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PRELUDE

Fanfares on “Easter Hymn”
arr. Robert Lau
Brian Ward, Organ

INTROIT

Hear the Sound of Joy
Hal H. Hopson
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director
Carol Olfelt, Trumpet
Brandon Viliunas, Trumpet

Hear the sound of joy over all the earth.
God has triumphed. God is the mighty Lord.
Songs of joy sing to God the Lord.
The foe is conquered; glory to God.
Songs of joy sing to God the Lord.
All glory be to God, to God the Lord.
Songs of joy sing to God the Lord.
Glory to God. Glory to God the Lord.
Hear the sound of joy over all the earth.
God has triumphed. God is the mighty Lord.
Glory be to God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 258

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 118

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

Open for me the gates where the righteous enter.

We will enter and give thanks to the Lord!

We give You thanks, for You have answered us;

You have become our salvation!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

God's faithful love endures forever.

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

arr. David Johnson

Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

Chancel Handbell Choir, Linnea Olfelt, Director

That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
when to their longing eyes restored the apostles saw their risen Lord.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do Thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give Thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide,
from ev'ry weapon death can wield Thine own redeemed forever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to Thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father also raise, with God the Spirit, equal praise. Amen.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Alyssa Anderson, Reader

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Easter Season Acts Reading

Acts 10:34-43

* Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Sung Response 246, verses 1 and 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

* HYMN 243

Thine Is the Glory

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

All-sufficient Merit

Bethany Barnard, Bryan Fowler, ShanBarnard

2023 More Songs From Wellhouse (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Songs From Wellhouse (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)

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Led by Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson, Sam Parnin, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.

Giving online at any time is also an option at www.npcovenant.org/give.

Offertory

Fanfare Toccata on “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

arr. J. William Greene

Sam Parnin, Organ

He Lives!

* Responsive Hymn 253, verse 3

* Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER OF SABBATICAL SENDING FOR PASTOR LIBBY

* CLOSING HYMN 259

Christ Is Alive!

Those who wish to sing the Hallelujah chorus may make their way forward during the hymn to stand in the choir loft and on the front platform.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Hallelujah

from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.

In addition, if you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors, there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen in the box's drawer for your use.

*2025 Easter Memorials
& Honoraria*



*We Remember
We Honor*

The members and friends listed here have chosen to memorialize or honor their loved ones either with the purchase of a beautiful flowering plant you see at the front of the sanctuary today and/or by giving a donation to our camping fund.

Given by Mary Ann Ahlgren
in memory of Betty J. Nelson

Given by Sue & Kevin Anderson
*in memory of our parents
in honor of our children*

Given by Helen & Garry Arkema
*in memory of Calvin Verbrugge and
Lorraine Arkema*

Given by Connie Barkley
in memory of Peyton Barkley

Given by Cheryl Borgeson & Les Carlstrom
in memory of our parents

Given by Julie & David Bromley
*in memory of our parents, our brothers,
and dear friends*

Given by Mary & Keith Chase-Ziolek
*in memory of Zoey Hope Chase-Ziolek
in memory of our parents
in honor of Evan & Matthew Chase-Ziolek
in honor of Evelyn & Henry Henselin*

Given by Karen Darelus
*in memory of Helen & Charles Darelus
in honor of Peter Darelus & family
in honor of Joel Darelus & family*

Given by Susan, Dave, and Krista Dawson
*in memory of Francis & Zerda Boland
in memory of Jay & Elfrieda Dawson*

Given by Wally & Nancy Ebner
*in memory of Wallace & Martha Ebner
in memory of Arnold & Margaret Johnson*

Given by Sandy Edstrom
*in memory of Art Edstrom
in honor of my new great-grandchild,
Everly Grace*

Given by Sally & Donn Engebretson
*in memory of Doug & Helen Nordstrom
in memory of Milt & Rhoda Engebretson*

Given by Peter & Martha Frisk
*in memory of Donald & Evelyn Frisk
in memory of Harder & Evelyn Johnson*

Given by John & Barbara Goode
*in memory of Eric Yost
in honor of Jeff Yost*

Given by Sarah Hillabrant
*in memory of Linda Hillabrant
in memory of Clara Adamson*

Given by Katy Hoffman
in memory of Jacky Hoffman

Given by Barbara & Francis Hunt
*in memory of Barbara Joan Hunt
in memory of Judith Giertz*

Given by the Hunter Family
*in memory of Clint and Shirley Hamrick
in memory of Perry Manley*

Given by Chloe, Gabe, and Tim Johnson
in memory of Kari Lindholm-Johnson
in memory of Darryl Johnson
in memory of grandparents Harry &
Carolyn Johnson
in memory of grandparents Loren &
Rita Lindholm

Given by Lori Johnson
in memory of Rose & Francis Johnson

Given by Ellen Kogstad
in memory of Kari Lindholm-Johnson

Given by the Lucco Family
in memory of Richard Lucco

Given by Sandra Nelson
in memory of James Nelson

Given by Chuck & Jan Olson
in memory of our parents
in honor of our children & grandchildren

Given by Don & Kay Olson
in honor of Anders, Axel, Jack, Dillan

Given by Ann-Marie Olson Frisk
in honor of my loving family

Given by Mark, Krista, Anders, and Axel
Olson-Brady
in memory of David Brady

Given by Pete & Lynn Pearson
in memory of our parents,
Carl & Elizabeth Pearson and
Lloyd & Virginia Strandine

Given by the Piotrowski Family
in memory of loved ones

Given by Andrew, Julie, Noah, and Ella
in memory of Herb Clauson
in memory of John Clauson

Given by Carol & David Schlensker
in honor of the pastoral team

Given by Christian & Paula Schuetz
in memory of Kari Lindholm-Johnson
in honor of Tim, Gabe, and Chloe
Johnson

Given by Peter & Joanna Sjoblom
in memory of the Sjoblom and Westberg
families

Given by Janette & Roderick Smith
in memory of Peter Muir
in memory of James & Carol Smith

Given by Bruce & Ann Marie Strom
in memory of our parents,
James & Ruth Shouba and
Milton & Iva Strom

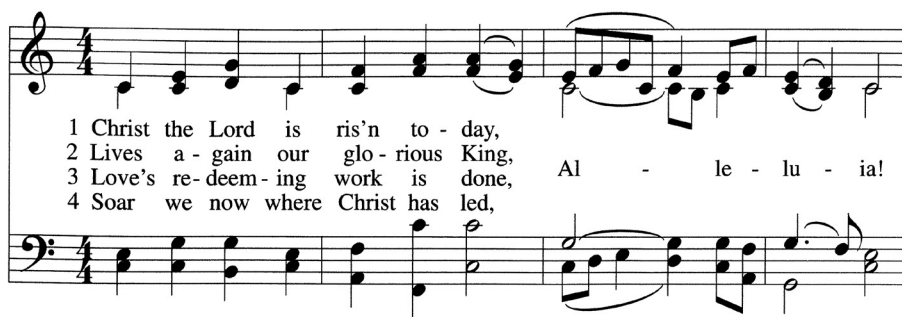
Given by Eileen Thorpe
in memory of Roger Thorpe
in memory of our parents

Given by Sue Vandervoort
in memory of my parents and my brother

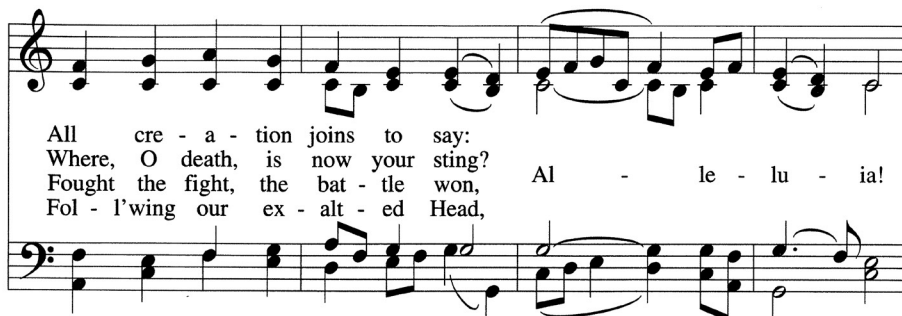
Given by Bill & Ruthanne Werner
in memory of Carl & Georgia Werner
in memory of Rev. Bertil & Lorrain
Lovain



Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 258



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,
 2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led,



All cre - a - tion joins to say:
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head,



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Dy - ing once he all does save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise,



Sing, O heav'ns, and earth re - ply:
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Traditional

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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Refrain (in unison) F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

F Dm Gm C F *Last time*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F/A Stanzas F Dm B♭ C F

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth; he is the
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Je - sus has
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ; now we shall
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward: life for all
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly

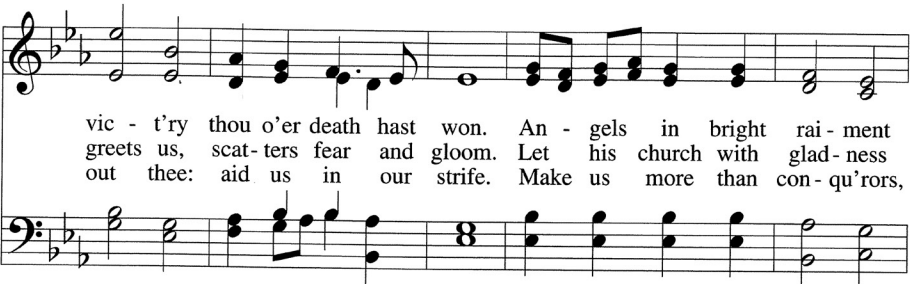
Dm Gm7 C D.C. F *Last time*

King of cre - a - tion. name.
 died and has ris - en.
 live for - ev - er.
 peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 sing to our Sav - ior.


Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
 out thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth:
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

EASTER: RESURRECTION

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

The musical score is written for a vocal part and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

All-Sufficient Merit

Shane Barnard, Bryan Fowler, and Beth Barnard

All-suf - fi - cient mer - it shin-ing like the sun. A
 loveHe con - de - scen - ded e - ter - nal now in time. A

5
 for - tune I in - her - it by no work I have done. My
 life with - out a blem - ish the ma - ker made to die. The

9
 right-eous-ness I for - feit at my sav - ior's cross where
 law could ne - ver save us; our law - less - ness had won un -

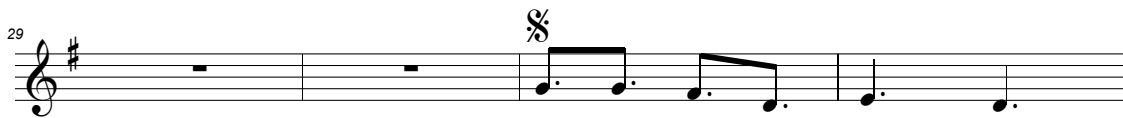
13
 all suf - fi - cient mer - it did what I could not.
 till the pure and spot - less Lamb had fin - lly

17
 In come. It is

21
 done; it is fin - ished; no more debt I owe. Paid in

25
 full, all - suf - fi - cient mer - it now my own.

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I lay down my gar - ments;
All suf - fi - cient mer - it;



a - ny em - pty boast
firm in life and death. Good works all cor - rup - ted
The joy of my sal - va - tion shall



by the sin - ful host. Dressed in my Lord Je - sus, a
be my fi - nal breath, and when I stand ac - cep - ted be -



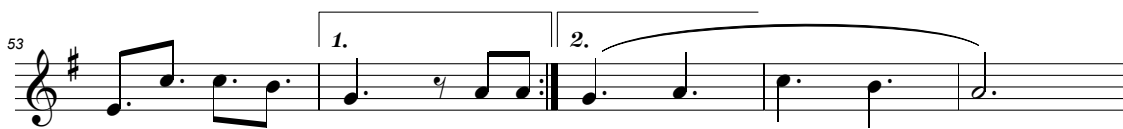
crim - son robe made white. No more fear of judge - ment; His
fore the throne of God I'll gaze u - pon my Je - sus and



right-eous-ness is mine. It is done; it is fin - ished;
thank Him for the cross.



no more debt I owe. Paid in full, all - suf - fi - cient



mer - it now my own. It is own.



It's now my own.

D.S. al Fine

He Lives

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

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er some may say;
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,

and just the time I need him he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

Refrain

He lives, he lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!

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

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

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart.

Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age; till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **our neighborhood**, specifically the east side of the 5300 block of N Spaulding; *"We pray that God would unveil within our neighbors and ourselves the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods their and our innermost beings with his divine might and explosive power."* (Ephesians 3:16)
- **Pastor Libby**, as she begins her three-month sabbatical tomorrow; that it will be a time of rest and rejuvenation
- **Greg Mesimore**, recuperating after another brain surgery to remove a benign tumor
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, now in palliative care
- Pastor Libby's dad, **Craig Johnson**, recuperating after hip replacement surgery
- Diane Haglund's sister, **Elaine**, who lives in L.A. and is experiencing both lung trouble and dementia
- **Erik Ward**, recuperating after surgery last week on his arms after breaking both in a biking accident
- **Brandon Baglayan**, Marti Hindaileh's godson, whose results from his thyroid scan were inconclusive
- **Diane Haglund**, struggling with fatigue, which is affecting her ability to work
- **Sandy Edstrom**, continuing to heal after breaking her foot
- **Sheryl and Paul Noren**, as they put retirement on hold to return to Congo



Welcome to North Park Covenant Church! If you're new here today, we invite you to scan the QR code to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

Vida Plena, a Spanish-speaking Covenant church plant that meets here, invites you to worship every Sunday at 1:30 pm. For more information, contact Pastor Dany Flores at 872-357-9080.

April is National Poetry Month, and the North Park Readers will be meeting on Tuesday, April 22, at 1 pm at Kay Olson's home in Northbrook. To carpool, please contact Helen Arkema at helen.arkema@gmail.com. The selections for the book club include: "Musical Tables" by Billy Collins, "Poetry for Kids" by Emily Dickinson, and "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats" by T.S. Eliot. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**The church office
will be closed**
tomorrow,
Monday, April 21,
for Easter Monday.

Are you looking for a way to serve at NPCC in 2025? Make this the year you hang out with the littlest in our community or help serve refreshments after the worship service! [Click here to put your name down for a Sunday or two.](#)

Congregational Meeting April 27: All are invited to join us for the second half of our Congregational Annual Meeting, directly following worship on Sunday, April 27. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the nominating committee's ballot for new board and committee members. A light lunch will be served.

NPCCP Invites you to Spring Fest! Come to the parlors on Saturday, April 26, between 9 am and 12 pm and step into a world of nature, imagination, and adventure at Woodland Wonder, the NPCCP Spring Fest event designed just for little explorers!

TICKETS: Entry tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online or at the door. Raffle tickets can be purchased on site. If purchasing tickets online, go to onrealm.org/npcovenant/-/form/give/now and choose the NPCCP Fundraising fund. In the Memo, write, "Spring Fest Tickets" and your last name.

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, April 27:**

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Bake Sale – Woodland Edition:

We plan to have a woodland-themed bake sale table! Think acorn treats, mushroom cupcakes, forest critter cookies—let your creativity shine! We made [a Pinterest board full of sweet inspiration!](#) If you're able to donate a baked good item, please drop it off in the church office by 3 pm on Friday, April 25.

If you have questions or want to let us know you can donate a baked item, please email Becky Edwards, administrative director, at preschool@npcovenant.org.

All proceeds from this event will support NPCCP and the students we serve! This event is for the whole community—current students, alumni, neighbors, and friends are welcome! Come ready to explore, create, and celebrate the wonder of spring!

Vacation Bible School Is Coming! Mark your calendars for June 16-20, because VBS will be here before we know it! This year, we'll discover how Jesus invites us to Step Right Up to some marvelous and extraordinary things! We need lots of help to make VBS possible, so if you're interested in volunteering for all or some of the week, [please let Jeanette know](#). Registration for students will open the first week in May, and [the list of needed supplies is available now](#).

A Way to Recycle Prescription Bottles: Joel and Kim Delp, Serve Globally personnel serving in Ecuador, are collecting used prescription bottles for a Medical Caravan program that they lead in remote areas of Ecuador. If you have old prescription bottles with lids that you're willing to donate to their ministry, please rinse them out, remove the labels, and bring them to church! There's a collection bin in the narthex labeled "Prescription Bottles". We'll get them where they need to be!

The Church Calendar This Week

The calendar is available online at www.npcovenant.org/calendar and is updated as changes occur.

Monday, April 21 - Office Closed

9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
4 pm	Tutoring (Parlors)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Large Conference Room)

Tuesday, April 22

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
3:45 pm	Von Steuben Girls' Basketball Practice (Gym)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, April 23

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Edstrom home)
6 pm	Gather Dinner (Parlors)
6:30 pm	Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
	Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7 pm	Knit or Not (Parlors)
	Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 24

3:45 pm	Von Steuben Girls' Basketball Practice (Gym)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm	Middle-school Youth Group Leader Dinner (South Garden)

Friday, April 25

10 am	NPCCP Spring Fest Set-up (Parlors)
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Saturday, April 26

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
9 am	NPCCP Spring Fest Fundraiser (Parlors)
10:15 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, April 27

9 am	Confirmation (Staff Conference Room)
9:15 am	Adult Formation (Parlors)
	Bible Journaling (Art Room)
	Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:45 am	Congregational Annual Meeting & Lunch (Parlors)
1:30 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
7 pm	AA Meeting (Parlors)
	High-school Youth Group (Attic Youth Room)

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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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