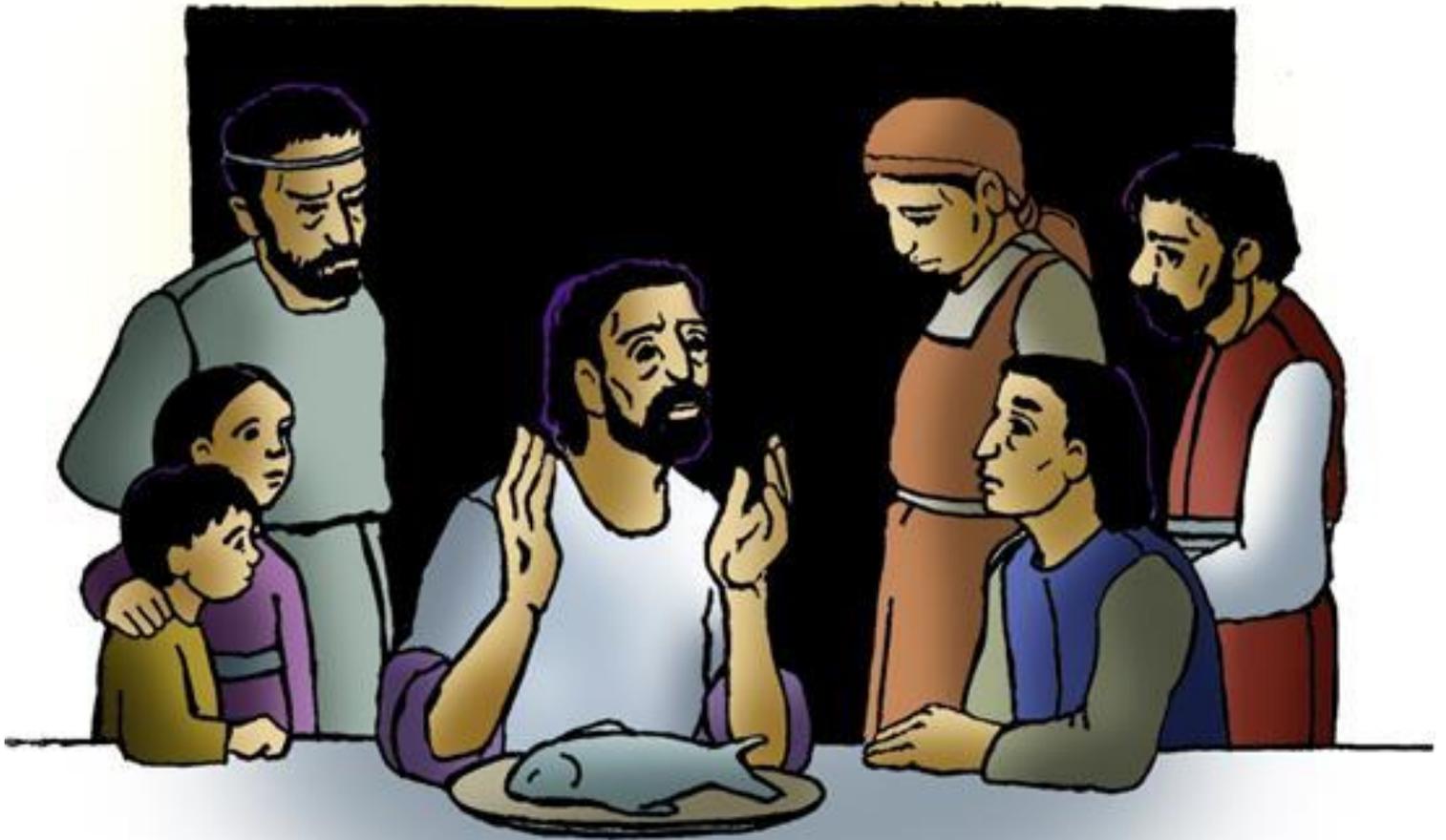


SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
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Sunday, April 18, 2021

9:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

PRELUDE

Earth and All Stars

Keith Kolander

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

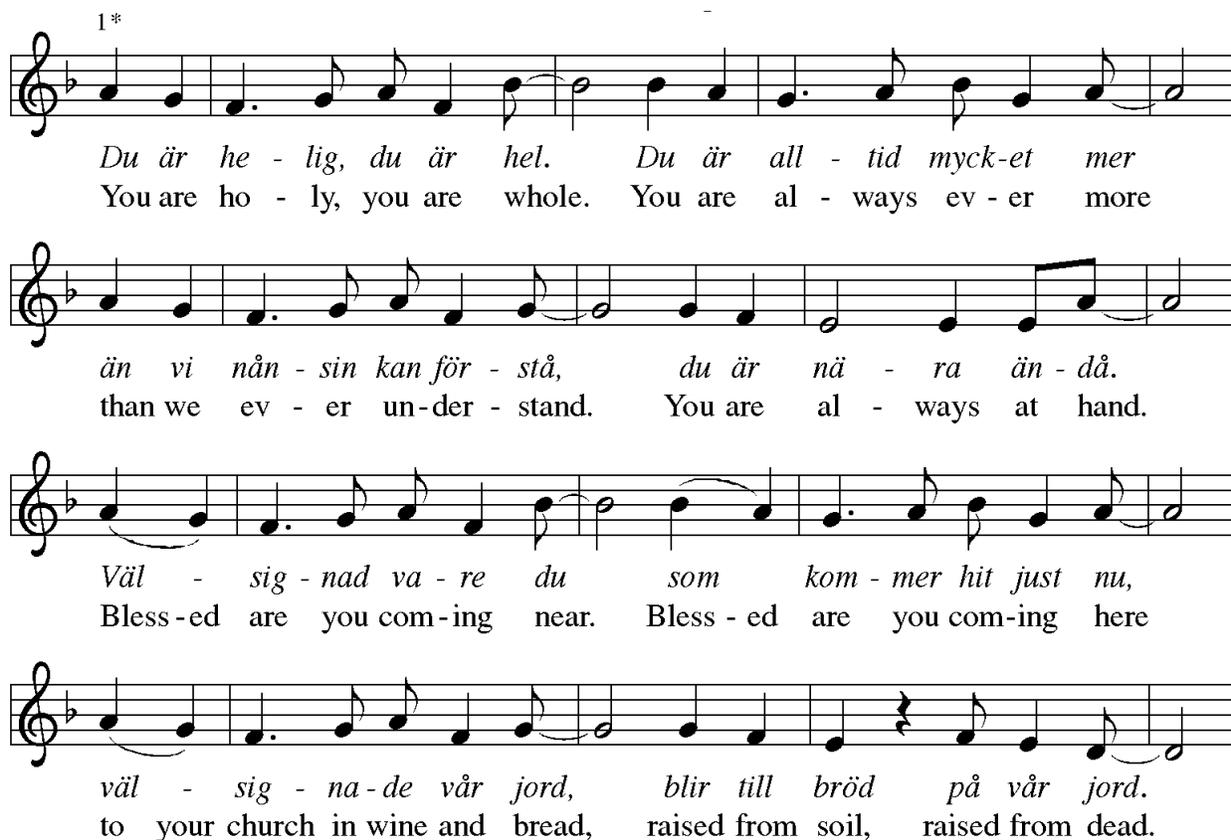
Friends in Christ, during this Easter season, as we remember when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in joy and in prayer. We proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

You Are Holy, ELW 525

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Child, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ Word +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Derek Stienmetz

READING

Acts 3:12-19

A reading from Acts.

¹²Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But

you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you,¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 4

Refrain



In the night I can take my rest, you a-lone keep my life se - cure.

Psalm Tone



¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

²“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call. *Refrain*

⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD. *Refrain*

⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

⁸In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure. *Refrain*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (Zimbabwe)

1
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

2
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu,

3
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Open Our Eyes, Lord
words and music by Robert Cull

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.

NICENE CREED

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you the freedom
found in the risen Lord Jesus.

God of new life,
Creator, † Christ, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

SERVING TODAY

<i>Preaching & Presiding Minister:</i>	Elle Dowd, Author, Activist, Candidate for Ministry
<i>Music Director & Organist:</i>	Dr. Robert McConnell
<i>Cantor:</i>	Zachary Kurzenberger
<i>Children's Message:</i>	Derek Stienmetz
<i>Minister of the Word:</i>	Jason Shutters
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Luke Rasmussen

IN OUR PRAYERS

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| <p>† Erik & Mary Kastman, son & daughter-in-law of Ken & Diane Kastman, on the birth of a baby boy</p> <p>† Candace(Witt) & Mike Yurkonis on the birth of a baby girl</p> <p>† Alla Rusz, recovering from surgery.</p> <p>† Frank Ziegler, recovering from eye surgery</p> <p>† Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave & Lyn Brunn, recovering from spinal cord injury</p> <p>† Dana & Alex Salazar, daughter and son-in-law of Millie Burek, on the birth of a baby daughter, Lorena</p> <p>† Family of Judi, sister of Millie Burek, who passed away 2/14/21</p> <p>† Stephen Tschaikowsky, son of Alla Rusz, recovering from surgery</p> <p>† Ann Wagner, recovering after hospitalization</p> <p>† The family of John Genovese, father of Courtney Radde, who died 12/17/20</p> <p>† Barry and Hope Kellman, friends of Diane Kastman, for healing for Barry and comfort for Hope</p> <p>† Jeremiah Allen, student of Stephanie Abudayeh, recovering from injuries after being hit by a car</p> <p>† Norma Adkerson, stepmother of Courtney, diagnosed with COVID</p> <p>† The family of Doris Regan, who died 11/25/20</p> <p>† The family and friends of Carolyn Rasmussen, grandmother of Luke Rasmussen, who died 10/9/20</p> <p>† Art Garcia, friend of Chad Johnson, recovering from a heart attack and pneumonia</p> <p>† Tony & Alissandra Swanson, friends of the Abudayeh family, as they mourn the death of their 7-year-old son</p> <p>† Alan Williams, stepfather of Christi Wise, recovering from surgery</p> <p>† The families of Salwa Sous and Kevin Anderson, family members of Stephanie & Elias Abudayeh, as they mourn the loss of their loved ones</p> | <p>† Iden Nowlin, friend of the Abudayeh family, recovering from cancer surgery</p> <p>† The family and friends of Pastor Bob Stout, former pastor of the Abudayeh family, who died 9/12/20</p> <p>† Rachel Cordts, recovering from cancer surgery</p> <p>† Cam Wise, for physical and emotional health</p> <p>† The family and friends of Matt Dossa, nephew of Jim Dossa, who died 6/7/20</p> <p>† Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, in need of healing</p> <p>† Janet Witt, cancer diagnosis</p> <p>† Virginia Milnikel, broken arm</p> <p>† Lani Miller</p> <p>† Doug Peters, who died 11/19/20</p> <p>† Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison, ongoing back pain</p> <p>† Greyson Nester</p> <p>† Margaret (Maggie) Oxland, sister of Lyn Brunn, who died 2/11/21</p> <p>† The family and friends of Marty Anderson, family friend of Dave & Lyn Brunn, who passed away 11/15/20</p> <p>† Ellie Basnik, mother-in-law of Chad Johnson, cancer diagnosis</p> <p>† Gil Basnik, father-in-law of Chad Johnson, in need of healing</p> <p>† The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh</p> <p>† Sydney Johnson, her work</p> <p>† Mark Voosen</p> <p>† Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus</p> <p>† Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink</p> <p>† Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel</p> <p>† Jessica Sandoval, friend of the Radde family</p> <p>† The family and friends of Helene Tadros, Olga Domchenko's sister, who died 4/6/20, and especially for William Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker</p> <p>† Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing</p> |
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Preacher Today

This morning, our guest preacher will be Elle Dowd (she/her/hers), an author, activist, and candidate for ordained ministry in the ELCA. Elle is a bi-furious recent graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Elle has pieces of her heart in Sierra Leone, where her two children were born, and in St. Louis, where she learned from the radical, queer, Black leadership during the Ferguson Uprising. She was formerly a co-conspirator with the movement to #decolonizeLutheranism and currently serves as a board member of the Euro-Descent Lutheran Association for Racial Justice. She does community organizing in Chicago as a board member of SOUL, writes regularly as part of the vision team for the Disrupt Worship Project, and facilitates workshops in both secular conferences and Christian spaces. She is publishing a book, *Baptized in Tear Gas*, available for pre-order [here](#), about her conversion from a white moderate to an abolitionist. Elle loves spending time with the people she loves, and on weekends when there isn't a global pandemic, she tours the city of Chicago in search of the best Bloody Mary.

Adult Forum on Christianity & the Abolition Movement: The Call to Defund the Police

The racial reckoning this summer led to calls to "Defund the Police." But imagining a world with reduced - or even eliminated - policing and prisons is not new. Elle Dowd, ELCA clergy candidate and author of the book *Baptized in Tear Gas*, will lead us after worship today in an interactive workshop and discussion about the abolition movement and why it should matter to Christians.

Pastoral Care during Pastor's Time Away

Pastor Allison will be away for vacation April 9-April 23. During her time away, please reach out to [Jan, Robert](#), or Council President [Michel Hauser](#) for assistance with any church activities. In the case of a pastoral care emergency, you may contact Jan directly at 224-261-0114.

In-person Worship Survey Results

At the end of March, our Re-Entry Team (Michel Hauser, Al Swanson, Christi Wise, and Pastor Allison) sought input from you on your readiness to return to in-person worship. We received 44 responses representing different sized households. 74% of respondents were ready for indoor, in-person worship or will be ready once they are fully vaccinated. 19% do not think they will be ready to return to indoor worship for at least another 6 months, and 7% gave other types of answers (waiting for vaccines to be widely spread, waiting for more information about COVID variants, etc.). In light of these responses, we plan to continue worshipping on Zoom for the Easter season and are looking into returning to in-person worship in May or June. No matter when we return to in-person worship, we will continue to offer an online worship option. Our staff is currently working on a video streaming set-up for the sanctuary that will allow us to livestream our services for years to come. If you are interested in contributing funds or expertise to this project, please contact Robert.

Self. Proclaimed. A Personal Manifesto Workshop.

St. John's is hosting a special event to help our congregation, and our community, explore and grow spiritually. The event is Self. Proclaimed. A Personal Manifesto Workshop. It will be virtual, on Sunday, May 2 at 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. We hope you will join us and share it with your friends as well.

What is a Personal Manifesto?

It's like a life-coach on paper. It's simply a sentence, a paragraph, a few words. But somehow, coming up with them, writing them down, and saying them out loud, can change things.

Sometimes in small ways. Sometimes in ways that feel like seismic shifts.

Why create one?

Because a personal manifesto can help you decide how to spend your time, what's worth your effort, and who you want to be in the world.

What's the workshop like?

In this virtual workshop, you will find space to participate, as you feel comfortable, in simple "no wrong answer" exercises designed to draw out your deepest truths, hopes, beliefs, and intentions. You'll focus, regroup, and craft a personal manifesto - something that can help guide you in your daily choices and remind you what it is "you plan to do with your one wild & precious life."

Soup Kitchen

The next Soup Kitchen is scheduled for Sunday, April 18. Because of a Thrivent grant we received and funds remaining from your previous donations, there is enough money available to fund the upcoming Soup Kitchen. Meals will be ordered from an area restaurant and delivered to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Evanston. Thank you for your generosity in helping provide for those in need! If you would be interested in helping with the pick-up and delivery of additional soup kitchen items, such as water & fruit, etc., please contact Diane Kastman at 847-869-9849. Your kindness makes a difference!

Multifaith Alliance Earth Day Program

The New Trier Multifaith Alliance will examine various faiths' ethical and practical approach to environmental stewardship during an online panel discussion on April 22. The event, *Taking Care of Our Planet: What Do the Sacred Texts Teach?*, will be held on Zoom 7:00-8:00 p.m. via [this link](#). It will be moderated by Rev. Brian Sauder, President & Executive Director of Faith in Place. Attendees will learn how they can take up the role of environmental stewardship within their organization and in cooperation with other faith communities. Following the main session, they will attend virtual break-out rooms to explore practical steps in caring for our planet. Further information on this event is available [here](#).

Holy Family Ministries Spring Forward

Each year, Holy Family Ministries raises funds to enable west side children to attend our programs through our Spring Benefit. Through the generosity of friends like you, we raise funds to support the more than 600 children who excel academically, grow spiritually, become effective leaders, and expand their life experiences through Holy Family programs. You are invited to Holy Family Ministries' annual Spring Benefit in celebration and support of the children of Holy Family. Join us online from the comfort of your own home and share with us in a very special evening Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. Register online at hfm.org/FamilyReunion/ at no cost. For additional information, please contact Cynthia Schmidt, Director of Outreach, at cschmidt@hfm.org.

EMF Input Requested: What organizations should we support this year?

Each spring, the Extended Ministries Fund (EMF) Committee distributes approximately 5% of the EMF fund balance to organizations and causes that further the gospel of liberation for all. The amount to be distributed this year is \$15,000. Please let us know what organizations/causes you would like us to consider supporting this year by filling out this [online form](#).

Community Caretakers: Connecting Our Elders & Vulnerable Populations with the Vaccine

The Wilmette Village Caretakers program is working with the Women's Club of Wilmette to assist our elderly, at-risk, and less tech-savvy populations navigate the difficult online landscape of booking a vaccine appointment. They are also coordinating transportation options for those who have secured an appointment. If you are in need of help signing up for a vaccine appointment or getting to your appointment, please contact Alex Arteaga at (847) 853-7502 or arteagaa@wilmette.com. If you'd like to sign up as a volunteer to help others schedule their appointments, please [click here](#). Thank you for supporting the health and safety of our community!

Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is a nonprofit founded by Amazon that donates a small percentage of your Amazon purchases to a charity of your choice. If you plan to make any orders on through Amazon, please consider using smile.amazon.com rather than amazon.com to make your purchases. There, you can search for all the same products and have access to all your prime benefits, and when you place your order, you can designate “St John Evangelical Lutheran Church” as your charity. Please note that we recommend Amazon Smile to be used only as an alternative to Amazon.com. Whenever possible, St. John’s encourages all its members to make purchases locally.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

9:15-9:30 AM	Children’s Social Time Online
9:30 AM	Online Worship with Children’s Message
10:30-11:00 AM	Virtual Coffee Hour
11:00-12:00 PM	Christianity & the Abolition Movement: The Call to Defund the Police

WEDNESDAY

11:00-12:00 PM	Bible Study Online
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THURSDAY

12:00-1:00 PM	Men’s Lunch Online
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SATURDAY

5:00 PM	Contemplative Service Online
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SUNDAY, APRIL 25

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