

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 5, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Rev. Chris Roussel, Presiding

The Rev. Ben Cowgill, Preaching

Welcome to St. John's! Please see the back of the bulletin for visitor information and announcements.

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VOLUNTARY Sonata No. 5 in D Major  
Allegro di molto  
Adagio é mesto  
Allegro

Carl Philipp Emmanuel Bach (1714-1788)

HYMN 705 (10:30 a.m.)

As those of old their first fruits brought

*Forest Green*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S 278 (10:30 a.m.)

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (Easter 6)

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O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. (10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE GRADUAL: Psalm 98(*sung by the choir at 10:30 a.m.*)

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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song,\*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm\*  
has he won for himself the victory
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory;\*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,\*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;\*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp,\*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn\*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,\*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,\*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world\*  
and the peoples with equity.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. JOHN. (5:1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,

for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand.*

*CHILDREN'S LITURGY: During the singing of "This little light of mine", the children (Grades K-3) gather at the baptismal font and follow the cross to the Chapel for children's worship, returning at the Peace. Our volunteers lead the children in an age-appropriate Bible story, age-appropriate worship, and return at the Peace. Children who are new or nervous are welcome to attend with a parent if desired!*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 204 (10:30 a.m)

Now the green blade riseth

*Noël Nouvelet*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (15:9-17)

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ben Cowgill

*The people stand.*

THE 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM II)

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Mark; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him, Pray that they may find and be found by him. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for the departed, including Lewis Duncan Snead whose memory the flowers on the altar were given today. Pray for those who have died. *(Silence)*

I ask your prayers for Holly, Jodi, Josie, Matthew, Shawn, Stella Rose, Mark Dalton, Gena Davidson, Donald Edward, Reva Fox, Frances Giles, Christopher Hamlett, Sandy Holt, Mimi Hopkins, Harold Johnson, Joyce Lloyd, Nancy McWane, Janice Martin, and Ken Terrell, as well as those we name silently or aloud at this time, *(pausing to allow for prayers to be offered aloud)*. *(Silence)*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *(Silence)*

*Celebrant concludes*

THE PEACE

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

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

*Please be seated after exchanging the Peace with your neighbors.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) If ye love me

Peter Aston (1938-2013)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; ye know him: for he dwelleth in you, and shall be in you. If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Text: John 14:15-18

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer D

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*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

SANCTUS S 128 (10:30 a.m.)

**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.**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (8:00 a.m.)

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

S 155 (10:30 a.m.)

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Please proceed by rows to the rail via the center aisle and then return to your seat by entering your row from side aisles. To receive the Body of Christ, cross one hand over the other, palm open and lifted, so the priest can place it in your palm. To receive the Blood of Christ, tip the base of the cup to assist in guiding the cup to your lips. If you would like to intinct, or dip the host into the consecrated wine, please hold your host up in front of you so that the appropriate chalice-bearer will offer you the intinction cup. To receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest as the bread passes you by. Gluten-free communion wafers are available as well. The people join in singing the communion hymn.*

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) Ubi caritas

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur,  
ne nos mente dividamur, caveamus.  
Cessent jurgia maligna cessent lites.  
Et in medio nostril sit Christus Deus.  
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Simul quoque cum beatis videamus.  
Gloriantur vultum tuum, Christe Deus:  
gaudium, quod est immensum atque probum.  
Saecula per infinita saeculorum.  
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.

Where love and charity are found, God is there.  
We gather together in the love of Christ.  
Let us rejoice and be glad, all together.  
Let us fear and love God.  
And let us love each other with sincere hearts.  
Where love and charity are found, God is there.  
Therefore when we gather as one, all together,  
let us be as one in the Lord, all together.  
May careless thought, action, or deed not divide us.  
Let Christ, our God, dwell among us, in every heart.  
Where love and charity are found, God is there.  
Let us see thy great beauty with the blessed ones.  
Christ, our God, eternally throned in great splendor,  
there to possess joy without end, all together.  
For infinite ages of ages, forever.  
Where love and charity are found, God is there. Amen.

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HYMN 576 (10:30 a.m.)

God is love

*Mandatum*

*The people stand.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

HYMN 344 (10:30 a.m.)

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

*Sicilian Mariners*

VOLUNTARY Organ Concerto V in F Major  
IV. Presto

George Frideric Handel (1785-1756)

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*The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Lewis Duncan Snead.*

STAFF

SERVING THIS WEEK

The Rev. Chris Roussell, *Rector*

8:00 a.m.

The Rev. Ben Cowgill, *Associate Rector for Formation*

Peggy Haas Howell, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Pat Bradbury, Bud Walker, *Readers*

Lalla Sydnor Johnson, *Director of Children, Youth, &  
Family Ministries*

Judy McGehee, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Bill Stuart, *Usher*

Nicole Cook, *Executive Assistant to the Rector*

Pam Reynolds, *Parish Administrator*

10:30 a.m.

Amy Panzer, *Director of St. John's Day School*

Janet Hickman, Anne Wood, *Readers*

Gracie Johnson & River Segel, *Sextons*

Diane Walker, Stevie Dovel,

Charlie Schindler, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Billy Walker, Bunny Wood, *Ushers*

Reed Stone, Joe Stone, Madeline Stone,

Mary Stone, *Acolytes*

*Scan this QR code with your phone to leave your pledge gift or an offering this morning.*

*You may also use the offering plates as they are passed.*



This is the First Sunday of the Month so the Plate Offering will be split between the Rector and Associate Rector's Discretionary Funds. If writing a check, please write Disc. Fund in the memo line.

Last Sunday the Offering Collected for Bishop Mark's Discretionary Fund was \$798.00.



## Welcome to St. John's

Welcome to St. John's! Whether you are visiting for the first time, joining us online, or are a lifetime member we are glad you are present with us this Sunday. Everything you need to participate in this service can be found in this bulletin; or, you can use the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) page numbers and the Blue Hymnal (Hymn numbers) to follow along. If you have any questions or need assistance, please see one of our Ushers or Greeters.

As we continue to regather in larger numbers each Sunday, it may be helpful for everyone to know that we have designated the last five pews as "No Video" pews for those concerned about our video streaming ministry. Operators of the camera equipment will not be showing this area of the church under the choir balcony. Nor will they be showing individuals in those pews during Communion time. We want to respect everyone's right to privacy. Should the demand for this area increase, we will certainly expand it further as needed.

If you would like more information, a call or visit from one of our clergy, or to join our parish, please fill out a blue visitor card and give to an usher or a greeter. Our greeters and staff would love to connect with you after the service! If you have a prayer request, please fill out the white prayer request card and place it in an offertory plate or give it to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy. Please also check out our website, [www.stjohnslynchburg.org](http://www.stjohnslynchburg.org), to find out more. We would love to get to know you better!

### Mark your Calendars

#### Monday, May 6

9:15 - 10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting

#### Tuesday, May 7

8:00 a.m. - George Bean Men's Group (Magill)

#### Wednesday, May 8

7:30 a.m. - Men's Morning Meetup (New Building)

11:00 a.m. - Bible Study (Magill & Zoom)

12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

#### Thursday, May 9

10:00 a.m. - Women's Study Group (Library)

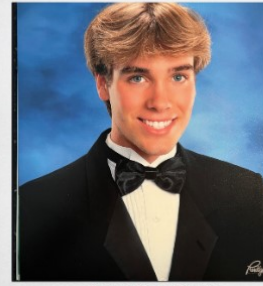
7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



Grace Battle  
VES Graduate  
Gettysburg College



Brantley Ann Carson  
E.C. Glass Graduate  
Central Virginia Community College



Aaron Ross Dendy  
E.C. Glass & CVGS Graduate  
Colorado School of Mines



Elizabeth Livingston Flippin  
VES Graduate  
Texas Christian University



Evelyn Rose Gowen  
E.C. Glass Graduate  
James Madison University



Grace Joyner  
E.C. Glass Graduate  
University of Kentucky



Ava Grace Kennedy  
E.C. Glass & CVGS Graduate  
Abroad in Spain/William and Mary

# Congratulations Graduates

# 2024



Mary Elizabeth Kennedy  
E.C. Glass Graduate  
Powers College of Business, Clemson Univ.



Elle Langley  
VES Graduate  
University of Georgia



Crawford Lesko  
VES Graduate  
Undecided



Ellis Margaret McCall  
E.C. Glass Graduate  
Virginia Tech



Lucy Spotswood Mutch  
VES Graduate  
College of Charleston



Joseph Ogden Stone  
E.C. Glass Graduate  
Hampden-Sydney College



John Chadwick Waterworth, Jr.  
VES Graduate  
Hampden-Sydney College



**TODAY**



**Cantate**  
*Children's and Youth Choir*


# Spring Concert

**Sunday, May 5, 4:00p**  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
205 Elmwood Ave. Lynchburg, VA 24503

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# MEN'S MORNING MEETUP

AT ST. JOHN'S  
WEDNESDAYS | 7:30A  
May 8, 15, 22, 29

 **St. John's**  
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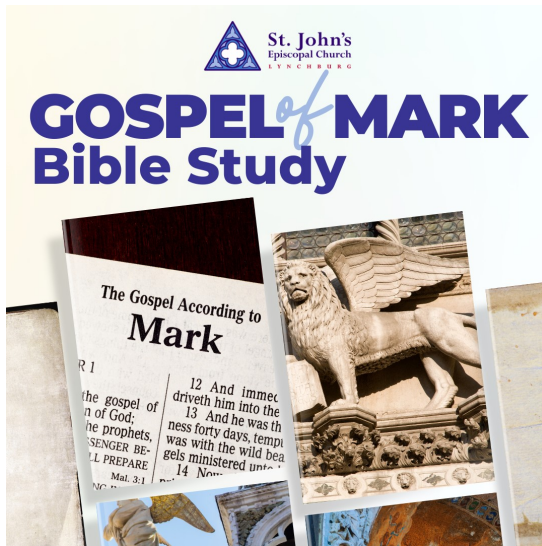


**Men's Morning Meetup @ St. John's**  
**Wednesdays Beginning**  
**May 8, 7:30a**

**New Building on Rivermont Ave**  
Stop by Wednesday mornings for a cup of coffee, conversation, and a chance to connect with men from St. John's and the whole Lynchburg community. We are hosting this gathering for four Wednesdays only so please join us as you can! All men are welcome.

## Bible Stories for Grown-Ups Sundays, 9:30a

Join us at Adult forum Sundays at 9:30a for our next series, Bible Stories for Grown-ups. In this series we will explore favorite children's Bible stories, their adult counterparts, and what the children's versions leave out. In addition to what stories we learn each week, we'll have an ongoing conversation about how we have learned and pass on the stories in the Bible that are most dear to us. We will pick up on May 12 for our next session.



## Bible Study: Gospel of Mark Wednesdays, 11a, Magill and [Zoom](#)

Our Mark Bible study continues with a series of topical studies on Mark's gospel! Our full list of topics are available online. Join us!



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## Healthy Brain Virginia Event

### What is it?

A program for older adults, or those who care for them. 45 min of education on brain health research, info, and best practices for dementia risk factors and prevention, followed by a Q&A session, and including an informational packet handout.

### When is it?

Monday, May 13th, 10:30am

### Where is it?

Magill Hall  
St John's Episcopal Church  
205 Elmwood Avenue  
Lynchburg, Va 24503

## Fellowship Freezer Restocked

The Fellowship Freezer has new additions of Southwestern Chicken Casserole and Peppermint Ice Cream, as well as many favorites. Stop by and make your evening dinner quick and easy.

All proceeds from the Fellowship Freezer benefit  
St. John's Day School.



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