. 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* *We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

#### **Sanctus**

S-130

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

BCP p. 364

#### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, come to either side of the altar rail and place your arms across your chest in the form of an "X" or cross.*

#### **Communion Hymns** (*sung by all*)

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

Hymnal 343

*The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Hymnal 663

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Hymnal 708

#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP p. 365

## Easter Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us eternal life, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Closing Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful*

Hymnal 405

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

## Postlude

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**Readers:** Kathryn Crowe, Shelley Kappauf. **Chalicerist:** Shelley Kappauf. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Tim Fleming, Mark Kaley, Charles Kelshaw, Linda Van Ormer, Mike Van Ormer. **Greeters & Newcomer Hosts:** Jonathan Stephens. **Altar Guild Members:** Sherry Chappell, Lisa Garrett, Virginia Haskett, Margaret Ann Horne, Pat Marsh, Yvonne Michel, Johnetta Shablack, Cindy Shane, Barb Watkins. **Livestream Team:** Tim Fleming, Virginia Haskett.

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Johnetta Shablack  
in loving memory of her beloved mother, Linda Shablack.*

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## We Pray For

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson; St. John's, Henderson

**Those on our parish prayer list:** Norma Bullock, Traci and Erik, Jeff Cummer, Betty Atwell, Mack Baker, Lauren, Martha and Jim Kaley, Heather, Victoria, Pauline Tatum, Jim Tatum, Pia, Jeannie Phillips, James, Madeline Colavito, Hilary Towle, Myra Stephens, E. MacKenzie, Susan Seaton, Karl Towle, Heidi Dohmeier, Barbara Van Cleve, Faye Thompson, Ethan Shoffner, Paul, Karen, Sabrina, John Bald, Julie Dameron, Lynn Hayworth, Vicky, Terese Southern, Jordan, Bill Hill, Carl and Angie Smith, James R. Smith, Lauren Vasquez and family, Ken Sisk, Ken, Patricia, Lee Martin, Charlyne Hanna, Julia Davis, Carrether, Michael Ballard, Katherine Yost Hayden, Carole, Kat, and Julia, Greta, Susan Mole, Angela, Keats, Nancy, Mary Gail, Joe and Sandra Redding, Wee and Eddie, Emani and Desiree, Bob Stevens, Mary Cathryn Murray, Jane Smith and family,

Nancy Bishop, Henry, Arwyn, and Christine Davis-Potter, Judy Stancil, Patricia Henry

**Seminarian:** Ryan Waide

**Those serving in our military:** Tom Stauffer, Paul Zeigler, Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Phillips, Kenneth Gearhart, Alex Reyes, Michael McNeil, Jordan Payne, Catharyn Nosek

**The departed:** Holly Jo Shablack, sister of Johnetta Shablack

**Those expecting:** Cody and Kelly Grant Lankford (late July)

**Birthdays:** Betty Brown, Javi Chaires, Sean Cummings, Tricia de Beer, Joe Graves, Hannah Schlotterer, Jonathan Spinks, Joe Stultz

**Anniversary:** Relin Mathew and Shalom Cherian, Stephen and Ginny Inman, Rob and Chris Lillpopp

*Please send prayer requests to Susan Frye at [parish@standrewsgso.org](mailto:parish@standrewsgso.org) or 336-275-1651, ext. 1.*

### Today

***Let's Welcome Our Newest Members!***

*Please be sure to greet our new members after worship in the Parish Hall at Coffee & Conversation.*

***Sharing Our Stories: Join Us for Easter Formation—Today after 10 a.m. Worship (Cloister)***

*After the resurrection, those who had walked with Jesus or seen the Risen Lord, shared the stories of their encounters with God. Telling your story or writing your autobiography is an act of spiritual reflection that is an important undertaking for everyone. Our stories allow us to connect with one another and claim the ways we have been shaped and formed. Join veteran biographer and award-winning storyteller Jim Dodson for this special formation offering that invites you to consider your own life journey. Bring a notebook and your story-telling curiosity! In the Cloister after 10 a.m. worship.*

***Today's the Day for Sprouts Brunch!—Right after Worship at The Sage Mule***

*Our next Sprouts Brunch is today after worship. We'll gather at The Sage Mule, a local favorite brunch and lunch spot in downtown Greensboro that happens to have one of our group's favorite things—a big, kid-friendly patio! The Sage Mule also has a menu with gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan-friendly deliciousness. Last minute joiners are always welcome. Email Martha at [martha@standrewsgso.org](mailto:martha@standrewsgso.org) with any questions, and we hope to see you there.*

***It's Middle School Meetup Day—Today, 4–5 p.m. (Herman Hall)***

*Join us in Herman Hall this afternoon at 4 p.m. for a special session led by Eric, our amazing Associate Rector. We can't wait to see all of our 6th–8th grade friends there! Then feel free to stay after for EYC, which will be from 5–6:30 pm.*

### **EYC Goes Glory Gardening—Tonight, 5-6:30 p.m. (Meet in Herman Hall)**

This week in EYC we'll be revamping our garden bed to create a free community vegetable garden to supplement the little food pantry we built earlier this program year! Our little food pantry is most frequented on Saturday afternoons after the Corner Market shuts down and after many of the vendors leave leftover bread, muffins, and produce in our box. This Sunday, we'll get started on adding our own freshly grown tomatoes, squash, carrots, and more to those offerings. Wear clothes you can garden in, and feel free to bring gardening gloves with you. We'll wrap up with a yummy pizza dinner (and a big salad bar to keep the produce love going!). See you tonight from 5-6:30, beginning in Herman Hall.

### **Sign Up Today for Service of Healing & Hope—May 4, 5:00–7:45 p.m. (First Presbyterian Church)**

Join your Interfaith Coalition community and friends for a special evening of renewed commitment to immigrant justice.

- **The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. with gathering for a simple meal**, reflecting on what it means to be neighbors in this moment. "**Neighboring**" is the theme of this next phase of our Coalition's work, defined as the practice of standing with our immigrant neighbors not as rescuers, but as fellow members of one community whose safety, freedom, and flourishing are bound up together."
- **An interfaith Service of Healing & Hope will begin at 6:30**, including local musicians and the powerful tradition of Singing Resistance songs, which we will learn and sing together.
- **Throughout the evening, local immigrant and refugee agencies will have information tables** highlighting services, needs, and opportunities to get involved. Come learn about new and innovative ways agencies are strengthening our community and supporting our neighbors.

We welcome all who care about immigrant justice and the flourishing of our shared neighborhood at this event. **Sign up TODAY (which is the signup deadline), at the link in our eNews.** To ask questions, email [stevenkenttate@gmail.com](mailto:stevenkenttate@gmail.com) or [dianabbowman@gmail.com](mailto:dianabbowman@gmail.com), or call 336-540-4401.

### **Announcements**

#### **Join us at Our Brown Bag Book Club Meeting—April 28, 12 p.m. (Library)**

Our next book club meeting is Tuesday, April 28. We will be discussing *The Aviator's Wife*, by Melanie Benjamin. All are welcome to join. Bring a snack or sandwich and your beverage and meet us in the Library. Email Sally with questions at [sallymarion@mariontile.com](mailto:sallymarion@mariontile.com).

#### **Learning & Fellowship with the D.O.K. and the Sambolas—April 30, 5:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)**

All parishioners are warmly invited to join the Deborah Chapter of the Daughters of the King (D.O.K.) for an evening with St. Andrew's parishioners Jankoba Sambola and Amelia Menston-Sambola. Come hear about Jankoba's first visit home to Liberia in 30 years.

#### **Do You Have a Rising Fifth, Sixth, or Seventh Grader? Let's Get You on the Jr. EYC Email List!**

Beginning in the fall of 2026, we'll be offering something new for St. Andrew's 5th-7th graders—a

weekly Jr. EYC! Much like our long-standing EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), the Jr. EYC will meet on Sunday evenings to build community, engage in service and volunteer opportunities, explore a deeper connection to faith as we grow, and best of all, to have a great time doing all of this with friends! If you have a rising 5th –7th grader in your household and are interested in learning more, reach out to [martha@standrewsgso.org](mailto:martha@standrewsgso.org). We'll be creating a Jr. EYC email list over the next few weeks and will be sending out information about the formation of this group over the summer.

**Come to a Community Conversation: Art, Creativity & Inspiration—May 3, at Coffee Hour**

As our celebration of Easter continues, join us in the Parish Hall for a panel presentation around themes about the intersection of creativity and inspiration in art. Some of our parish artists will share about their work and process of making art — Karen Spencer (painter), Dennis Pollard (photography), Marcia Moore (painter) and Perry Boswell (multimedia / collage artist). Rev. Ginny will moderate. Come learn more about fellow parishioners, and maybe discover some new creative inspiration for yourself.

**May Means Coffee & Conversation with Clergy: Tuesdays at A Special Blend—Starting May 5**

This Easter Season, our clergy are eager to connect with you! There is joy in our faith and the friendships we form, and you are invited to join clergy and other parishioners at A Special Blend's Greensboro location at 3900–C W. Market St. —just up the street from St. Andrew's. **Drop in on Tuesdays in May, 12–1 p.m.**, for delicious coffee and cup-filling conversation. We look forward to seeing you there.

**It's Time to Submit Your Graduates' Info!—Class of 2026 Names Due Tuesday, May 5**

As part of our **Youth Sunday service on May 17**, we will pray for and recognize all Class of 2026 high school and higher ed graduates. Please help us complete our list! Email each graduate's first and last name, school name, and degree to [parish@standrewsgso.org](mailto:parish@standrewsgso.org) by **May 5** for inclusion in the May 17 bulletin. You are also welcome to include a sentence about your grad's hopes, dreams, or next steps if you would like. We look forward to celebrating all of our Class of 2026's milestones.

**Come Enjoy a Wonderful Spring Tea—Saturday, May 9 at 2 p.m. (Parish Hall)**

Bring your mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, friend, or neighbor for a full English Tea and delightful conversation. You're encouraged to wear your favorite hat, and if you have a favorite teacup you may bring that as well! We will take a love offering (suggested at \$20) for SimpleWays and their food pantry, long supported by St. Andrew's and which supports 6,000 clients each month. Look for the signup sheet in the Parish Hall and online in our [eNews](#). **Please sign up by May 3.**

**Sign Up for Our Men's Retreat, "Biscuits and Belonging"—May 30, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. (Parish Hall)**

The Men's Retreat will be a morning of reflection, conversation, and connection, led by Rev. Eric Tuttle, and exploring the ideas of community and friendship. Please RSVP by May 25, [using the link in this week's eNews](#), so we know you'll be there. And yes, there will be biscuits!

**Help Share God's Love—Cook for Abundant Life's Community Dinner!—Tuesday, May 12**  
Many neighbors are struggling with grocery prices, and one simple way we can help is by cooking for Abundant Life's weekly dinners where hospitality, fellowship, and good food abound. St. Andrew's next turn is May 12, and we invite you to provide 9x13 pans of protein packed entrees and vegetable sides. Here's how to help:

- Use a disposable pan, label it with your name and the name of the dish, and freeze it at home.
- All dinner donations need to be in the church's pantry freezer by Sunday morning, May 10th.
- Please sign up using [the link in this week's eNews](#), or email Barbara Cooke, [bjcooke58@gmail.com](mailto:bjcooke58@gmail.com), with questions. Thank you for bringing hope and connection to our neighbors!

**Are You a Rising 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Grader? Come to a Confirmation Interest Meeting—May 17 after Church**  
Every other year, all Baptized high-school-age youth are invited to take part in the Confirmation process, a six-week class series on faith, history, and what it truly means to take on our Baptismal vows for ourselves. This class, along with a day-long retreat, culminates in the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Bishop's visit in the fall. If you're interested in joining the class, or in learning more about the Confirmation process at St. Andrew's, join Martha and Rev. Eric in the Library for a brief interest meeting on Sunday, May 17, directly after our Youth Sunday reception. Questions? Can't make that day but are still interested? Email [martha@standrewsgso.org](mailto:martha@standrewsgso.org).

### **Check Your First Quarter Statements—Thank You for Your Pledges & Gifts**

Giving statements for the first quarter of 2026 were distributed on April 16. We are grateful for your continued gifts that sustain the mission and ministry of St Andrew's. If you have questions about your giving, please email Ray Marsh at [bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org](mailto:bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org) or call him at 336-275-1651, ext. 3. Ray is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To make new or pledged gift, visit [abundant.co/standrewsepisopalch/give](http://abundant.co/standrewsepisopalch/give) or scan the QR code at right. Checks may be mailed to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (Bookkeeper), 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403.



### **Save These Dates and Watch Your Bulletin & eNews for Details**

*New Day Singers' Concert — May 16, 2:00 p.m.*

*Youth Sunday & Celebration of Graduates — May 17, 10:00 a.m. Worship*

*Pentecost Worship & Celebration — May 24, 10:00 a.m. Worship, Potluck Picnic to Follow*

*Men's Retreat: Biscuits & Belonging — May 30, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.*

*EYC Field Day — May 31, 5:00-6:30 p.m.*

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