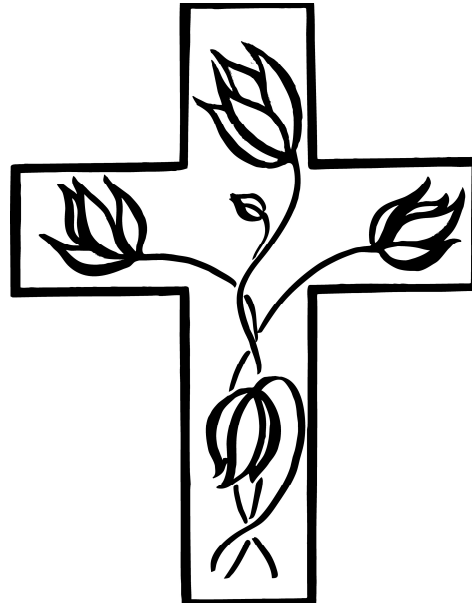




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**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
8:30 AM

A Prelude Will Be Played Before the Service.



## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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

## **OPENING ANTHEM *Glory to God***

*The following is said, all standing*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

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

## FIRST READING: Acts 5:12–16

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*The people sit.*

<sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. <sup>16</sup> A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 119:97-103

97 Oh, how I love your law; \*  
    all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \*  
and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, \*  
because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  
because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste; \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*  
therefore I hate every lying way.

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:5–11**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we



**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:23-33**

*All stand.*

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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>23</sup> The same day some Sadducees came to him saying there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question: <sup>24</sup> “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.’ <sup>25</sup> Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. <sup>26</sup> The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. <sup>27</sup> Last of all, the woman herself died. <sup>28</sup> In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “You are wrong because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. <sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection people neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels of God in heaven. <sup>31</sup> And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, <sup>32</sup> ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is God not of the dead but of the living.” <sup>33</sup> And when the crowds heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON**

**The Reverend Benedict Varnum**

## THE CREED

*All stand.*

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 THE PEOPLE**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

### *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Bishop; and for all bishops and  
other ministers;  
*For all who serve God, in God's Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for John, Recia, Barbara, Elle, Brendan & children, Chris, Carol, Jill, Danette, Ben, Lorraine, Shirley, Zoey, Don, Geno & family, Irene, Jean, Tom, Carol, Norma, Kevin, Carla & family, Easton, Mike, Marie, Vicki, Jim, Jean, Bob, Joe, Willie, Margery, and Hayden & family. Are there any others who need our prayers?

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

*Deacon:* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:**        Ben Varnum, Taylor Huston, Trish Keepers, Ada McClure,  
Abigail McKee, Sophia Messineo, Cash Stubbendieck

**Anniversaries:**    Jim and Sarah Krueger

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*


### OFFERTORY

*He Lives*

Alfred Henry Ackley

$\text{♩} = 66$  VERSE

G Em/G G Em/G G Em/G G




1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day; \_\_\_ I  
2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care; \_\_\_ And  
3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing \_\_\_ E -

5 B/F# B7/F# Em Gmaj7/B A7 A9 D7 G Em/G G



know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say. \_\_\_ I see His hand of  
though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair. \_\_\_ I know that He is  
-ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King! \_\_\_ The Hope of all who

10 Em/G G Em/G G A7 G/A A D/A A7



mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer, \_\_\_ and just the time I need Him, \_\_\_ He's  
lead - ing through all the storm - y blast; \_\_\_ The day of His ap - pear - ing \_\_\_ will  
seek Him, the Help of all who find, \_\_\_ none oth - er is so lov - ing, \_\_\_ so

CHORUS

15 F#m/A A<sup>7</sup> D N.C. G G<sup>6</sup> G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>9</sup>/B C C<sup>6</sup> C



al - ways near. He lives, He lives! Christ Je - sus lives - to -  
 come at last.  
 good and kind.

20 G Bm/D D<sup>7</sup> D<sup>9</sup> C/G G A<sup>7</sup> A A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>



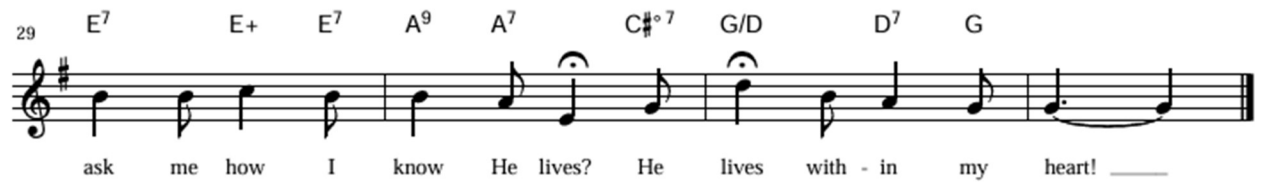
-day! He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. He

25 G G<sup>6</sup> G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>9</sup>/B C C<sup>6</sup> C<sup>7</sup> B



lives, He lives, sal - va - tion to im - part! You

29 E<sup>7</sup> E+ E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>9</sup> A<sup>7</sup> C#<sup>7</sup> G/D D<sup>7</sup> G



ask me how I know He lives? He lives with - in my heart!

# The Great Thanksgiving

## **SURSUM CORDA**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## **PROPER PREFACE**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

**SANCTUS S 130 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert)**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

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

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*All We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

### **EPICLESIS**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs and patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St Augustine and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*AMEN*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### **INVITATION**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

**VERSE**

J=96

B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /F F Cm7 F B $\flat$  Gm

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, let this blest as -
3. My sin - O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't - my sin - not in
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

6 B $\flat$ /C C7 Fsus F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  C

sea bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to  
 - sur - ance con - trol; That Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
 part, but the whole; Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no  
 back as a scroll; The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

**CHORUS**

12 F F/E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /F F B $\flat$  B $\flat$  F

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is well with my  
 -tate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 -scend, "E - ven so" - it is well with my soul.

19 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /F F B $\flat$

soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

Holy eternal Majesty,  
Holy incarnate Word,  
Holy abiding Spirit,  
Bless you for evermore. *Amen.*

POST-COMM. HYMN

*Just As I Am*

William Batchelder Bradbury

VERSE

♩ = 86

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea but that Thy Blood was  
 2. Just as I am and wait - ing not to rid my soul of  
 3. Just as I am— Thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4. Just as I am Thy Love un - known hath bro - ken ev' - ry  
 5. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,  
 6. Just as I am— poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es, heal - ing

shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I  
 one dark blot, to Thee Whose Blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I  
 cleanse, re - lieve. Be - cause Thy Prom - ise I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I  
 bar - rier down. Now to be Thine, yes, Thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I  
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I  
 of the mind, yea, all I need in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I

come!	I	come! _____
come!	I	come! _____
come!	I	come! _____
come!	I	come! _____
come!	I	come! _____
come!	I	come! _____

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **April Special Collection: Magdalene Omaha**

Our April Outreach donation goes to [Magdalene Omaha](#). This group has survivor-led-and- centered programs for survivors of drug addiction, trafficking, and sexual violence and exploitation, and their efforts include education, a campus with support programming, state-wide awareness initiatives, and a home for survivors to complete a multi-year program of support and restoration. Donations placed in the basket or designated to "Magdalene Omaha" in the memo line of checks will go to fund this program as our April special offering. Thank you for supporting COPE in March – our special giving totaled \$1070!

## **Sunday Nursery Help**

Some of our youngest members are getting old enough to enjoy playing in the nursery! To allow their parents to enjoy the church service without distraction, we would like to get a nursery volunteer rotation started again. If you enjoy reading books, coloring, singing songs, and playing games, this opportunity may be for you! With enough volunteers, we usually volunteer every 6 weeks. If you haven't already received safeguarding training, it's now online! Contact Kate Kielion, our Director of Ministries, if you would enjoy this opportunity!

## **Outreach Committee Notes from March**

Our Outreach Committee works with ministries of mercy (direct relief) and justice (awareness of how needs accumulate) and meets monthly. Our February meeting was held on Sunday, March 8, and reviewed how the Blood Drive went, plans to host breakfast with COPE (Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn), Saturday, April 18, and gathering a team for events leading up to Pride in July. If you're interested in joining the planning team for the COPE breakfast by assembling burritos Friday or serving on Saturday, or would like to join the team to plan Pride events, please contact [Kate](#). The next meeting date will be **Sunday, May 3 at 11:45 AM.**

## **Learning Opportunity - Immigration**

**Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 7-8:30 pm**

The Nebraska Synod (ELCA)'s "Let's Talk" series, which seeks to "create space for thoughtful, respectful, and informed conversation, rather than debate or persuasion," is hosting a series of learning webinars in May. Each session covers a different aspect of US Immigration history and experience, concluding with conversation with local immigration centers about current needs.

<https://nebraskasynod.org/event/lets-talk-about-immigration/2026-05-05/>

## **The Elaine Randall Book Club**

The Elaine Randall Book Club, a monthly fellowship book club, will meet on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, to review **The Maid, by Nita Prose**, a murder mystery with an unlikely protagonist. The book is available here at church through the Omaha Public Library's Book Bag program for reading groups. For information, please contact Rhonda Vest (info available through the parish office at 402-289-4058).

## **COPE Classic Golf Tournament**

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

COPE (The Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn) is holding their Annual Golf Tournament and fundraiser on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. This 18-hole, 4-person scramble has a number of ticket levels that all go towards supporting COPE with a fun day at Tiburon Golf Course. See flyer on the parish bulletin board or [copeinfo.org/golf](http://copeinfo.org/golf) for more information!

## **We Love The Eagles, Man – breakfast for COPE on May 31st**

The local Eagles chapter will be hosting a breakfast with raised funds assisting COPE! This breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> (the same day as our parish picnic lunch – a good day to plan some meals around church!).

### **Outreach Drive for COPE!**

Outreach is holding a Personal Care/Cleaning Product Drive through the month of April! COPE(Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn) needs some home staples.

**Personal Care:** Menstruation products, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, lotion, tooth paste/brushes, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, soap, wet wipes

**Cleaning Products:** all purpose cleaner (counter spray), laundry soap, dishwasher soap, clorox wipes, bathroom cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, & trash bags

**Helpful tip:** shop the dollar store, look for the combination products like Hair & Body Wash, they will be the best buy for your money.

If you have the means to pick up these items, please leave them in the large white box near the bulletins any time between now and the last Sunday in April. Thank you!

### **(First Annual?) Parish Potluck and Talent Show!**

**On Wednesday, May 6th**, we're launching a parish talent show! Can you sing, dance, juggle, or cast out spirits? We want to see (most of those)! We'll have a microphone and set up a "stage" to the east of our parish hall. Is your talent cooking instead? Good news! It's a potluck dinner, so you can show off your gift as well! Save the date and start rehearsing! Please let Mother Lisa know if you'd like to sign up for an act ([lisa@sainta.net](mailto:lisa@sainta.net)), and please let Kate know if you'd like to contribute to our potluck dinner ([ministries@sainta.net](mailto:ministries@sainta.net)).

### **Plants Needed for Church Garden!**

Your Church's Hitchcock Memorial Garden and Prayer Walk/Quiet Garden needs additional hostas and other perennial plants. So, this Spring, when you divide up these plants, please set aside a few for our church garden beds.

Contact Jim Keepers at 402-618-8837 or email him if you have any plants to donate. We will be celebrating our gardens' 25th Anniversary on the 31st of May with a combined service and picnic. More information to follow.

## **Spring Picnic and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden Celebration!**

### **Sunday, 5/31 — Combined 10:30 Worship and Celebration After!**

This year, our annual end-of-year picnic will take place on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** (this is the week AFTER Memorial Day Monday). We'll have a combined worship service at 10:30 am, followed by a picnic in and out of our parish hall (weather permitting), with some special celebrations of our parish's Hitchcock Memorial Garden's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please save the date and stay tuned for more details!

## **Spring Garden Workdays!**

### **Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, or as-you're-able!**

Spring has sprung, and Jim Keepers, our Garden Steward, is inviting the parish into the garden again! We're having a pop-up mulching morning on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> for anyone available to help — Jim will be in the garden early and could use help from 9 am through the morning. Need a bit more notice? We're going to hold a Sunday-after-church workday on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> -- feel free to dress for gardening at church that day, and after worship, Jim will have various jobs you can help with. If neither of those times work, but you want to help, Jim can give you a job for any skill level and any amount of time you can put in — many hands help make light work of taking care of our beautiful space.

### **Camp Canterbury – July 13-17**

Registration is underway for **Camp Canterbury from July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** at Calvin Crest Camp in Fremont, NE! All youth who are entering 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join us for a faith and fun-filled week. Our theme this year is **Feast with God**, as we look at ways that we encounter God through the metaphor of food. Activities at camp include swimming, crafts, indoor and outdoor games, and archery. For more information and to register, visit <https://campcanterbury.dioneb.org/>

### **Storm Chasers Sunday, May 17 at 2:05 PM**

We are switching our Storm Chasers Outing to a weekend in May rather than Fall when back to school is overwhelming. The May 17th game has an opportunity for kids to run the bases when the game is completed. They also have Wildlife Encounters, Face Painting, and Balloon Artists. Tickets are about \$25 each to sit with the group. We do have a credit from last year, so if you'd like to go, but can't justify the ticket price for the family, please let [Fr. Ben](mailto:Fr. Ben (rector@sainta.net)) (rector@sainta.net) know. RSVP for tickets by Sunday, May 3 via the link in the newsletter or on the paper copy near the bulletins at church.

### **Mary Poppins at the Playhouse, 6/7/26**

Save the Date: Join a group to see Mary Poppins at the Omaha Community Playhouse on Sunday, June 7, 2 p.m. More details to follow in April. Questions can be directed to Sandra Squires, at [sandrasquires1@icloud.com](mailto:sandrasquires1@icloud.com).

## Save the Date

### **April**

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Youth and Children's Church at 10:30!

### **May**

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

11:45 Outreach Meeting (Conf. Rm)

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM Potluck and Talent Show!

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School Mother's Day Craft

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School End of Year Party!

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Last Youth Group Evening of the Year

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Eagles Breakfast For COPE

10:30 Combined Worship & Picnic after!

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Garden

### **June**

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

DOK Women's Brunch

<b>Ministers of the Day</b>	<b>This Week 4/26/26</b>	<b>Next Week 5/3/26</b>
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise	Joyful Noise
Musicians 10:30	Claire Eason	Gilbert Ward
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Erin Vest	Pam Wright
Acolytes 10:30am:	Josie, Danica, Gage	Luke, Ferris, Gage
10:30 am Greeter:	Kathy Pospichal	Vicki Luther
8:30 am Lector:	Judy Tomanek	Mary Jane Smith
10:30 am Lector	Youth Sunday!	Jean Lahti
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Charlene Freiberg	Judy Tomanek
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Barb DiGiovanni	Kathy Pospichal
A/V Tech 8:30 am	Rich Hill	Dave Wright
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Alice and Joe Threlkeld	Erin Vest and Joe Threlkeld