

We Join Together in Worship

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Dickinson, ND
Sunday, April 24, 2011 – Easter Day – Resurrection of Our Lord

Gathering

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Devotional Words from Taking Faith Home (to be distributed after worship)

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Lord, you give us our world and all that is in it. **Alleluia!**

Lord, you give us each other. **Alleluia!**

We praise you God, maker of the universe, for sending us Jesus and giving us new life in him.

Alleluia!

(A Traditional Easter Greeting) Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Processional Hymn – *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* **#365**

Hymn of Praise – *This is the Feast*.....Page 149

Prayer of the Day

Word

Scripture Readings – see insert (response: The word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**)

Psalm 118 (or hymn on bulletin page 6)



Gospel Acclamation – *The Strife is O'er* (verse 3) **#366**

“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.” The three sad days have quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead. All glory to our risen head! Alleluia! (3 Alleluias)

Gospel (before reading: **Glory to you, O Lord.** after reading: **Praise to you, O Christ!**)

Hymn – *Christ is Arisen* **#372**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*..... **#384**

Meal

Offering (*Rejoice All Men on Earth*), Offertory Hymn – *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful....* **#184**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Prayer and Great Thanksgiving (*Holy, Holy – Page 153*).....Page 152

Lord's Prayer (*left column*), "Lamb of God" HymnPage 154
Note – Beginning today we return to regular use of the newer version of the Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Bread and Wine (*Hymns: Easter Section*) **#376, #377, #385**
All the baptized are welcomed to receive the bread and wine offered in our Communion Meal. Today we will use "intinction" and continuous distribution in several stations.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Sending

Blessing and Hymn – *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* **#207**

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Dismissal – Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude

From the Desk of Pastor Ted...

April 24, 2011

Taking Faith Home – Distributed at the Doors

A decision was made last weekend during the "Vibrant Faith" discussions to regularly distribute "Taking Faith Home" inserts at the end of worship. You are encouraged to bring "Taking Faith Home" with you and make use of it during your week. I continue to encourage you to also bring home a bulletin from our worship service as a means to help connect our worship with the rest of your week. God's blessings to you this Easter Day! **Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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Mission: “Living in Service to Christ”

Worship: 7 p.m. on Thursday // 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. on Sunday

(10:30 a.m. Sunday Service Broadcast on KDIX Radio)

For Sunday, April 24, 2011

Preaching Minister: Pastor Ted Johanson

Presiding Minister: Lisa Lewton

Assisting Ministers: Dream O'Brien (7:30 a.m.)

Kris Fehr (9:00 a.m.)

Kris Brugamy (10:30 a.m.)

Deacons: Steve Lervik (7:30 a.m.)

Betty Duttonhefer (9:00)

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Organist: Cheryl Hewson (7:30 a.m.)

Barb Arneson (9:00 & 10:30 a.m.)

Servers: Thomas Hovet & Hallie Hoffer (7:30 a.m.)

Suzanna Moberg & Jackson Smith (9:00 a.m.)

Zach Keller & Robert Moser (10:30 a.m.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: All the baptized people of God are invited to the Lord's Table. You may stand or kneel to receive the elements. Children who commune should extend their hands to receive the elements. Children who are not communing are asked to have hands folded to receive a blessing. *You may ask a server to provide a gluten-free wafer or grape juice if needed.* Come to the table; all are welcomed!

WORSHIP INFORMATION: Attendance last week was 492 . . . Transmitters are available for the hearing impaired. Ask an usher for help . . . If it is uncomfortable for you to stand during the service, please feel free to remain seated . . . If you are a visitor, or if you simply forgot your offering envelope and wish to designate your contribution, please use a **pew envelope** . . . The nursery is located in the Commons Area. *Children's worship bags are available during worship in the Commons Area and in the church entry.*

CONFIRMATION STOLES made by the eighth grade confirmation students are on display today in the Narthex and Commons Area. Each stole is an original creation representing the student's faith. Stoles will be placed on the students as part of the confirmation service on Sunday, May 1.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Check out our website for more information at www.stjohnelc.org)

Monday: Church Office Closed
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Angel Choir
6:30 p.m. Confirmation rehearsal, pictures & reception
7:00 p.m. Carol Choir
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
Thursday: 5:45 p.m. Yoga / upstairs
7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship
Friday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast / Bible Study at Ramada

CONFIRMATION SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY (May 1)

The 10:30 worship service next Sunday will include the Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation liturgy for 8th grade confirmands. Likely, the attendance will be very high – consider whether attending Thursday's worship or the 8:00 a.m. service is a preferred approach for you. Note the following announcements about next week's Confirmation service.

FAMILIES and OTHERS ARE INVITED TO THE CONFIRMATION BLESSING

The Affirmation of Baptism liturgy includes a laying-on-of-hands blessing, led by a pastor and mentor. People with a significant connection to the confirmand are welcomed to be a part of the blessing by coming forward and surrounding the confirmand with their care, love, and touch. This might include, parents, family, baptismal sponsors, those who have taught the confirmand, those with a meaningful relationship with the young person, etc.

FAMILIES MAY SIT NEAR THE CONFIRMANDS NEXT WEEK

The confirmands will sit together in their mentor groups next week in various pews around the sanctuary. This enables families and others to be seated near them during the 10:30 worship service next Sunday. Since the young people were baptized many people have helped them know and understand more about God's grace and love. The confirmands and their mentors have met together regularly for the past couple years and are a significant part of their faith development. We celebrate that as the mentor groups worship together. They have also been surrounded by many other people during their faith-development; we recognize that as family and others continue to surround these young people with care and love.

CONCERT: Rachel Kurtz is a singer/songwriter with an amazing story. She shares personal testimonies of tragedy and triumph and has performed at the last three ELCA Youth Gatherings. Last Oct., she was the featured guest at the LYO Gathering. A free will donation will be received at each concert: Wed., May 4 at First Lutheran Church in Mandan at 6:00 p.m. (CST), and Fri., May 6 at American Lutheran Church in Stanley at 5:00 p.m. (CST)

FIRST QUARTER OFFERING STATEMENTS are available in the Commons Area. Please save us postage and pick yours up today.

THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE for April is in the magazine racks in the narthex and Commons Area.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Organ Committee needs 3 or 4 volunteers to help with the organ preparation and installation beginning on Sunday, May 1 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Specifically we need technically capable people to help to erect scaffolding, remove the grille and chamber shades and assist Mike Biel with building the shelves for the organ speakers. Building of the speaker shelves would involve Monday evening also. Please contact Bob Karn at 483-0111 or 290-6635 if interested in volunteering.

SUMMER CONFIRMATION: If you are scheduling summer camps, Summer Confirmation for junior high students are posted on our homepage at www.stjohnelc.org. Dates are: June 8-9, June 15-16, July 6-7, and July 13-14.

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH?

If this is your first time visiting our congregation or if you have been hanging out occasionally, we would like to invite you to consider our next new member session scheduled for May 2011. If you are interested in membership, please contact Faith Simonieg in the church office at 225-6747 or fsimonieg@stjohnelc.org.

ORGAN RENOVATION CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Thanks to your generous contributions, the Organ Renovation Campaign is 90% complete. We are aware and grateful that many members of St. John are already giving generously to support the ministries of the church. If you haven't already taken the opportunity to participate in this campaign, your gifts will help us to reach our goal. We ask you to pray for this campaign and in consideration of your contribution to it.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: The Affirmation of Baptism Service (Confirmation Sunday) will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 1. Consider worshipping at the 8:00 a.m. service that morning, or at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, to allow more room for confirmation families at the 10:30 a.m. worship.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION for incoming 7th & 8th graders this fall will be on Wednesday, May 11. 8th graders will meet at 7:00 p.m. and 7th graders will meet at 7:30 p.m. Watch for details in a letter that will be mailed in mid-April.

From the Desk of Pastor Ted...

Beginning next Sunday, I will be inviting people to make a change in the movements during communion. (There are a number of reasons I ask for this change and I'd be glad to explain them to people who wish to talk about it.) I'll ask people to all come forward down the center aisle, fill in the spaces at the communion rail as they become available (normally beginning in the center area), and return by the side aisles. Bread and wine will normally be served beginning in the center and moving toward the sides.

In Place of the Psalm – (The Choir Provides a Prelude for the Hymn)



1. Re - jice, ye pure in heart; re - jice, give thanks and
 2. *(choir only)*
 3. Praise him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we a -



5 sing. Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your
 dore. The Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er -



9 king. Re - jice, re - jice! Re - jice, give thanks and sing.
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Sunday, April 24, 2011

Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

INTRODUCTION

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who gives us a new birth into a living hope,
who raises us with Christ from death,
who fills us with the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us repent of our sin and claim the promise of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Living God,
**we confess before you and one another
our futile ways,
our pursuit of perishable things,
our own part in crucifying the Lord Jesus.
Forgive us, O God;
renew the face of the earth;
and give us the assurance
that you have rescued us from the power of sin
and made us alive in the Spirit forever.
Amen.**

Christ suffered for sins once for all
in order to bring you to God.
Now you are God's people;
now you have received mercy.
In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus,
I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

Lay aside guilt, put away shame,
for you are chosen and precious in God's sight.
Live in the marvelous light of Christ.

Amen.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW)

O God, you gave your only Son
to suffer death on the cross for our redemption,
and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.
Make us die every day to sin,
that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW) (ALTERNATE)

God of mercy,
we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.
Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ,
and help us to grow as your people
toward the fullness of eternal life with you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW)

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by

his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (62)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW) (ALTERNATE)

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened for us the gate of everlasting life. Give us your continual help; put good desires into our minds and bring them to full effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (63)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW)

Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, [†] has been sacrificed.*
Therefore, let us [†] keep the feast. Alleluia. (1 Cor. 5:7, 8)

VERSE (LBW)

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. (Rom. 6:9; Ps. 118:24)

READINGS

Acts 10:34–43

Jeremiah 31:1–6 (Alternate)

Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

Colossians 3:1–4

Acts 10:34–43 (Alternate)

Matthew 28:1–10

John 20:1–18 (Alternate)

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ
— he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after
the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy
Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both
in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God
raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us
who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose
from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the
one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about
him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

FIRST READING (ALTERNATE): Jeremiah 31:1–6

This passage makes clear that God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

²Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again 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.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For 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."

PSALM (ELW): Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD. R**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

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

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1–4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

SECOND READING (ALTERNATE): Acts 10:34–43

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GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1–10

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

GOSPEL (ALTERNATE): John 20:1–18

John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is

moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.

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. ²So 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." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the renewal of all things through Christ's death and resurrection, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God of life, awaken us to the celebration of new life in Christ. Open our hearts in this gathering around word and sacrament to your action for the life of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken us to the movement of your life-giving Spirit throughout all creation. Bless plants and animals blossoming into new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken us to your justice and righteousness for all nations. Stir up in us longing for your mercy and eagerness to seek your will in all we do. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken us to the care and compassion you show people in greatest need. Encourage us to extend compassionate, caring hands to those who are ill, lonely, and fearful (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken us to your mission of gathering all nations through the saving act of Christ. As we celebrate our new life in him, lead us to boldly proclaim his new life for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Awaken us to the resurrection of Christ revealed in the lives of the saints. Sustain us in the hope of his coming to fulfill the work of redemption and to make all things new. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your wide embrace, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the mercy you have shown us through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
Come to the table of the risen Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mighty and compassionate God,
you have brought us over from death to life
through your Son, our risen Savior,
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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament
with our sisters and brothers
who are sick/homebound/imprisoned.
In your love and care, nourish and strengthen
those to whom we bring this communion
in the body and blood of your Son,
that we may all feast upon your abundant love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight;
through + Jesus Christ,
to whom be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 25, 2011

Mark, Evangelist

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

Friday, April 29

Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

Sunday, May 1

Philip and James, Apostles

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

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