



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 10 a.m.

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Founded 1702 - Celebrating 324 Years of Worship

The Rev. Jill M. LaRoche Wikel – Rector
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Mission of Saint John's:

To be a welcoming community committed to seeking, serving, and growing in Christ.

*Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating and life-giving God.
St. John's welcomes all to our diverse, inclusive and affirming community.*

How to Worship with Us – Welcome to Saint John's, Concord! We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. This bulletin contains our readings and page numbers to use our Book of Common Prayer (smaller black book with gold cross). We use three hymnals: the red *Hymnal 1982* (these hymns are noted with "Hymnal"), the black *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (these hymns are designated by LEVAS), and the green *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (designated by WLP). Some of our service music is printed on a separate card (*see pew card*). Please fill out one of the visitors' cards in the pew or use the QR code so that we can help you get to know Saint John's. Restrooms are located in the building across the drive.



Holy Eucharist Rite II

— GATHERING —

We prepare our hearts for worship in quiet prayer, prelude and song. Kindly refrain from talking for this time.

Prelude

Near the Cross

Processional Hymn

King of Love, My Shepherd Is

Hymnal 645

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

The King of love my shepherd is, #645 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Song of Praise

Blessed Be the Name

LEVAS 78

1. Bless - ed be the name! Bless - ed be the name! Bless - ed be the
name of the Lord! Bless - ed be the name!

Bless - ed be the name! Bless - ed be the name of the Lord!

2. Jesus is the name of the Lord! 3. Worthy to be grand is the Lord!

Words: Psalm 72:19. Music: Campmeeting Melody; arr. Ralph E. Hudson, 1887.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: 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.*

Sunday School

Ms. Margie Hatcher

Children process to Sunday School and will return in time to receive Communion.

— WORD OF GOD —

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Lector: A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading

Dominus regit me

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for
his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the
presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

Lector: A reading from the first letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Praise (*Please stand in body or spirit*)

Sing twice

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff continues the melody, also in G major and 6/8 time, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____'.

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The Gospel

John 10:1-10

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Repeat Gospel Song: Celtic Alleluia

The Sermon

Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Nicene Creed

(Please stand in body or spirit)

BCP p. 358

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

Prayers of the People for Easter Season

Reader: Let us rejoice and be glad in this season of Christ's resurrection.

Loving God, we praise you for the gift of the global church. Send the Spirit of the resurrection into every heart, for Christ is risen:

***People:* Christ is risen indeed.**

Reader: We praise you for the wondrous earth that you continuously create and for the myriad plants and animals that show forth your glory. Show us how to care for your creation, for Christ is risen:

***People:* Christ is risen indeed.**

Reader: We praise you for the opportunity to flourish as we go about our lives. And we pray for everyone who suffers from gun violence, from prejudice and injustice, from oppression and poverty. Bring an end to wars and tyrannical rule throughout the world, for Christ is risen:

***People:* Christ is risen indeed.**

Reader: We praise you for the food that you provide and for the promise of an everlasting feast for all peoples. Show us how to meet the needs of the hungry in our world, for Christ is risen:

***People:* Christ is risen indeed.**

Reader: We praise you for those who dedicate themselves to caring for others in body, mind, and soul. And we pray for those who are ill and those on our prayer list. Restore health throughout the world, for Christ is risen:

***People:* Christ is risen indeed.**

Reader: We praise you for the presence of the risen Christ among us and for the witness of all who have died in the faith, for Christ is risen:

***People:* Christ is risen indeed.**

Reader: In thanksgiving for the new life of the resurrection, we raise these prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

***People:* Amen.**

The PEACE

Children return from Sunday School

Ministers and the People may greet one another with waves and peace signs.

Welcome & Announcements

Birthday/Anniversary Prayer (*Prayer #51, BCP p. 830*)

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up when *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Offertory Choir Anthem

Resurrection Victory



Lloyd Larson

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— HOLY COMMUNION —

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

Please stand for the Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

Then the Celebrant continues

BCP, p. 370

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***People:* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***People:* By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory,

reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Communion Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord

Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant:

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread; in Lent, we refrain from the glad shout of alleluia.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem *(Please stand in body or spirit)* **Thank You, Lord** *(Sung twice)* **LEVAS 232**
Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord; Thank you Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's Table wherever you are on your journey to know God more fully.
We have two Chalices: for dipping your wafer, please remain at the altar rail; to sip wine, please visit the Chalice at the organ. We have gluten-free wafers for those that need them; please let the Priest know.*

Healing Prayer will be offered in the Sacristy during Communion.

Communion Hymn **Because He Lives** **LEVAS 43**

1 God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
 He came to love, heal, and forgive;
 He lived and died to buy my pardon,
 An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

2 How sweet to hold a new born baby,
 And feel the pride, and joy he gives;
 But greater still the calm assurance,

This child can face uncertain days because He lives. *Refrain*

- 3 And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives. *Refrain*

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Communion Anthem

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Post Communion Prayer

(Please stand in body or spirit)

BCP, p. 366

All: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

— ***SENDING*** —

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me?

WLP 757

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my Name be known?
Will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ner free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the "You" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me?

Will you come and follow me, #757 from *Wonder Love and Praise* — Words: from the Iona Community. Music: *Mary Alexandra*, John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

Dismissal – *The Deacon sends us into the mission field. Worship has ended; our service to God and our neighbors begins.*

Postlude

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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Celebrant: Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Deacon: Rev. Elizabeth Brickle

Organist: Laura Seidelmann

Choir Director: Martin Hinkley

Unvested Eucharistic Minister: Tracey Payne/Evan Willoughby

Counters: Tracey Payne, Light von Steuben & Mary Alice Peeling

Coffee Hour Sponsor: Peggy Long

Altar Guild: Tracey Payne

Tech Team: Bill Klingler & Patti Doyle

Parish Weekly Prayer List

Please Note: Please visit SaintJohnsConcord.com/prayer-requests for our prayer request policies.

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Mildred T. Jenna L. Daniel S. (Navy) George S. Rylin B. (Army) Eric B. Debbie
Carl & Susan B. Remi S.(Navy) Jean R. Moriah Carina H. Jim K. Jonah M. (Navy)
Butch M. Diane L. John F. Carlin Family Lee M. Charles C. Dave & Karen M.

For the concerns on our hearts and for those who have no one to name them.

Birthdays: Rocky Bassick Jenny O'Neill Bob Johnson Rowan Carmichael Ben Torrens
Jimmy Yoch Tony DiVirgilio Nathan Winnick

Upcoming Events – Please join us!

Sunday, April 26 @ 11:15 AM – We Believe Class

Wednesday, April 29 @ 7 PM – Yoga Class

Saturday, May 2 @ 6 PM – Faith by the Fire

Sunday, May 3 @ 11:15 AM – We Believe Class

Wednesday, May 6 @ 1:30 PM – Parkinson's Support Group

Saturday, May 9 @ 8:30 AM – Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day Plant Sale

Sunday, May 10 @ 11:15 AM – Green Team Meeting

Yoga Sessions

Free, weekly yoga sessions Weds. through May 20 at 7pm in the Upper Room. Bring a mat or beach towel.

We Believe: Exploring the Episcopal Church

Classes start TODAY @ 11:15 AM and run for 6 weeks.

All who are curious and seekers are welcome! If you are interested in being Confirmed or Received into Episcopal Church membership, this class is required. Upcoming confirmation dates are Saturday June 6 and Saturday, September 26. See Rev. Jill if you are interested.

Women of the Bible (Bible Study)

Dig deeper into the matriarchs of our faith. Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:30.

Saint Johns at the Blue Rocks: Friday June 5 @ 6:30

Reserve your seat at the Wilmington Blue Rocks baseball game. Sitting behind home plate, tickets are only \$13 each. Fireworks follow the game and parking is free. Invite your family and friends to join us. Last year 100 parishioners, family and friends attended. Let's break that record. See Steve Long between the services during coffee hour to reserve your tickets or email him at SWLong@comcast.net

April St. Mary's Food Cupboard Collection

All nonperishable food items are accepted, but this month we are focusing on canned goods: tuna, noodles, pasta sauce, etc. You can drop your donation off at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

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