Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ



Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15, 2022 9:30 a.m.



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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshiping with you. There's also a "prayground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshiping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Key:
Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation
Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant
† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

Please Note: In an effort to protect those who are vulnerable, <u>masking is strongly</u> <u>recommended.</u> In addition, the first four rows of pews on the left side of the sanctuary are reserved as a "masking only" section (for those who wish to be in close proximity only with others who are masking).

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

	Gathering The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
	Prelude and Welcome
In Thanksgiving	† Thanksgiving for Baptism
for Baptism, we recall how God has	Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
joined us to Christ through baptism and clothes us	In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation.
with mercy and forgiveness.	For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.
	We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth,

The thanksgiving praises God for all of God's saving actions through water and the word. praying and trusting that this assembly will be renewed by the Holy Spirit in forgiveness, grace, and love.

through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death ELW 452 vs 1, 3, & 4

1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light; so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.

- 3 There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call, one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save; with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.

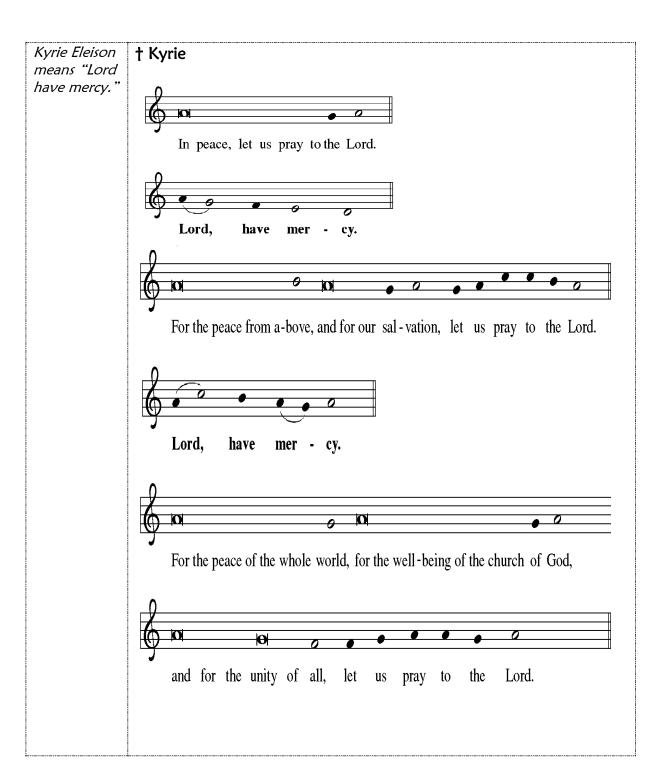
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The presiding minister greets the assembly with the words used by Paul in 2nd Corinthians to greet churches. The assembly also greets the presiding minister in return. It is a moment of mutuality that signifies trust, love, mutual service, and a shared hope in God.

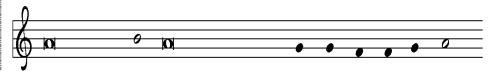
† Greeting

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.







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



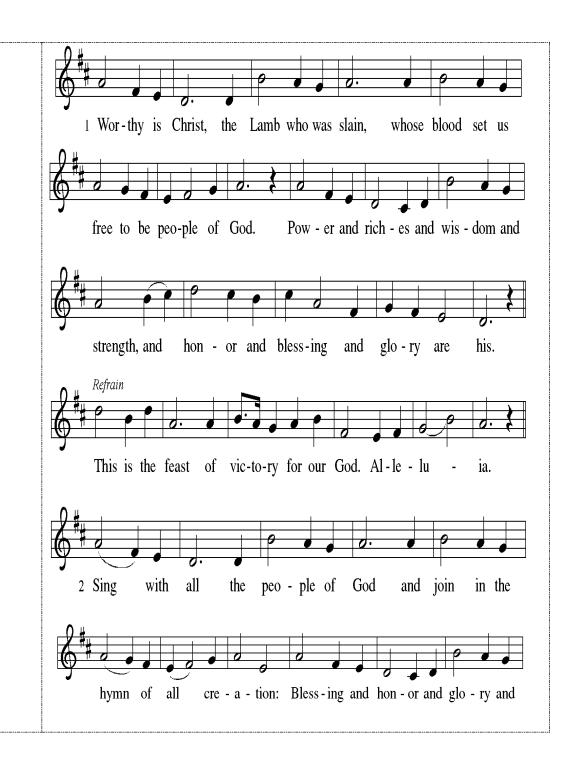
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Along with the return of the Alleluia, the Hymn of Praise returns on Easter Sunday to signify the joy of the resurrection. † Hymn of Praise (First line sung by leader, all join in at "Worthy...")



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

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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. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

† Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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.**

The Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

To put this reading into context:

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we

will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

Hear now the reading:

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

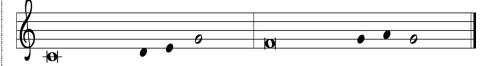
⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Chanting the psalms is an ancient practice.

Psalm 148:1-6, 13-14



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¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

²Praise the LORD, | all you angels; sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, ¹ sun and moon; sing praise, all you ¹ shining stars.

⁴Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens, and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD, who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever, giving them a law that shall not | pass away.

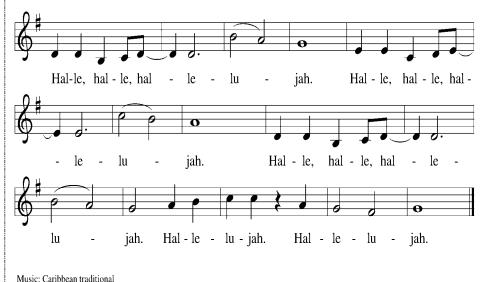
¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!

We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation.

† Gospel Acclamation: Halle Halle Hallelujah ELW 172



The Gospel reading is announced. We rise to our feet, if able, as a sign of respect and anticipation for the Gospel that reveals Jesus Christ to us.

† Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

To put this reading into context:

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Children aged Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to leave the service and attend the first part of Sunday School instruction (2nd part to resume in classes after worship.)

Sermon: Pastor Tom Henderson

Silence for Reflection

	† Hymn of the Day: With High Delight Let Us Unite ELW 368		
the Day			
invites the	1 With high delight let us unite		
Assembly's	in songs of sweet jubilation.		
participation	You pure in heart, all bear your part,		
in the	sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.		
sermon event—it is a	To set us free forever, he		
response to	is ris'n and sends to all earth's ends		
the	good news to save ev'ry nation.		
proclaimed	good news to save evily nation.		
Word of	2 True God, he first from death has burst		
God.	'		
	forth into life, all subduing.		
	His enemy now vanquished see;		
	his death has been death's undoing.		
	"And yours shall be like victory		
	o'er death and grave," says he, who gave		
	his life for us, life renewing.		
As the	3 Let praises ring; give thanks, and bring to Christ our Lord adoration. His honor speed by word and deed to ev'ry land, ev'ry nation. So shall his love give us above, from misery and death set free, all joy and full consolation. Text: Georg Vetter, 1536-1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976, alt. Text © 1969 Concordia Publishing House		
church, we	† Prayers of Intercession		
pray for			
those in our	Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of		
community	resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.		
and around			
the world.	A brief silence.		
The prayers			
are also			

responsive, emphasizing our participation. Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Humble the rulers of nations. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress especially Jae, Jeff, and Oakley; Andrew; Willie: Char; Jen; Jerry; Marie; Tony; Jeanette; the family of Mary Wahl, Rich . . . and those whom we lift up in our heart silently or aloud. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.	† Passing of the Peace The Peace of Christ be with you always, And also with you. The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.	
	The Meal	
	God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.	
God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.	God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving at www.goodsoillutheran.org/support or by using this QR code below. Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.	
The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.	† Offering Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ELW 377 vs 1 & 2 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain Jesus is risen and we shall arise.	

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

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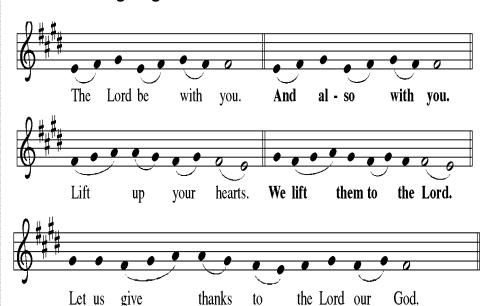
† Offering Prayer

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe

Amen.

† Great Thanksgiving

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



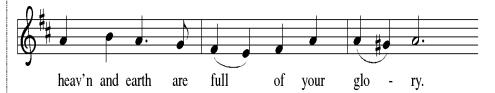


† Sanctus

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:







Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

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The Lord's Prayer is	† Lord's Prayer		
Jesus'			
response to	Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.		
his disciples			
when they	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,		
asked him to	thy kingdom come, thy will be done,		
teach them	on earth as it is in heaven.		
how to pray.	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.		
	† Invitation to the Table		
	The risen Christ dwells with us here.		
	All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.		
Standing is	† Communion		
considered "the posture			
of	Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of		
resurrection."	Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil. Please wait for		
	the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are		
	invited to stand at the altar rail. Gluten-free communion is available		
	upon request. The wine is white and grape juice is red.		
	The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.		
	The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.		
	The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.		

Communion Hymn: Where Charity and Love Prevail ELW 359 and Beloved, God's Chosen ELW 648

- 1 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
- With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.
- 3 Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.
- Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
 Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.
- 5 Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess, that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th. cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.
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Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart. Above all, before all, let love be your raiment that binds into one every dissonant part.

- Within, call forth Wisdom, to dwell in you richly; let peace rule your hearts, and that peace be of Christ. And from the heart's chamber, beloved and holy, let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.
- 3 Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart. Above all, before all, let love be your raiment that binds into one ev'ry dissonant part.

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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

† Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Sending God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. With the † Blessing blessing of God, we go God, the Author of life. out to live as Christ, the living Cornerstone, Christ's body and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, in the world. + bless you now and forever. Amen. † Sending Hymn: I Come with Joy ELW 482 vs 1, 4, & 5 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me. in love laid down for me. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here. 5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one. the love that makes us one. Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936 Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

The dismissal sends us out	† Dismissal
into the world as Christ's	Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Body—fed, nourished, and ready to	Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God.
serve. Worship has ended, and our service	
begins!	Postlude

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Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: Pastor Tom Henderson	Reader: Aaron Krankowski	
Ushers: Dave Blocksom Michael Wancata	Counters: Bill Fink Larry Jacobson	
Online Usher: Kathy Berkshire	Acolyte: Isaac Krankowski	



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, May 15, 2022

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Jae, Jeff, and Oakley; Andrew Evatt; Willie Lee, Char Mattson; Jen Mitterholzer; Jerry and Marie Sternad; Tony Sykaluk; Jeanette Weidlich; family of Mary Wahl; Rich Petrusky

For those celebrating their birthday:

Jack Smith (May 15)

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:

Luke Williamson (May 17), Ryan Williamson (May 17)

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by Joy Christensen in loving memory of her mother, Marlys Christensen.

Good Soil's Spring Outdoor Clean Up Day will be Sat, May 21 beginning at 9:30 a.m. We'll meet in the parking lot for a short devotion and hand out work assignments. Coffee, bottled water, and large leaf bags will be provided. Please bring your own work gloves and gardening tools. The Property Committee hopes to see you there!

Interested in learning more about being an usher or greeter? Join the Worship Servant Training Adult Forum at 11:00 a.m. on Sun, May 22. Anyone interested in learning more and/or potentially serving in those roles are encouraged to attend. We'll explore some of the "why's" behind what we do in worship and some helpful instructions/logistics for those roles as well.

The Roof Fundraising Campaign "Building Joy!" is underway to help ensure Good Soil can continue to provide a place for Christ's joy to grow and thrive for years to come. The congregation is invited to join in alongside funds from Sylvia Rosenbush's trust to raise a total of \$10,000 toward this project cost. With unanimous gifts from council paired with additional gifts received so far, we have already raised \$5,650 toward this project. Thanks be to God!

See chart of remaining needed gifts below. The top QR code will take you to the intent response form and the bottom QR code will take you to Good Soil's online giving page. Intent responses due by the end of May, funds due by 8/15.





Online Giving Page

Needed		Total of Gift
<u>Gifts</u>	Gift Levels	Amounts
1	\$600.00	\$600.00
2	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
2	\$400.00	\$800.00
1	\$300.00	\$300.00
3	\$200.00	\$600.00
6	\$100.00	\$600.00
9	\$50.00	\$450.00
24	Total	\$4,350.00

"Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklets for July/Aug/Sept are now available at the top of the stairs as you come in to the building. Copies will be sent to our homebound siblings. If you can't make it to worship and would like a devotional, please contact Deborah in the office (deborah@goodsoillutheran.org or 440-331-1773).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
DAY	EVENT	TIME
Sun, May 15	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	1:00 p.m.
Tues, May 17	GS Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sat, May 21	Outdoor Clean Up Day	9:30 a.m.
Sun, May 22	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Coffee Hour	10:30 a.m.
	Worship Servant Adult Forum	11:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	1:00 p.m.
Sun, May 29	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 a.m.
	 Blessing of the Graduate (Julia 	
	Alexander)	10:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Coffee Hour	
Mon, May 30	MEMORIAL DAY	
	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	