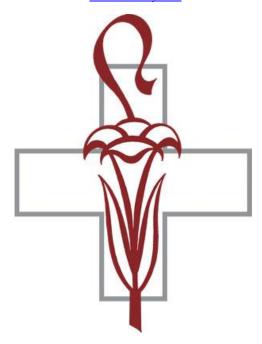
# **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025
Divine Service, Setting Two – LSB 167
8:00 & 10:30\*am, 5:00 pm
\*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

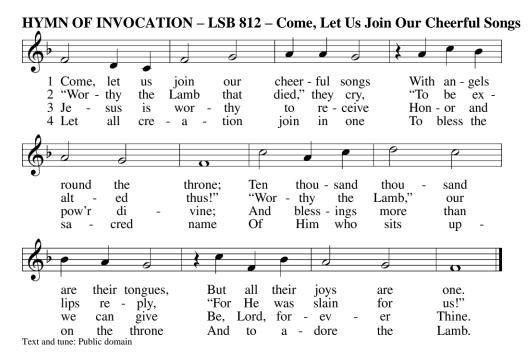
#### As We Gather

# The Good Shepherd Feeds His Lambs

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain" (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has "ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He "was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead" (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15–17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name "before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel" (Acts 9:15).

# +++GATHERING+++

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** – *This Joyful Eastertide* (arr. Wayne L. Wold)



#### INVOCATION - LSB 167

 $\blacksquare$  In the name of the Father and of the  $\dashv$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  $\blacksquare$  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.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- **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 145:4*–7, 9; antiphon: v. 10

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\* and all your saints shall | bless you!



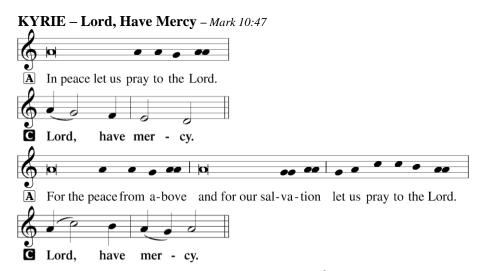
One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,\* and shall declare your | mighty acts.

*Leader:* On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\* and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

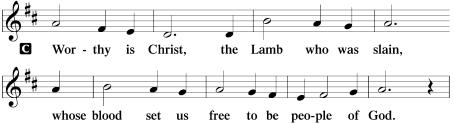
They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,\* and I will declare your | greatness.

*Leader:* They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness\* and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

The LORD is | good to all,\*
and his mercy is over all that | he has made.
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.
All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*
and all your saints shall | bless you!









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# **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 9:1-22 "Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

<sup>1</sup>But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

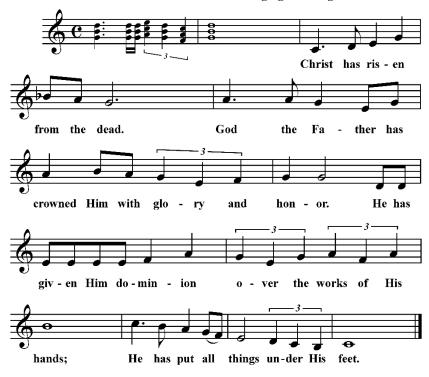
<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup>and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup>And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

**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 5:8-14 - "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain."

<sup>8</sup>And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God

from every tribe and language and people and nation,

<sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

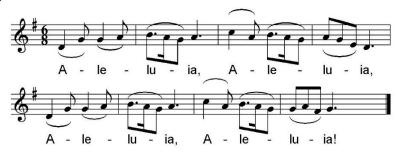
<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **ALLELUIA and VERSE** – *Romans* 6:9; *Luke* 24:32

The congregation sings the refrain before and after the verses.

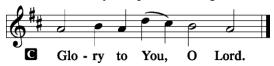


Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **REFRAIN** 

Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, While he opened to us the Scriptures? **REFRAIN** 

#### **HOLY GOSPEL – John 21:1-19** –Jesus forgives and commissions Peter.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



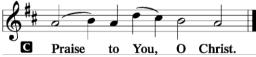
<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

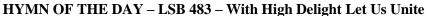
<sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

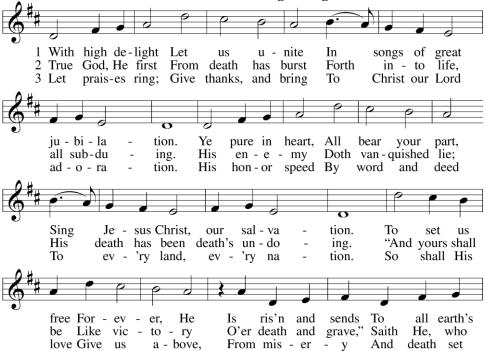
<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup>(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### 10:30 am - CHILDREN'S MESSAGE







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#### SERMON – Revelations of the Risen Christ – John 21:1-19

#### 8:00 am – 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 4 of the world to come. Amen.

# 10:30 am & 5:00 pm – 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.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

OFFERING - Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs (arr. Rachel Chapin)



10:30 am & 5:00 pm – Continue with the Lord's Prayer (page 13) and conclude with the Benediction and Closing Hymn (page 18).

#### 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.

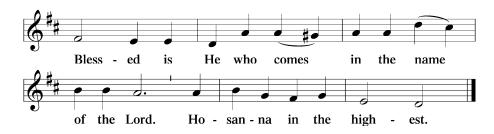
# ++ + SACRAMENT +++

beginning at LSB 177



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





#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### 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:

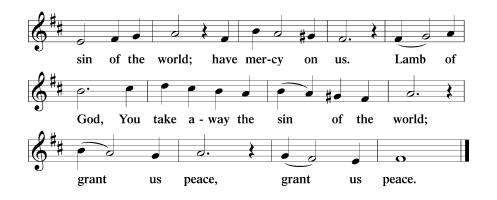
#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

# AGNUS DEI – Lamb of God – John 1:29 Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



#### **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**



REFRAIN: Splendor and honor and sov'reign power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

**CHOIR:** For you created everything that is, all things took form according to your will. **REFRAIN** 

**CHOIR:** And yours by right, O Lamb that once was slain, for with your blood have you redeemed for God. From every nation, people, tribe, and tongue, a countless priestly host to serve our God. **REFRAIN** 

**CHOIR:** And to the one who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, be worship, dominion, splendor, and praise, for ages past, and ages yet to come. **REFRAIN** 

# LSB 774 – Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

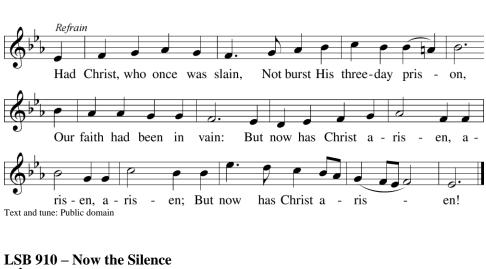


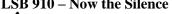
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#### LSB 482 - This Joyful Eastertide









#### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE - LSB 680 - Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise Vs. 1: Women Vs. 3: Choir Vs. 2: Men Vs. 4-5: All Thine Al Thine the the praise le. a men Thine the life e ter nal ly Thine the Thine Thine Thine the tru ly the the yes Thine the king dom Thine the prize Thine the 5 Thine the in the night No glo more ry Thine the ev - er lu - ias an - gels raise last - ing head let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the prom - ise tree ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee won - der full sur-prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise riv - er dy - ing on - ly light Thine the Thine the tree Thine the break-ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the nail - ing gone the the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the jus - tice glo - ry Then the of Thy ways Thine the Thine the ho - ly Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly Thine Thine the the har - vest then the sto - ry cup Gone plead - ing Gone the rail - ing the gone the cry sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the sto - ry ho - ly Then the wel - come the Then the to least Cel e bra - tion iu - bi - lee Thine the vine-yard then the lift - ed lift - ed cup is up up. dy - ing lift - ed sigh - ing gone the what was loss high. Thine lov - ing liv - ing the ev - er more ev - er - more. won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast. Thine the bright - ness on - ly splen-dor on - ly Thee Thee. Text and tune: © 1983 Augsburg Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001557

#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION** – Numbers 6:24-26

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- The Lord bless you and keep you.

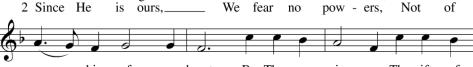
  The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

  The Lord look upon you with favor and H give you peace.
- C Amen.
- P Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!





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sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -

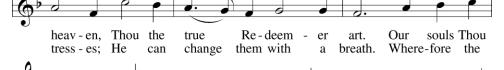
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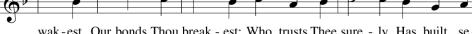
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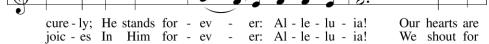
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wak-est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built sesto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re-





pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing glad - ness, Tri-umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al-le-lu-ia! And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al-le-lu-ia!

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# **POST-SERVICE MUSIC** – *In Thee Is Gladness* (arr. Jon D. Vieker)

#### Kyrie, Hymn of Praise, Offertory, Preface,

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Gradual: "Christ Has Risen From the Dead" – Setting: Jonathan Mueller

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Many thanks for all of the prayers and cards for Pat Ballew. She is feeling much better.

Bill & Pat Ballew



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of **Lily Gebhardt**'s 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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# Congregational Safety & Crisis Management Training



- **TODAY** (11:30am)
- **Monday, May 12** (6:30pm)

**Topics** covered will include general safety and emergency preparedness training and protocols within our facility.

This is **required** *at least every other year* for all Spirit Camp volunteers, Servanteens, Sunday School teachers, and ministry team event volunteers, but ALL members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

## MONDAY, May 5

5:30pm School Board

6:30pm Stewardship Team

# **TUESDAY, May 6**

9:00am Playgroup

9:30am Chinese Bible study

1:00pm Fellowship Ministry Team

5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (ages 0-5)

7:30pm What Do We Believe? class

9:30pm **Softball** (Twin Lakes, F4)





# WEDNESDAY, May 7

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

6:30pm **PPC** 

7:30pm Senior Choir

# FRIDAY, May 9

6:30pm Ladies' Night Out (home Emilia Brunner)



#### SATURDAY, May 17

11am-1pm Ladies' Tea

Donations still being accepted for the Silent Auction to benefit <u>Sojourn</u> House:

- handcrafted items
- new, purchased items
- gift cards

**Sign up** on the podium in the narthex, or at FaithBtown.org

Contact Ann Graves (<u>anngraves6@gmail.com</u>) or Erin Miller (<u>enablo@hotmail.com</u>) with questions.

# Voters' Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 18

in the sanctuary, following the 10:30 service

• Extend a Call to Dr. Priscilla Gabriel as "Director of Parish Music"

All communicant members age 18+ are automatically voting members.

# SUNDAY, May 25

9:15am **Special Presentation** by Rev. Micah Wildauer (LCMS Missionary in Belize)

**MONDAY-THURSDAY, June 9-12** 

**Spirit Camp** 

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