Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 AM		April 28, 2024
	An asterisk (*) indicates when the congregation stands. Hymns and page numbers are	
	from the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship service book that is located in the pew rack.	

<u>Prelude</u>.....<u>Eric Raisler</u>

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshiping either online or in person today. Ushers will pass out the Welcome and Communion Register to those attending in person. Please write each person's name on a separate line and place a check mark in the column next to your name if you are communion today. Leave the register on your pew as you exit.

* Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

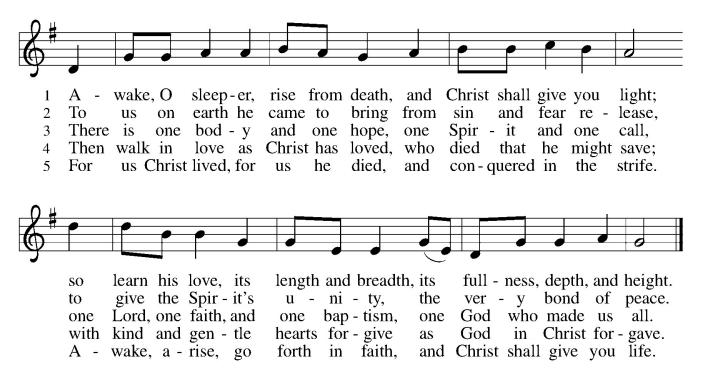
People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: Gracious God,

People: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. People: Amen. * Gathering Hymn #452 ELW "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" vs. 1-5



* The Greeting, ELW pg. 138

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

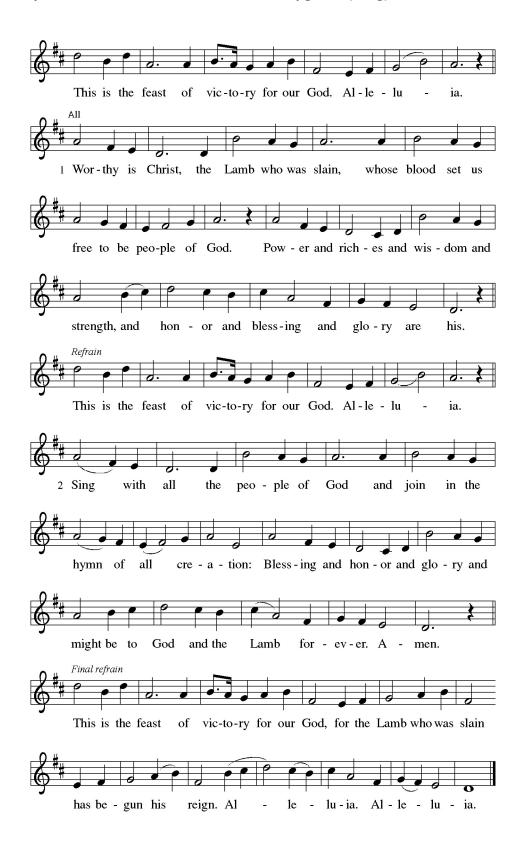
People.....And also with you.

* The Kyrie "In peace, let us pray to the Lord.", ELW pg. 138



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

* Hymn of Praise, "This is the feast..." ELW pg. 149 (sung)



* Prayer of the Day (in unison)

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. The congregation may be seated.

<u>The Children's Sermon</u>.....<u>Mandy Weinandt</u> (Children are invited forward.)

<u>Refrain New Life in Christ "O Happy Day" is sung as the children come forward and as they return to their seats.</u>

Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away! He taught me how to watch and pray, and live rejoicing every day happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away!

Pastor: ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. People: ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

Pastor: ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

Pastor: ²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall worship before him.

People: ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

Pastor: ³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

 The Introduction and First Reading
 Ryan Weinandt

 Reader
 Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

Reader A reading from Acts 8:26-40 pg. 888 in the Bible in the pew rack.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader.......Word of God, Word of Life. **People......Thanks be to God.**

The Introduction and Second Reading_.....Ryan Weinandt

Reader We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

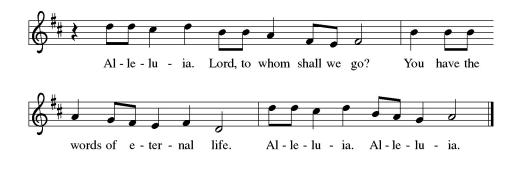
Reader A reading from 1 John 4:7-21 pg. 996 in the Bible in the pew rack.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do

not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader......Word of God, Word of Life. **People......Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation, ELW pg. 142 (sung) "Alleluia, Lord, to whom..."



Pastor The Holy Gospel according to John. People Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel Reading Pastor Tim

Pastor: The Gospel according to John 15:1-8 pg. 874 in the pew Bible.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

The congregation may be seated.

The Sermon Pastor Tim

* Hymn of the Day #508 ELW "As Rain from the Clouds" vs. 1-3



*Nicene Creed, ELW pg. 104

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

* The Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Each petition will end with

Pastor: "God of grace.

People: "hear our prayer."

To close the prayers:

Pastor: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **People: Amen.**

* The Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

The Offering of Gifts

The ushers will pass the offering plates to those who are worshipping in person. Offerings can be mailed to PO Box 448, Cokato, MN 55321, or install our app on your cell phone.

* Offering of Song #379 ELW "Now the Green Blade Rises" vs. 3

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.

<u>* The Great Thanksgiving, ELW pg. 144</u>
 Pastor: The Lord be with you.
 People: And also with you.
 Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
 People: We lift them to the Lord.
 Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

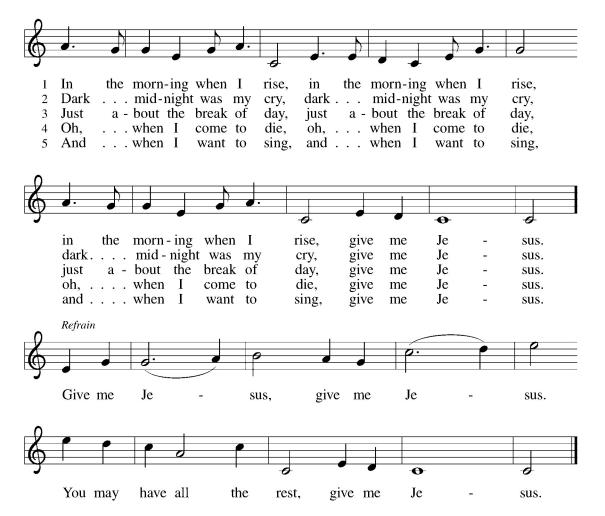
* The Preface

<u>* "Holy, holy, holy" ELW pg. 144</u>
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

* The Lord's Prayer, ELW pg. 145 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.

<u>"Lamb of God...", ELW pg. 146</u> Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

* Communion Hymn #770 ELW "Give Me Jesus" vs. 1-5



* The Blessing

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit. **People Amen.**

* Sending Hymn #595 ELW "Jesus Loves Me!" vs. 1-3



Postlude......<u>Eric Raisler</u>

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WORSHIP HELPERS: TODAY & UPCOMING, THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

APRIL 28, 2024 AT 10 AM-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acolyte: Dara LindLector: Ryan WeinandtA-V/Streaming: Amber & Greg PetersonChildren's Sermon: Mandy WeinandtGreeters: Volunteer NeededMusic: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom DurantCoffee Host: Kathy Lundeenand Tom Durant, cantors.Communion: Daniel Nelson, Abe Abrahamson, TonyaNursery: Annette Bohnsack, Annalise WheatleyJenkins, Sophia HolmquistUshers: Tom Berggren, Mike Holmquist, GaryCounters: Ryan Albrecht, Tonya Jenkins, Katie DavisLundeen, Mark Raymond

MAY 5, 2024 AT 10 AM-CHOIR CONCERT/SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acolyte: Jorjah Verhey A-V/Streaming: Ryan Albrecht, Kip Lynk Greeters: Gary & Deb Wilking Coffee Host: Sue Thomson Counters: Ryan Albrecht, Tonya Jenkins, Katie Davis

Lector: Kip Lynk Children's Sermon: Pastor Tim Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant and Tom Durant, cantors. Nursery: Carissa Chap, Molly Anderson Ushers: Ryan Anderson, Kip Lynk, Todd Goudy

MAY 12, 2024 AT 10 AM-ASCENSION OF OUR LORD/SUNDAE SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY

Acolyte: Brynn Weinandt A-V/Streaming: Ryan Anderson, Donnie Dennis Greeters: Carl & Bev Rokala Coffee Host: Duane & Tammi Dahlman Communion: Patti Albrecht, Riley Beckman, Amy Sluis, Dara Lind Counters: Sue Thomson, Lorelei Sullivan, Bunny Carlen, Amy Sluis or Duane Dahlman Lector: Tammi Dahlman Children's Sermon: Pastor Tim Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant and Tom Durant, cantors. Nursery: Abbe Dale, Molly Anderson Ushers: Ryan Anderson, Kip Lynk, Todd Goudy

MAY 19, 2024 AT 10 AM-DAY OF PENTECOST

Acolyte: Annalise Wheatley	Lector: Tom Berggren
A-V/Streaming: Max Clemen, Abe/Jean Abrahamson	Children's Sermon: Pastor Tim
Greeters: Carol Lee	Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant
Communion: Tammi Dahlman, Josh Harmala, Jorjah	and Tom Durant, cantors.
Verhey	Nursery: Lisa Danielson
Counters: Sue Thomson, Lorelei Sullivan, Bunny	Ushers: Ryan Anderson, Kip Lynk, Todd Goudy
Carlen, Amy Sluis or Duane Dahlman	
Communion: Tammi Dahlman, Josh Harmala, Jorjah Verhey Counters: Sue Thomson, Lorelei Sullivan, Bunny	and Tom Durant, cantors. Nursery: Lisa Danielson

WEEKLY STAYING CONNECTED



APR.25-MAY 5, 2024

PRAYER CONCERNS

Brad Loge

Ginny Grosser Briana Torvick Marilyn Dahlquist Toby Kotila

Brady Wanous Jon Gunderson

Gary Peterson

We are praying for Tom Durant as he recovers from back surgery.

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

We are so thankful for Kathy's time here as our custodian. Unfortunately, due to some back concerns she is no longer able to continue in this job. She has done a lot in just a little time and will be missed as our custodian. That doesn't mean you will not see her around because she will be joining the property committee.

This also means we are looking for a new part-time custodian. If you know of someone, please recommend them or talk to Pastor Tim. The job description and applications are located in the Narthex and on the website, https://www.elchome.net/employment-1.

JANUARY-MARCH 2024 QUARTERLY UPDATE

Please see the next page to see how we did January thru March of 2024.

PARSONAGE TASK FORCE

It is time to revisit the future of the Parsonage. Please contact Becca Clemen if you are interested in being a part of the Task Force. We will meet after church in the Library on Sunday, May 19th.

PHOTOS FOR FACEBOOK

If anyone has any photos of church related events/ people, please send them to Jenny at jenny.dennis.elc@gmail.com. We will use the photos for Facebook posts, etc.

YOUTH & FAMILY

ALL AGES

• Volunteers for Vacation Bible School are needed! I am looking for adults to lead small groups, games, and crafts for VBS June 3-June 5. Please let me know if you are willing to be a volunteer! I am in need of youth volunteers as well. 9am-12pm.

• Starting at the end of April in the Narthex will be Bibles for our graduating Seniors. Please take time and highlight your favorite verses for them. They will be receiving these Bibles on Sunday May 19th. Sunday School/Sheep Shack (Ages 3-6th Grade)

- Cherub Choir performs next on Sunday May 5th
- Sundae Sunday May 12th is the last day of Sunday School

Youth/Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

• First Sunday of the Month: JR & SR High Bible Study Sunday May 5th 9:15am in the Chapel after Cherub Choir

• Senior Sunday is Sunday May 19th. Come at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast as we talk to our graduating Seniors and their future plans. They will be receiving their Quilts and Bibles at the 10am worship service.

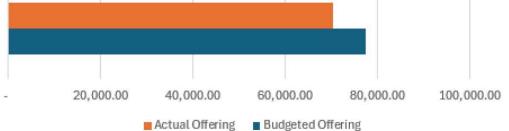
ELC OFFERING, ONLINE VIEWERS, & PEOPLE

General/Easter Offering for 4/14 to 4/20 was \$8,739.20.

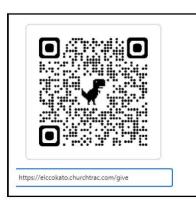
4/21 Easter 4: We had 132 people and ____ viewers.

Jan-Mar 2024 Financial Update





Thank you!! Special donations in the first quarter: Outreach \$224, Global Missions \$169, Building & Improvements \$909, Worship & Music \$500, World Hunger \$300 and the Youth \$1818!



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SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE SUMMER SIGN UP

We have a sign up for special music during the summer, if you are interested please sign up here,

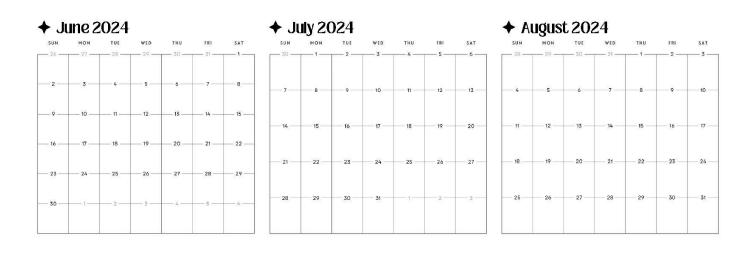
https://forms.gle/PHDcQ4fZ6JpqPZBE6 or fill out form below and return to the office.



Enter your name and date you'd like to perform. If you are a parent signing your child up, please enter your name with your child's name. Please indicate if you will be singing or playing an instrument or both and indicate if you will need an accompanist. *Please note: if you need an accompanist, you will need to provide the music (to Eric Raisler) at least 2 weeks before you are scheduled to perform.

✦ Your Contact info:	✦ Type of Music:
(phone/email)	Singing
	Playing an instrument
	🔲 Both
	🔲 I need an accompanist.
	I will provide music to Eric Raisler at least 2 weeks before I am scheduled to perform.

Please pick a Sunday date from June - August you'd like to perform.



Evangelical Lutheran Church Cokato	Schedule of Events for 4/25-5/5/2024
"ELC Cokato celebrates grace and appreciates all God's people through sharing Christ's story."	THURS., 4/25 9 AM Quilter group meet
PLAN A VISIT	SAT 4/27
Street Address: 280 3rd Street SE	SAT., 4/27 7 AM Men's Bible Study
Mailing Address: PO Box 448	
Cokato, MN 55321	SUN., 4/28 EASTER 5
Phone: 320-286-5964	Before & after service, coffee fellowship
Webpage: www.elchome.net	9 AM Sunday School, Adult Forum
	10 AM Worship Service in person & livestreamed 11 AM Soren Bortnem's music lessons
BUILDING HOURS	
MonFriday.: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	MON., 4/29
Saturday: Closed	10 AM Staff meeting
Sunday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	WED., 5/1
	3:30 PM Sheep Shack Bunch (Gr. 4th-6th)
WORSHIP SERVICES	5:30 PM Soren Bortnem's music lessons
At Church: 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	6:30 PM Confirmation Class (Gr. 7th-9th)
On YouTube: 10 a.m.	THURS., 5/2
Sunday School: 9 a.m.	9 AM Quilters group meet
	7 PM Christian Ed meets via Zoom
GET IN TOUCH	
Pastor: Tim Wheatley	SAT., 5/4
Cell Phone: 612-756-4633 E-mail: pastortim77@gmail.com	7 AM Men's Bible Study 1 PM Sanctuary Reserved
	2 PM Eric (Raisler) & Nathan's Recital
Youth & Family Coordinator: Abbey Prudhomme	
Cell Phone: 763-213-3029 E-mail: abbey.jean.nelson@gmail.com	SUN., 5/5 EASTER 6/ALL CHOIR CONCERT
E-mail: abbey.jean.neison@gmail.com	Before & after service, coffee fellowship
Finance: Amy Sluis	9 AM Sunday School, Adult Forum 9:15 AM Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study
Phone: 952-250-4158	10 AM Worship Service in person & livestreamed
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