



# Easter Day

## Holy Baptism

April 5, 2026 at 8:45 a.m.



*The flowers on the altar were arranged by Allyson Ludington.*

### ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

---

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector  
The Rev. Matthew Bloss, Associate Priest  
Riva Heron, Seminarian  
Jenny Montgomery, Executive Assistant to the Rector  
Desiree Moultrie, Director of Finance & Operations  
Grace Symmons, Director of Communications  
Valerie Thompson, Director of Music & Organist  
Ben Sykora, AV Tech Lead

Kelly Jackson, Family Ministry & Parish Life  
Emily Lehmuth, Children's & Nursery Ministries  
Marjorie Nolan, Ministry Support & Special Events  
Lauren Koops, Assistant Youth Minister  
Cade Norman, Youth Intern  
Mishi Turlapati, Youth Intern  
Art Gonzales, Sexton  
James Bangert, Assistant Sexton

### WORSHIP MINISTERS

---

Acolytes	John Michael and Mary Elizabeth Douglas, Elijah Jackson
Altar Guild	Alice Jewell, Val Felger
Greeter	Sandy and Betsy Payson
Eucharistic Ministers	Clark Hendley, Tracey Koast
Ushers	Clarke Wendel, Zach Ienatsch



PRELUDE | He Is Risen, He Is Risen! - Wolfgang Hiltscher; Jesus Christ Is Risen Today - Healy Willan  
Christ Hath Burst His Prison! - Gilbert M. Martin

CHORAL INTROIT | Christ Is Risen! – Allen Pote

*Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia!  
He triumphs o'er the grave, our sinful souls to save.  
He lives again and gives eternal life!*

*Christ is risen, risen, alleluia! He is risen, risen, alleluia!  
The darkness of the night has turned to radiant light.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Worship Choir & Brass Quartet

*The tomb is empty where he lay. An angel rolled the stone away.  
A song of victory fills the sky. He lives that we no longer die.  
With hearts and voices raise a glorious hymn of praise.*

OPENING HYMN | Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia!

Hymn 207

EASTER ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 299

*Celebrant* ALLELUIA! Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. ALLELUIA!**

*The Celebrant then continues*

*People* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

COLLECT

BCP p. 222

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST LESSON | Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 | *responsively by whole verse*

BCP p. 760

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

2 **Let Israel now proclaim, \***  
**"His mercy endures for ever."**

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:**

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 **I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.**

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

**19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

**21 I will give thanks to you,  
for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.**

22 The same stone which the  
builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## SECOND LESSON | Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL HYMN | On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days (v. 1 - 2)

Hymn 201

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

THE PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptized so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call." (Acts 2:38-39)

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

BCP p. 301

*Celebrant* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Sponsor/Parents/Godparents* I present Millie, Penelope, and Theodore to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

*for infants and young children:*

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in the God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

## THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for Millie, Penelope, and Theodore who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open *their* heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER | *Children are invited to come to the front for a better view.*

BCP p. 306

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying,*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that the one who is cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

BCP p. 307

*The candidate is presented to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon the candidate, saying,*

Millie / Penelope / Theodore, I baptize you in the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying,*

Millie / Penelope / Theodore you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God.**

**Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\**Congregation: please join in singing verse 4*

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!*

*We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life  
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!*

*The Father's splendor clothes the Son of life.  
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One. Alleluia!*

*A new creation comes to life and grows  
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia!*

EASTER DOXOLOGY | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A; BCP p. 361

*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.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS | Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - William Matthias

Hymn S 128

*Hymn numbers beginning with an S indicate Service Music, found at the front of The Hymnal 1982*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*(The people stand or kneel.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM | Christ Our Passover - Gerald R. Near

Hymn S 155

*Hymn numbers beginning with an S indicate Service Music, found at the front of The Hymnal 1982*

*All Sing Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

BCP p. 365

*All baptized Christian persons are welcome to receive communion at this the Lord's Table. To receive Communion, place one hand over with palms facing upward. To receive the wine, hold the chalice on the bottom and sip, or intinct - dip the bread into the wine. \*Parents of small children, please help them when they intinct; try to ensure that only the bread is dipped and not tiny fingers. To receive communion from your seat please notify an usher, if you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know during communion.*

COMMUNION MUSIC | At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing - Theodore Beck  
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness - David N. Johnson

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP p. 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Let us all take heart! The battle is over. The victory is won. And though the victory was won by God alone, it is not for God alone. It is for each and every one of us. So let God's victory, be our victory. Let God's peace, be our peace. And may the blessing of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you, and inspire you all the days of your life. AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN | He Is Risen, He Is Risen!

Hymn 180

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 366

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!


*People* **Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

POSTLUDE | Toccata for the Morning of Easter (*Christ Ist Erstanden*) – Gilbert M. Martin

Valerie Thompson

Easter Brass Quartet:

Daniel Guzman, trumpet; Genevieve De Leon, trumpet;  
Jerick Rodriguez, trombone; Angel Inchaurregui, trombone

Denise Marshall	Given to the Glory of God and Thanksgiving for the music programs at St. John's.	
Sarah Hawkins	In memory of Ted Hawkins and Alicia Farber.	
Marjaana & Dave Cich	In memory of our parents, Marjaana's sister, nephew, niece, and Dave's brother.	
Bonnie McKay	In memory of Bob McKay.	
Laura Shaver	In thanksgiving for all my boys.	
Leslie & Jeff Bloss	In memory of David, Deb & Bob Pannabecker, Lois & Dan Bloss.	
Bruce & Shelley Howard	In thanksgiving for our families and grandchildren, and for our church family and our Savior, Jesus Christ.	
Stacey Garza-Vale	In memory of Louis Garza-Vale, in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.	
Dan & Vicky Geisler	In thanksgiving for our St. John's family.	
Margaret Mitchell	Given to the Glory of God to give God praise. In memory of The Rev Jim Mitchell. In thanksgiving for St. John's Church Family.	
Donna & Brian Woolverton	In memory of Lois Woolverton, Glenn Woolverton, Shirley Albertson, Les Albertson.	
Judith Knight	In memory of my parents, Charles & Genevieve Knight.	
Hal & Cheryl Kloss	In memory of Frank and Charlene Adams.	
Jaime Pruna	Given to the Glory of God for our family and friends. In memory of Russell Walker (grandfather). In thanksgiving for God's many blessings.	
Lyn Enright	Given to the Glory of God in memory of Jim Enright.	
Chris & Katie Grayson	In memory of Trooper, Apate, Taj, and Tuli. In thanksgiving for all the years of love and fun. Given to the Glory of God for God's dogs.	
Matthew Eckmann	In memory of all those we hold in our hearts.	
Marci Chapman	In thanksgiving for Marli, Jack, and Grant Yates, and Michael Pappas.	
Veronica Crolley	In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.	
Libby & Frank Pender	In memory of John Salem, son and brother.	
Libby Pender	In memory of my mom and dad, Sally and Bill Edwards.	
Renea Tutt	In Thanksgiving for the Baimbridge and Ritchie families.	
Kat DeGrasse	In memory of those that have gone before us.	
John & Linda Frith	Given to the Glory of God for our Children and Grandchildren.	
Zachary Ienatsch	Given to the Glory of God for Maisie Faye Ienatsch and Otto Isaac Ienatsch.	
Melinda Abell	Given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for St. John's Church this Easter Sunday.	
Brooke Perry	In Thanksgiving for our family.	
Ann Amoroso	In Thanksgiving for Frank, Ceira and Ben.	
Ginga Golson	In Thanksgiving for our family. In memory of Bill and Shirley Graves and Fred and Agnes Golson and Emery Moore. To the glory of God for all of our grandchildren.	
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bowlby	In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Bowlby.	
Lynn Norvell	In thanksgiving for our family and friends.	
Deborah & Walter Bevers	In memory of Peggy Bevers, Evelyn Peacock Jones, and Sadie & Jacques Bevers. In thanksgiving for Joanne January.	
Julianne Agar	In memory of Timothy & Robert Agar.	
Kathy & David Simmons	In memory of our parents. In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.	
Rick & Hallie Schneider	In memory of our parents, C.L. & Maxine Schneider and Doug & Gail Hughes.	
Linda & Roy Lund	Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Ruth & Bob Lund and Alma & Jim Anderson.	
Rick & Sherri Lowe	Given to the Glory of God for our St. John's church family. In memory of our parents - Engles & Lowes, grandparents, and son Sean. In thanksgiving for our newborn grandson, Levi, our children, and all grandchildren, family and friends.	
Ripp & Sue Hardaway	In thanksgiving for Mekenzie and Hayden and our St. John's family.	
Claire & Logan Simpson	Given to the Glory of God.	
Betty Morris	In thanksgiving for my family.	
Gretchen Weaver	In memory of my parents, Eleanor & Ernst Erdmann.	



- visitor connection card
- event info and sign ups
- latest eNews
- worship bulletin PDF
- ...and more!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **“Change for Change” Children’s Ministry Coin Drive**

Bring your spare change each Sunday through April. Every coin helps support the Capital Campaign as we work to make more room at the table.

### **Meal Train Opportunities for our Growing St. John’s Family**

Consider providing a meal or gift card for St. John’s families who have recently welcomed new babies. Contact Alyssa Davidson at [lyssadavidson16@gmail.com](mailto:lyssadavidson16@gmail.com) to help.

**The Church Office is closed Monday, April 6.**

### **St. John’s Lunch Bunch | Wednesday, April 8 at 11 a.m. at Buttermilk Cafe (1324 E. Common St.)**

Come enjoy good food and fellowship with friends old and new. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Pete Meaden at 832-689-8957 or [pete.meaden@outlook.com](mailto:pete.meaden@outlook.com)

### **Nails & Prayers Service Retreat | April 10 - 12 at Camp Capers** *Learn more and register at [dwtx.org/events](http://dwtx.org/events).*

A service-based weekend for high school juniors and seniors, college students, individuals, and couples of all ages. Projects may include trail work, painting, landscaping, and other hands-on improvements.

### **Worship in the Park: Heritage Village | April 12 at 10:30 a.m. | 1370 Church Hill Drive**

We’ll be led in lively song by The Oompahs, bringing festive polka music to our worship. After the service, stay for a picnic lunch, games, and fellowship for all ages. Some benches are available but please BYOChair if you prefer! An abbreviated 8:45 a.m. service will be held at St. John’s for those unable to attend Worship in the Park.

### **Fellowship Groups for Youth Boys (5:15 p.m.) & Girls (5 p.m.) | Sunday, April 12 | Locations listed in Church Center**

Gather for dinner, fellowship, and discussion. Learn more and RSVP in Church Center.

### **Movie Night: The Prince of Egypt (PG) | Friday, April 17, 5:30–8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room**

The congregation is invited to a screening of The Prince of Egypt, an animated retelling of Moses’ journey to lead his people to freedom. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., movie begins at 6, followed by a brief discussion. Please bring a snack and your own drink. Space is limited to 20, please RSVP in Church Center.

### **The Good, The True, & The Beautiful Retreat | April 17–19, 2026 at Camp Capers**

Join Bishop David Read at Camp Capers for a creativity and spiritual retreat exploring storytelling, songwriting, and the arts through the lens of faith. Enjoy meaningful worship, fellowship, delicious meals, and time in the beauty of nature as you deepen your faith and creative gifts. *Learn more and register at [dwtx.org/events](http://dwtx.org/events).*

### **Rector’s Sabbatical | April 20 - August 1**

Fr. Ripp will be on sabbatical and unavailable during this time. For all inquiries, please contact Jenny Montgomery, Executive Assistant to the Rector, at [jenny@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:jenny@stjohnsnb.com). Be sure to join us on Sunday, 4/19 to send him off with love!

**Cursillo #300 (Men Only) | April 30 - May 3 at Mustang Island Conference Center** *registration coming soon!*

**Upcoming Baptism Date: Pentecost Sunday (May 24)** *Contact Jenny ([jenny@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:jenny@stjohnsnb.com)) if you are interested.*