

Worship Lifeline

In Scripture Today

Easter 5

Introduction to the day

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Acts 11:1-18, pBp. 895 Julie Boyer

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

Psalms 148 Shared Reading

Revelation 21:1-6, pBp. 1007

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

+Gospel for Easter 5

John 13:31-35, pBp. 877

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

Assisting with Worship
May 19, 2019

Altar Guild:	Amy Cauble
Lector:	Julie Boyer
Worship Assist:	Julie Boyer
Com. Assist:	Amy C. & Lisa M.
Ushers:	Cindy M. & Doug S.
Greeter:	Rica K.
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Grace Bags!

We have more Grace Bags on the Food Pantry Shelves now. More are on the way. To cover the cost, add \$5.00 to the little box on the shelves. Keep them in your car and when you see those asking for help along life's roadways, give them a bag. (Caution: During the summer months, avoid leaving the bags in heated cars for long periods of time.) Bags are assembled at Amazing Grace.

In Worship Today

We are coming to the end of the 50 days of celebration the Church calls EASTER. Today is Easter 5, and, of course, they are not five different Easters, but one Easter. So, we are leaning towards the Ascension of Jesus, (the 40th day of Easter) and Pentecost, (the 50th day of Easter).

Ascension is May 30, 2019 and Pentecost is June 9, 2019.

The cornerstone reading for today is one from John that precedes the resurrection of Jesus, but points us back to his principle, his command that his followers love others as Jesus modeled and the Father in Heaven affirmed. So, before going forward, we look back at what Jesus said and interpret it from the vantage point of his crucifixion and resurrection. "Peace be with you. Do not be afraid."

The developing church could not claim Jesus if failing to understand that Jesus' divine miracle was that of love. Little sense would it make to overthrow the enemies of Christ with contempt and hatred in light of Jesus' words, "Love your enemies."

With us today is Mrs. Gayle Cruz Rogue, an employee of *Inspiritus*, formerly Lutheran Social Service of Georgia. LSG, now *Inspiritus*, is contracted by our government to provide relocation and support services to refugees generally. Gayle's work has been with immigrants coming through and from Mexico, Central, and South America.

I know you will enjoy her, and receive her stories with wonder!

What Makes Worship Good?

A few years ago a term came about to describe worship discussion in congregations: Worship Wars! Oh! Satan is alive and well in the Church!

Whatever is the opposite of Worship Wars might well be what worship is to be in truth and purity! The pursuit of good worship does not mute conflict, but it uses differences of opinion and personality to create that which is good. Conflict is not to be the outcome of worship, as in the Worship Wars, but rather part of that which is sacrificed by all for the good of all. Conflict is conditioned by love such that love is the experience of and in worship, leaving all to ask, "Who is their God that even great enemies share peace, bread, wine, and affection?" Praise be to that God!

This Week

You can see all scheduled activities at: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=office%40asl.org&ctz=America/New_York

Sunday, May 19

9:00 AM-LL Word of Faith Church
10:15 AM-S ASLC Worship
Guest Gayle Cruz Rogue
11:30 AM-F Fellowship Meal
1:30 PM-All Housekeeping
3:50 PM Game 1
5:00 PM Game 2
2770 Lenora Church Rd,
Snellville, GA 30078
8:00 PM-F Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, May 20

7:30 PM-GR Overeaters Anonymous
7:30 PM-OO Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

9:30 AM-F Christian Conversations
8:00 PM-F Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, May 22

6:00 PM-S Choirs-Check with JW
5:00 PM-LL Word of Faith Church
6:00 PM-F Sandwich MeatUp
7:00 PM-S Choir-Ask John!
8:00 PM-F Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday, May 23

7:00 PM-F Cub Scouts?
8:00 PM-F Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 24

Pastor away SES Executive & Council
9:00 AM-All Cleaning

Saturday, May 25

9:00 AM-G OA

Sunday, May 26

9:00 AM-LL Word of Faith Church
10:15 AM-S Easter 6 Worship
11:30 AM-F Fellowship Meal
1:30 PM-All Housekeeping
8:00 PM-F Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, May 27-Memorial Day

F=Fellowship; OC=Out of Church; OO=Outer Office GR=Gray Room; LL=Lower Level; CL1=Lower Level Open Room 1; CL2=Lower Level Open Room 2; N=Narthex; S=Sanctuary; UR=Upper Room; A=Away from All Saints.

Southeastern Synod Assembly

Our Synod Assembly begins May 31 and continues through June 2. Business includes the election of a new Bishop.

Prior to the Assembly, Pastor has 2 days of meetings with the Synod Executive Committee and Synod Council in Nashville, and so will be absent from the congregation from May 29 – June 2.

Russ' Reminders~

May Birthdays

2 Mary Yale
 5 Sandra Robinson
 8 Kevin Swanson
 9 Eve Johnson/Herring
 12 Joyce Holdrich
 15 Dixie Wigbels
 27 Brian Ehrich
 Jack Branscomb
 29 Sheila Wagner

May Anniversaries

10 Mark & Angie Sanderlin
 11 Bob Johnson & Lorraine Herring
 27 Herb & Melody McCaulla
 Kim & Sue Stover
 28 Claire & Bob Heiser
 29 Phil Graham & Sam Underwood
 31 Jerry & Dixie Wigbels

All known ASLC birthdays and anniversaries are listed in your Church Directory. We can print you a copy or you can view the directory on your PC or Smartphone. It's all pretty easy once you move through the learning curve, which is more like a speed bump. **Contact Rica Kelly** with changes and updates to all directory information.

each phase of the election. Ms. McCracken serves with ELCA World Hunger as Director for Planning Engagement. Additionally, **The Rev. James (Jim) Mauney**, Bishop Emeritus, Virginia Synod, will keep us focused in faith with a Bible Study during Plenary.

Other business and reports will be taken up at the Assembly with opportunities for worship and fellowship.

Your prayers for all involved in the organization and execution of the Assembly are so appreciated.

COMING SOON TO A SYNOD NEAR YOU JUNE 2, 2019:

TOTAL DISRUPTION!

To the naive, the election of a new Bishop can seem nice and exciting, full of delightful suspense and mystery. But to those who have witnessed the transition from one bishop to the next, the known pitfalls and potholes will frustrate progress as well as knock from alignment the direction of SES life together, or what we call Mission. That new direction into which we are cast is not in and of itself "bad," for we trust that the Spirit of Jesus is in it. However, many will grieve while others rejoice in this change.

An example: Newly-elected Bishop David deFreese, years ago, returned home to inform his rather large congregation of his election to Bishop only to discover the Omaha World Herald had already reported it to them that Sunday morning in banner headlines. Members were waiting for him, angry he was leaving, feeling betrayed because they didn't know it was something he would even consider! (Pastors don't "run" to become Bishop. Even they don't know they might be nominated!)

Vulnerable to change are those already in change or conflict. For example, a church in the call process can find the process delayed because with the termination of a Bishop's call comes the termination of his/her Assistants, who participate in the Congregational Call process. A delay in the call process usually has negative implications for the congregation as well as those under consideration!

Additionally, as Assistants to the Bishop offer their resignations, the new Bishop needs time to find his/her own Assistants. There is much good that can be done in times of transition, but decision making becomes more tentative, and vital relationships begin to change. While this doesn't affect the times of worship for any congregation in the Synod, ripples are created which, when not understood, can reinforce clergy's and laity's ambiguous views of Synod leadership and the ELCA overall. In the coming year, be mindful of your SES Lutheran sisters and brothers!

2019 Men's Lutheran Softball Brisco Park

2770 Lenora Church Rd,
Snellville, GA 30078

Date	Description
5/19	3:50 PM ASLC vs Makeup Game 5:00 PM ASLC vs Makeup Game
6/2	2:40 PM ASLC vs Holy Cross 2 3:50 PM ASLC vs Christ the Lord

2019 Synod Assembly

"Together in Spirit. Forward in Faith" is the ELCA Southeastern Synod theme for the upcoming 2019 Synod Assembly. The three days, **May 31 - June 2, 2019**, will find the many voting members at the Chattanooga Convention Center, 1150 Carter Street, Chattanooga, TN.

Together in spirit, we will be electing a new Bishop for the ELCA-SES. So, we continue to pray, as a synod, for discernment for those who are called to stand as nominees and those who are called to serve as voting members.

Moving forward in faith, **Ms. Mikka McCracken**, our Churchwide Representative, will guide us through the bishop election procedures presiding over the Assembly during



AllSaints Lutheran Church Worship Assistants Calendar

(Recheck this list for periodic changes!)

May 26 C

Memorial Day

Altar Guild:	Susan Holbrook
Lector:	John Womack
Worship Assist:	Kelly Kraus
Com. Assist:	Martha W. & Herb M.
Ushers:	Miriam & Mac M.
Greeter:	Bruce K.
Projectionist:	Angie S.
Children's Sermon:	Lisa M.
Counters:	Tom & Barb

June 2 – Service of Word

Southeastern Synod Assembly

Altar Guild:	Amy C.
Lector:	John H.
Worship Assist:	Kevin S.
Ushers:	Susan H. & Herb M.
Greeter:	Mac M.
Projectionist:	N/A
Children's Sermon:	Mary Kay K.
Counters:	Tom & Angie

June 9 C

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Altar Guild:	Susan H.
Lector:	Al Kates
Worship Assist:	Joanne S.
Com. Assist:	John & Joyce H.
Ushers:	Cindy M. & Lisa M.
Greeter:	Sandy S.
Projectionist:	Kelly K.
Children's Sermon:	Kevin S.
Counters:	Tom & Barb

June 16 T

Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Altar Guild:	Lennie Cauble
Lector:	Tom Wagner
Worship Assist:	John Yale
Com. Assist:	Tom & Sheila W.
Ushers:	John & Joyce H.
Greeter:	Rica K.
Children's Sermon:	Mac M.
Counters:	Tom & Lorraine

June 23 C

Altar Guild:	Amy Cauble
Lector:	Sheila Wagner
Worship Assist:	John Holdrich
Com. Assist:	Mac & Miriam M.
Ushers:	Al & Mary Kay K.
Greeter:	Sandy S.
Projectionist:	Angie S.
Children's Sermon:	Lisa M.
Counters:	Tom & Angie