



## May 2025

### Sundays

8:00a.m.	HE Rt. I
9:15a.m.	Adult Christian Ed.
10:30a.m.	H.E. Rt. II
10:30a.m.	Children's Chapel

### Wednesdays

10:30a.m.	Healing Service
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### Coming Up

May 1	Scott Bailey Applications Due	
May 3	Men's Club	8:00am
May 3	TRCC Spring Concert	7:00pm
May 5	St. Elizabeth's Guild Tea	12:00pm
May 11	Youth Sunday	10:30am
May 13	Book Club	10:00am
May 14	Preschool Graduation	
May 19	Parish Cookout	11:30am
May 26	Office Closed	
May 28	Vestry Meeting	6:00pm

## A New Game

"I have said this to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!"

-John 16:33

I am part of the first great video game generation. I remember as a youngster being absolutely enthralled in the arcade watching an older kid perform miraculous wonders of strategy and reaction time. My eyes were glued to the screen watching the evils of the world laid to waste by a progression of jump attacks from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. I remember standing in awe as I watched each successive level boss brought to waste by a pimply teenager with a joystick and three simple buttons.

Then came the day when video games made it to the home. I remember pulling out the game cartridge to The Legend of Zelda, which glistened with the color gold. I remember the hours playing that with my Dad. As time went on, I gained my own prowess. I became a master in Street Fighter II and MarioKart, and kids from my school would come to my house just to face me or watch others as we feasted on grilled cheese sandwiches and Crystal Pepsi.

These games revealed a lot about myself to me. They showed me perseverance or stubbornness, depending on your perspective. They gave me a community. It is hard to get adolescent boys to talk at all, so you go with what your friends care about. They also showed me that I have a lot of fight in me. They taught me to strive to the next level. I still remember the feeling of exhilaration that came the first time I defeated a whole game.

This propensity to fight is something that I think that our culture values. Not just video games, but action movies, and even how we tell the stories of history. We live in a fiercely competitive culture, and I know I have learned how to see the world through that lens.

But I can't help but wonder if those lessons don't misinform me a little when it comes to faith.

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Like I said, I have a lot of fight in me. For most of my life I have thought that was a good thing. Maybe it is, but I am not exactly sure that it helps me with my spirituality.

I can't help but wonder how differently I would look at the world if I took that verse "take courage, I have conquered the world" more seriously. Jesus is saying that it is game over. The fight is over. If that is really true, I have to re-understand myself.

Re-understanding ourselves in the light of Christ's victory is what the season of Easter is about. What becomes of the soldier when the war is over? Easter is our re-entry. It is the time when we learn to let the fight go. That is surprisingly difficult when you think of yourself as a fighter. Trust takes so much more courage and discipline.

May God bless us all this Eastertide. May we learn to love playing the new game that God has given us. Something makes me think that it will be even more awesome.

# PALM SUNDAY



We celebrated the outdoor worship space in memory of Gail Jenkins.





Thank you to the Men's Club and St. Elizabeth's Guild for providing our meals at our  
Wednesday night suppers!



## EYC

Trip to the Huffman's sheep farm. 20 lambs are playing for us. As well as, a beautiful black dog the kids loved and two black cats.



Thanks so much  
Robyn and  
John!



Brad and Ruby Earle, Jones Lea with  
Jillian Dial, Elizabeth Pazacek and two  
small friends.



The EYC went to Star City Skate Sunday afternoon after the busy Easter week. Liam Jenkins, Savannah (Megan's friend), Megan and Lauren Renck and Landon Newcomb and Daddy Jon Renck took to the wood floor rolling.







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 TRCC Practice 5:00-8:00pm	2 TRCC practice 5-8pm	3 Men's Club 8am TRCC Spring Concert 7:00pm
4 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel	5 St. Elizabeth's Guild Tea party 12pm TRAC 6-9:30pm	6 Food Pantry 9-11am	7 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am Episcopal Mahjong 6pm Choir Practice 6:30-8:30pm	8 Food Pantry 9-11am TRCC 5:00-7:00pm	9	10
<i>Youth Sunday</i> 11 8:00am HE Rite 1 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel	12 TRAC 6-9:30pm	13 Food Pantry 9-11am Book Club 10am Gamma Tau 4-6pm Finance 6pm Lion's Club 6:30pm	14 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Preschool Graduation	15 Food Pantry 9-11am Meals on Wheels 10am TRCC 5:00-8:00pm	16	17
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25 8:00am HE Rite 1 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel	26 Memorial Day Office Closed TRAC 6-9:30pm	27 Food Pantry 9-11am Lion's Club 6:30pm	28 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am	29 Food Pantry 9-11am TRCC 5:00-7:00pm	30	31 



# May

## LAY/LEM READERS

### May 4

8:00 George Earp  
Ramona Orzell

### 10:30

Pete Roy  
Brad Earle  
Elizabeth Pope

### May 11

8:00 Ramona Orzell  
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10:30 Terry Shackleford  
Leslie Hall  
Linda Hutcheson

### May 18

8:00 Tim Knapp  
Forrest Mericle

10:30 Paul Stone  
Lisa Stone  
Forrest Mericle

### May 25

8:00 Sheryl Love-Johnson  
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Sarah Dial  
Omari Ansong  
Michele Richwalski

## ACOLYTES

### May 4

Walker Wells and Jack  
Lea

### May 11

Lauren and Megan  
Renck

### May 18

Mericle Family

### May 25

Landon Newcomb  
Liam Jenkins

How many are your

works, Lord! In wisdom you  
made them all; the earth is full  
of your creatures.

Psalm 104:24

## Pantry Distributors

Tuesday—Patty Kennedy  
Wednesday—Tommy Parker  
Thursday—Elizabeth Hunter

## Pantry Volunteers

Rita Coggins  
Rosemary Clark  
Missy Filliettaz



## USHERS

### May 4

Dan Melnyk  
Don Mucci

### May 11

Brad Earle  
Linda Hutcheson

### May 18

Jan Arnold  
John Lea

### May 25

Billy Suggs  
Steve Thurkill

## Kitchen Clean Up

Rachel Dix





## Flowering Cross Story and Egg Hunt with St. Andrew's Youth







Happy Easter!  
The Lord is Risen!







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## Our Parish Family



We are staying at two services during the summer. Rite I at 8am and Rite II at 10:30am.

Join us on May 18th for a cookout following the 10:30am service

### Youth Sunday

Let's celebrate our Youth on **Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30am worship service! The youth will read our lessons, serve as ushers, and spread joy among us! Contact Rita Coggins to participate.



Quarter Auction Fun for St. Andrew's Preschool



The Men's Club is meeting Saturday, May 3rd at 8am.

St. Elizabeth's Guild will host a tea party on May 5, 2024 at 12pm in the Parish hall.

**All the ladies of the church are invited!**

Dust off your hats and gloves if you have them (optional). You may invite a friend as well. Come enjoy the great tea sandwiches, desserts and fellowship. Please call the office at 252-443-2070 to make a reservation.

### Gatekeepers

**July 6-11th, 2025**

Adult and youth applications are in the office or can be emailed to you and need to be turned back in to the office no later **Monday, May 26th.**



St. Andrew's book club will meet on Tuesday, May 13th at 10 am in the Church parlor. We will be discussing The Appeal by John Grisham.