



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 8 a.m.

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Founded 1702 - Celebrating 324 Years of Worship

The Rev. Jill M. LaRoche Wikel – Rector
The Rev. Terry Dinovo – Pastoral Care Chaplain
The Rev. Elizabeth Brickle – Deacon

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). 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 I

Opening Acclamation *Please stand in body or spirit* **BCP, p. 323**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen. ***People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Gloria **BCP, p. 324**

The 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.*

The First Lesson **Acts 2:42-47**

Reader: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. ***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading

Dominus regit me

Psalm 23

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

Reader: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. ***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

(Please stand in body or spirit)

John 10:1-10

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

***People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

All kneel as you are able

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Peace

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



Offertory

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The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer I

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

The Communion

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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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Blessing & Dismissal

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Service Participants

Celebrant: Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel *Deacon:* Rev. Elizabeth Brickle

Usher: Steve Long *Lector:* Dolly Constable

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Long *Coffee Hour Sponsor:* Peggy Long

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

Altar Guild: Tracey Payne

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) Moriah Carina H. Jim K. Jonah M. (Navy)
Butch M. Diane L. John F. Carlin Family Lee M. Charles C. Dave & Karen M.
Family of Jean Renzi

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!

Arts & Crafts Showcase – Saturday, October 3 from 4 PM - 7 PM

Registration is now available if you would like to showcase an art work of yours. Pottery, drawings, paintings, weavings, quilts, crocheting, photography, etc. – all ages are welcome to display. Use the QR code to register.

