FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 2nd Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday

April 27, 2025
Divine Service, Setting Two – LSB 167
8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm
*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



AS WE GATHER

Thomas is forever marked with the qualifying adjective "doubting." How Thomas is known is due to one episode in a career marked more by faith and faithful discipleship. Could it be that the doubts that plague us are less marks of our unfaithfulness than they are challenges we must daily face in order to be Christ's own disciples?

What defines you are not the doubts but what you do with them. Thomas brought his doubts to Jesus. We, too, are called to bring our doubts to the Lord and to be strengthened in faith and encouraged in a life of following our Savior.

+++GATHERING+++

Thank you to Kyle Johnson for joining us on cello at the

10:30 am

service today.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – 8:00 a.m. – *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* (arr. Jeffrey Blersch) 10:30 a.m. – *Allemande* from *Cello Suite No. 3* (J. S. Bach)



INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+++ WORD +++

INTROIT – Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

Leader: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to

sal- | vation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;* make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Leader: Sing to him, sing prais- | ses to him;*
Tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Leader: Seek the LORD | and his strength;* seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,* his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

Leader: He remembers his covenant for- | ever,* the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now and will be forever. | Amen.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*

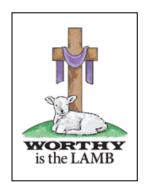
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.



HYMN OF PRAISE – LSB 171 – This is the Feast – Revelation. 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Leader: This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!







SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY– 2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

P Let us pray... one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

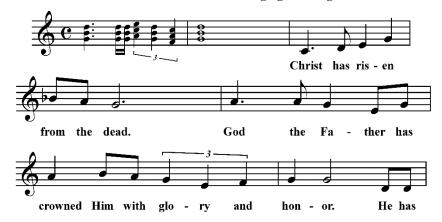
FIRST LESSON – Acts 5:12-20 – "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

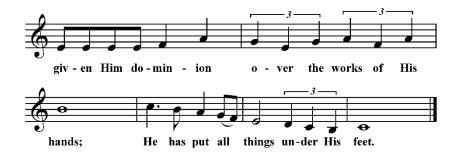
¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6 – The congregation sings all.





SECOND LESSON – Revelation 1:4-18 – *To Him Who loves us be glory forever.*

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

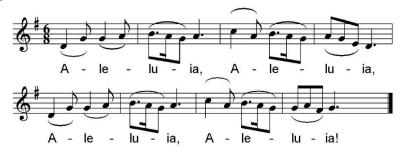
¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE – Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

The congregation sings the refrain before and after the verses.

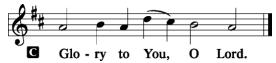


Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **REFRAIN**

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL – John 20:19-31 — Thomas confronts Jesus with his doubts and Jesus confronts him with His wounds to show that the news of the resurrection is true.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

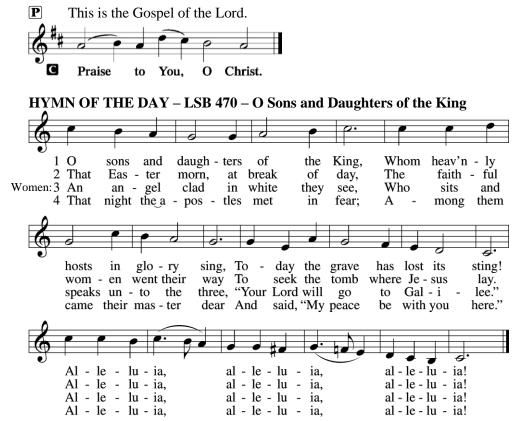


¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Men: 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

> 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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SERMON – Rational Doubt, Irrational Grace – John 20:19-31

8:00 am - APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

10:30 am & 5:00 pm - NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



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Natalie Brunner Isaiah 12:2



Daphne Franklin
Nahum 1:7



Coraline Shettlesworth 1 Peter 1:3

10:30 am

+ RITE OF CONFIRMATION +

RITE OF CONFIRMATION – LSB page 272

PARENTS' RESPONSE – Parents please stand

- Therefore, I ask you: Will you continue to guide and direct, support and encourage your children in word, in deed, and in example?
- **R** Yes, with the help of God

SPONSORS' RESPONSE – Sponsors please stand

- ...Therefore, I ask you: Will you continue to encourage, strengthen, and pray for these Confirmands, that they may grow in the Christian faith?
- **R** Yes, with the help of God.

CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE – Congregation please stand

- ... Do you this day give your promise before God to these Christians to help them fulfill their promises to the Lord?
- **C** We do, with the help of God.
- P Let us pray for the newly confirmed... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- Peace + be with you.
- C Amen.

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Emileigh Cross



Zane Miller *Ephesians 6:10-11*



Matthew Sui 1 Timothy 6:12

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- **A** ... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

"Confirmation is a rite by which a baptized person renews his baptismal vow, publicly confesses his faith and is received into communicant membership by the congregation."

(Explanation of *Luther's Small Catechism*)

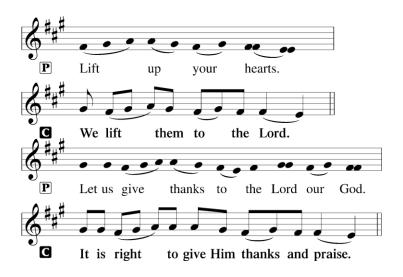
OFFERING – *O Gracious Lord*, *with Love Draw Near* (arr. Duane Funderburk)



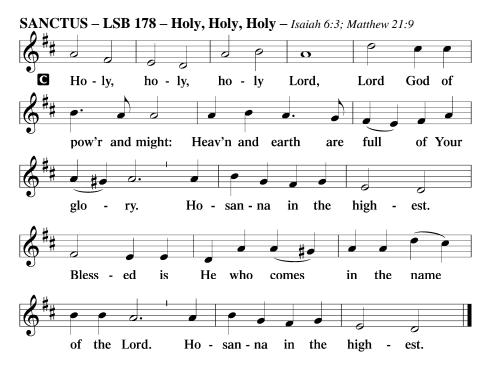
8:00 am – Continues with the Lord's Prayer (page 14) and concludes with the Benediction and Closing Hymn (page 19).

+ + + SACRAMENT + + + beginning at LSB 177





P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- **P** ... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

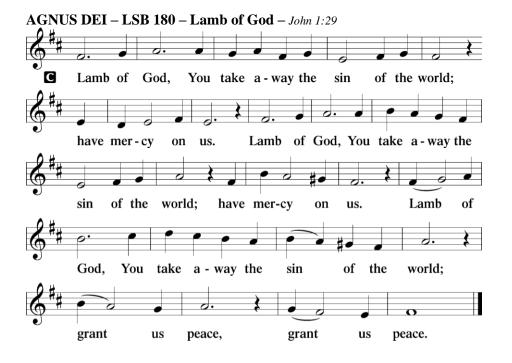
- **P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P ... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19*

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in the center of the tray.

DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – Entrust Your Days and Burdens (arr. Stephen R. Johnson)

Entrust your days and burdens
To God's most loving hand;
He cares for you while ruling
The sky, the sea, the land.
For He who guides the tempests
Along their thund'rous ways
Will find for you a pathway
And guide you all your days.

Rely on God your Savior And find your life secure. Make His work your foundation That your work may endure. No anxious thought, no worry, No self-tormenting care Can win your Father's favor; His heart is moved by prayer.

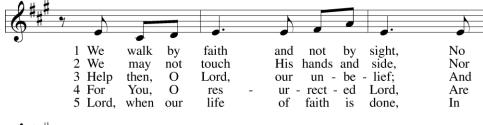
Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;
With joy our spirits bless
Until we see the ending
Of all our life's distress.
And so throughout our lifetime
Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us
To heav'n to praise You there.

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- 5 O Father, grant that by Your grace
 They may Your will each day embrace;
 With fruits of faith their lives now bless,
 Till they at death Your name confess.
- 6 Then robed in white before Your throne, Your holy saints, by You foreknown—
 Predestined, called, and justified,
 Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.

LSB 720 - We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight





gra - cious words we hear fol - low where He trod; may our faith a - bound found in means di - vine: realms of clear - er light

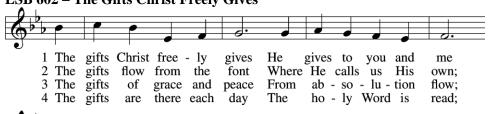
From Him who spoke as
But in His prom - ise
To call on You when
Be - neath the wa - ter
We may be - hold You

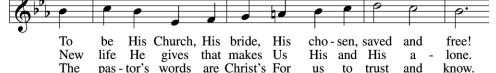


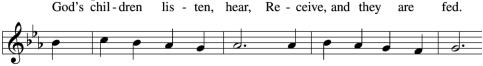
none e'er spoke, we near. re - joice And "My Lord God!" we cry and And seek where You found. You are near are the Word, Be - neath the bread wine. and and as You are, With full and end less sight.

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LSB 602 - The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

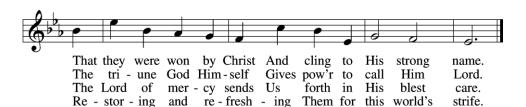






Saints blest with these rich gifts Here He for-gives our sins For - give-ness that we need Christ fills them with Him - self, Are chil-dren who pro-claim
With wa-ter and His Word;
Is grant-ed to us there;
Blest words that give them life,



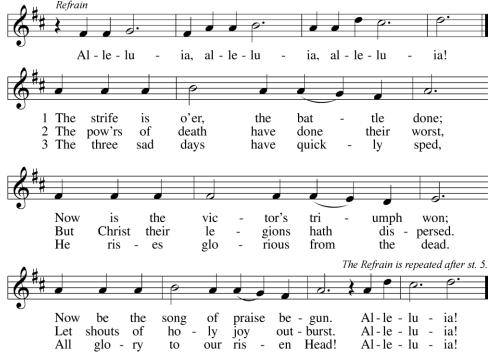


5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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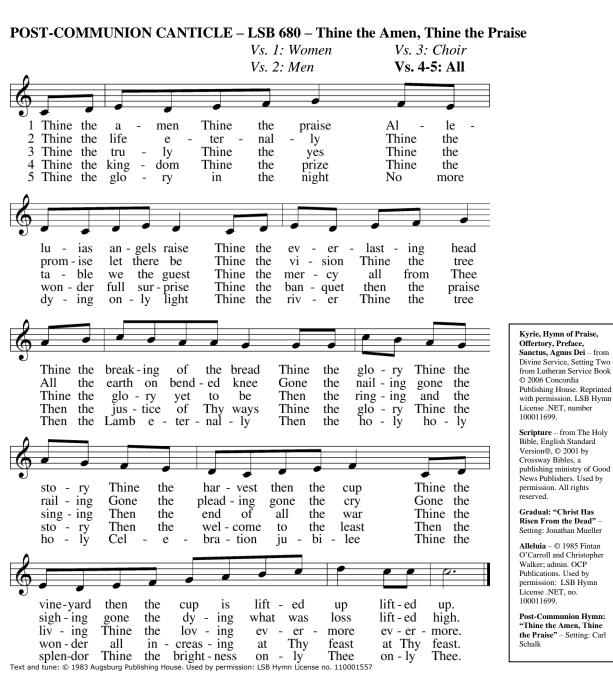




4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell. Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia! 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting Thy servants free That we may live and sing to Thee.

Alleluia! Refrain

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- **P** ... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

- **P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 - The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.
- P Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN TO DEPART - LSB 920 - Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go





The flowers on the altar today are given in thanksgiving and to the glory of God by the families of our Confirmands.

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – 8:00 a.m. – Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go (arr. Jonathan Kohrs) 10:30 a.m. – Bourrée from Cello Suite No. 3 (J. S. Bach)



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Thank you to Judy VanOsdol and Jen Edwards for making the confirmation banners.



TUESDAY, April 29

9:30am Chinese Bible Study (Grand Hall)

5:15pm First Steps in Music

7:20pm **Softball** (Twin Lakes, F4)

7:30pm What Do We Believe? class (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, April 30

10:00am Men's & Women's spring Bible studies begin

7:00pm Senior Choir

THURSDAY, May 1

6:30pm Elders

SATURDAY, May 3

9am-Noon Spring Work Day

SUNDAY, May 4

11:30am Congregational Safety & Crisis Management Training

Required *at least every other year* for all Spirit Camp volunteers, Servanteens, Sunday School teachers, and ministry team event volunteers.

SATURDAY, May 17

11am-1pm Ladies' Tea & Silent Auction to benefit Sojourn House

Please sign up online or on the podium in the narthex, so we have a count for food.



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