

Sunday, April 6, 2025 Holy Communion 10:30 A.M.

In person or on-line <https://www.youtube.com/@livingsaviourlutheranchurch/streams>
or through our website: www.livingsaviourlc.org.



(Tom Chriske)

Serving as worship leaders today:

Assisting Ministers – **Kay Zimmerman**

Crucifer— **Addison Noonkester**

Acolyte— **Rhys Plunkett**

Thanks to all who serve God and our community of faith.

LENTEN WORSHIP

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays, March 12th—April 9th

5:15 p.m.—Soup dinner

6:00 p.m.—Worship

A sign-up sheet for soup and bread is on the front lobby table.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship—April 13th at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship—April 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship—April 18th at 6:00 p.m.

EASTER DAY WORSHIP

Easter Day Worship—April 20th at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Day Flowering of the cross in narthex. Please bring flowers to contribute.

We will have our annual Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday morning, April 20. Bring a breakfast dish to share. We will have a signup sheet on the table by the first Sunday in April. The breakfast will be during the regular Faith Formation time, from 9:00-10:15.

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Dear Hearts,

Just a note of thanks from my dad and me. The gracious love and support you have each expressed at the death of my sister is a blessing. I wish you could have known her. She was the embodiment of welcoming love. It was a gift to be able to be with her to the end, reflecting that love back to her as we handed her into the embrace of even greater Love.

We love you ~
John and Pr. Sara

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SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS:

NOTE: During Lent, there will be no altar flowers.

However, if you would like to give altar flowers beginning with Easter and beyond, call or email Ruth at the church office 704-542-3626 to sign up: M-F, 9-2. Not sure if someone has already signed up? The 2025 Flower Chart has been posted in the hallway. Your \$50 donation may be dropped off on Sundays, mailed, or by using the on-line giving. Please just note "Altar Flowers" on the memo line.

Online: The **2025** online flower donation chart may be found here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CACAC29A6F4C16-50072720-2025#/>

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MUSIC MINISTRY

FESTIVAL CHOIR. Would you like to experience the joy of singing in the choir but don't have time to do so regularly. Here's your chance! Consider joining choir for the remainder of Lent and/or for Easter Sunday to form what we refer to as the Festival Choir. You would be a welcome addition to our merry group of singers. All are welcome. Need info? Talk to Don!

THE CHOIR IS REHEARSING DURING LENT FOLLOWING THE WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE AND ALSO ON SUNDAY MORNINGS PRIOR TO WORSHIP. FESTIVAL CHOIR PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE REHEARSALS (AS ARE ANY WHO WISH TO SING IN THE CHOIR ALL THE TIME!!) PLEASE CHECK WITH DON HUFF FOR THE REHEARSAL TIMES DURING LENT.

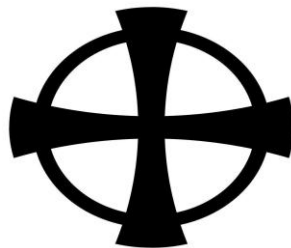
THE ALLELUIA RINGERS WILL REHEARSE ON ANNOUNCED SUNDAYS FOLLOWING WORSHIP FOR 45 MINUTES.

Calling all WELCA! (That's "Women of the ELCA")!

The WELCA Spring Conference Gathering will be held at A Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 3, starting at 9:30 am.

Registration forms are on the front table in the lobby.

FAITH FORMATION



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH ASSISTANTS AND ADULTS:



ADULTS - 9:15 am in the Education Wing

The Adult class is discussing the book, Field Notes for the Wilderness. (Sarah Bessey):

April 6 - Chapter 5 & 6
April 13 - Chapter 7
April 20 - EASTER - no class
April 27 - Chapter 8
ALL are welcome to join!!

CHILDREN - 9:30 am Downstairs

Children (ages 2 years through 5th grade) will have Bible stories and hands-on experiences that support the story. Parent(s) are welcome to join in the class!

MIDDLE/HIGH School

Confirmation/Catechism – What's up with Luther?

· 1st Sunday during Sunday School time

Gospel According to Pixar

· 1st Sunday following worship (Lunch provided) – Next up: Monsters, Inc. (Fear & Love)

4th Sunday Hang-out –



2025 Bishop's Bible Study

Bishop Tim Smith will offer an online Bible study on the book of Revelation during Lent this year—specifically, the five Thursdays beginning March 13 and concluding on April 10—from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. If you have any questions regarding registration, email Lexi at lbarnhill@nclutheran.org.

Registration link: <https://form.jotform.com/240076536877062>

Gathering@theTable: The next meeting will be on April 10th. There will NOT be a meeting on April 24th.

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### **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

"Fight Like Jesus" By Jason Porterfield. How Jesus Waged Peace throughout Holy Week.

April 9 - Chapter 8

No class during Holy Week April 16.

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### **HEALTH AND WHOLENESS MINISTRY G.R.A.C.E. INFORMATION:**



### **HEALTH AND WHOLENESS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Save the date!
  - On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, an Alzheimer's Awareness seminar will be presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Excellent speakers, question and answer opportunities, vendor tables with resources are all included. More details to come!
- Atrium Health is conducting a community health needs assessment in partnership with many other health agencies across our area. This allows them to compare community data and work regionally on issues facing all of us. They will then work together with hospitals, health departments and community partners to implement programs that make our communities stronger. Please take a few minutes to take this Community Health Needs Survey (you should be able to select your county) and share this link with others:  
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8162936/CCCC-Survey>

**Honoring God's Creation This Earth Day**

This Earth Day, let's care for the beautiful world God has entrusted to us. The Earth Day 2025 theme is "Our Power, Our Planet," emphasizing the need to unite behind renewable energy and triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030. Simple actions can make a big difference—consider planting a tree, reducing plastic waste, conserving water, or joining a local cleanup effort. As stewards of creation, we can also conserve energy, support sustainable businesses, and spend time in prayer, reflecting on how we can better protect our environment. By taking these small steps, we show gratitude for God's gifts and help ensure a healthier planet for future generations. Some events in Charlotte include:

- **Attend the Charlotte Earth Day Celebration** – Join the festivities on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Independent Picture House, featuring educational exhibits, local artists, and environmental films. ([charlotteearthday.com](http://charlotteearthday.com))
- **Participate in Earth Day Activities at Anne Springs Close Greenway** – Enjoy outdoor activities like kayaking, archery, and hiking during the Earth Day Celebration weekend, April 11-13, 2025. ([ascgreenway.org](http://ascgreenway.org))
- **Volunteer for a Community Project** – Help plant trees, remove invasive plants, and clean up trails through Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation Volunteer projects. ([volunteer.parkandrec.mecklenburgcountync.gov/need/](http://volunteer.parkandrec.mecklenburgcountync.gov/need/))
- **Engage in Family-Friendly Activities** – Attend a live story time celebrating Earth Day at the Ballantyne Arts Center on April 7, 2025. ([ymcacharlotte.org](http://ymcacharlotte.org))

### **Active Exercise Opportunities:**

- Yoga For You:
  - Mondays - 6:15 p.m.
  - Tuesdays - 9:30 a.m.
  - Thursdays - 9:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.
  - Saturdays – 10:00 a.m.
- Chair Yoga - Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.
- Strength and Stamina - Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

### **April 2025 Health and Wholeness Tip #1 H/W ministry team.**

The Health and Wholeness focus for April is Caring for our Earth.

Renewable energy reduces air pollution caused by burning fossil fuels. Reduced air pollution can significantly reduce respiratory and cardiovascular disease. Decreased Greenhouse Gas Emissions mitigate health risks associated with climate change such as floods, heatwaves, and fires. For the first time in history we have a pathway in providing virtually unlimited renewable low cost energy to everyone. [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)

Job 12:7-10 But ask the animals and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.

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### **SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR HOSTS AND FOOD DONATIONS.**

- If you'd like to **host coffee hour**, please sign up on the Sunday(s) you'd serve. You'll find the sign-up sheet on the coffee hour table in the gallery.
- **Food for coffee hour is often in short supply. Whether you host or not**, consider bringing in food items to be served on that day or on future Sundays.
- The coffee hour is an important part of our Ministry of hospitality, something we can all share in.
- **Note to our devoted coffee makers:** Thank you for your help in making Sunday morning coffee! It is very much appreciated and enjoyed both before and after Worship.
- There are labeled plastic containers on the counter next to the coffee machine for keeping several packages.
- If you believe there are any supplies needed, please leave a note for Ruth on her desk with your name or contact Alice Jenkins. Thank you!



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### **HELP WITH LAWN CARE:**

**We need some volunteers to help with taking care of our lawn. If you can help and be part of the "rotation," please contact Janet Axtman. Thank you!**

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### **DAILY DEVOTIONAL AIDS**

**DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, *THE WORD IN SEASON***, are available on the welcome table where worship folders are located. The April-June 2025 "Word In Season" devotional is now available. If you'd like one sent to you, please contact Ruth at the church office.

**DAILY DEVOTIONS, *TAKING FAITH HOME (TFH)*** are available on an attachment in the weekly email you receive from the church office.

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## LOST AND FOUND!

Did you leave something at the church, maybe? We have a 'lost and found' drawer underneath the name tags counter in the Fellowship Hall, as well as some items on the round table in the church office. "Uncollected" items will be donated.

**APRIL NEWSLETTER COPIES** are available outside the sanctuary on the table beside the building exit door. The newsletter is mailed to members monthly, but a few hard copies are available for those who prefer them.

**REMINDER FOR PRAYER REQUESTS:** We will be 'zeroing' the whiteboard and weekly prayer lists on the 2nd Monday of each month. If you would like to have someone added onto the prayer list moving forward, please make sure you do one of the following:

- Add the name(s) on the white board
- Email the church office
- Email Alice Jenkins

Thank you!

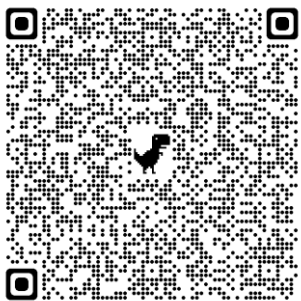
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**Counters needed!** If you are interested in assisting with counting contributions after service, please contact Laura Schwab (980-229-3900 or [lboatwright@gmail.com](mailto:lboatwright@gmail.com)). The task can usually be completed in less than 30 minutes.

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## Your Offerings:

You may use this QR code to make an on-line payment. It will take you to the church VANCO on-line payment portal.



You may also access on-line giving through the website, click the on-line giving button to pay for flowers, make an offering to the general operating fund, or support the on-going outreach opportunities. Indicate in the line what your gift is directed towards.

You may also mail your gift to the church. Clearly state on the memo line what the check is to be used for-- General Fund, Mortgage Reduction or other purpose (such as Flowers, Special Day, etc.).

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