

*\*Hearing enhancement devices are available in the sanctuary in the lobby.*

*\*Walkers and canes are also available in the Sanctuary Lobby.*

## Welcome/Announcements

### Prelude

*Prelude in C  
J. S. Bach*

### Call to worship:

Call: He is risen! Now what?

**Response: He is risen indeed! Now let's sing to praise of God and welcome the Spirit into this place.**

### First Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

UMH 304

### Children's Moment

### First Scripture

Psalm 16

### Morning Prayer

*We will conclude this prayer by reciting "The Lord's Prayer." If you are unfamiliar with this prayer, you are invited to follow along up on the screens.*

### Offertory Prayer

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*The Table  
by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, & Wayne Jolley*

### Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)

UMH 95

### Final Scripture Reading

Acts 20: 7-12

### Message

*The Lost (on us) Humor in the Bible:  
A Strange Resurrection  
Rev. Matt Bridges*

### Communion

### Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

*Rescue the Perishing*

UMH 591

### Benediction

### Postlude

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today  
Arranged by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.*

### Ministry Feature

#### ***St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry***

Do you know someone who is going through something right now that would appreciate knowing you are thinking about them and praying for them? A Prayer shawl on behalf of St. John's can bring comfort to folks who are experiencing loss, or crisis, or celebration. This is what the St. John's prayer shawl ministry is all about.

Do you knit or crochet? Please join us at our upcoming get-together on Friday, April 17th from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please contact Judy Westen at 505-501-0946, or at judywestenofsfe@aol.com.

## In The Life of St. Johns

### **St. John's "Second Family" Ministry**

***Meeting, Sunday, April 19th for Next Steps***

This ministry is all about strengthening our congregation by supporting those who may need more help and companionship. We want to ensure that no one walks through life alone, especially when everyday tasks and social connections become challenging.

Care Partners are paired with a small group of volunteers, known as Care Circles, who provide steady friendship and assistance. Together with our Care Coordinator, they offer personalized support that includes:

- Friendly home visits or phone calls for meaningful conversations.
- Celebrating important moments like birthdays and holidays.
- Arranging for help with house or yard work.
- Transportation for essential appointments, such as medical visits.

Our Care Coordinator conducts initial visits to understand needs and connect families with additional resources. This ensures each Care Partner receives thoughtful, individualized support.

We've seen a lot of interest in this ministry, and we're excited to move forward! Please reach out to Mary Ellen or meet with her on Sunday if you're interested in joining a care circle or becoming a care partner. **We will hold a meeting on Sunday, April 19, time to be determined**, to discuss the program in more detail and identify the services our volunteers can offer.

### **Men's Ministry Monthly Dinner Announcement**

***Location Change: Now Meeting at Tortilla Flats***

Our Monthly Men's Dinner will be Monday, April 20th at 6:00pm. We are now meeting at Tortilla Flats! Come join us!

## Finding Your Fit With St. John's

There are many ways you can get plugged into your church home. After filling this out, please detach and place it in an offering plate and you will be contacted to get plugged in! With St. John's, it's not "if" you fit, but "how."

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### What kinds of skills and gifts would you like to share with us?

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### What is your passion?

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Put a Checkmark below next to some of the areas you are interested learning more about.

- Worship: Music, A/V support, Setup, Worship Arts
- Congregational Care/Visitation
- Small Groups
- Communications: Enews, Facebook
- Office Volunteer: Various office duties
- Outreach/Missions: local, regional, international
- Bag 'N Hand Food Pantry

## This Week In The Life of St. John's

### Mon. Apr. 13, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor  
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

### Tues. Apr. 14, 2026

8:00 am-12:30 pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)  
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor  
3:00 pm Zia Singers Choir Rehearsal, Gathering Room  
4:00 pm-6:30pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)  
6:00 pm Alcoholics' Anonymous, Men and Women Group, Parlor  
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Bell Room  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

### Wed. Apr. 15, 2026

12:00 pm Soul Break: A contemplative service in the style of Taizé, Sanctuary  
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor  
1:00 pm Women's Book Study  
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

### Thurs. Apr. 16, 2026

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor  
6:00 pm AA Men's Group, Parlor  
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Library  
6:00 pm ALANON Women's Group, Bell Room

### Fri. Apr. 17, 2026

9:00 am AA Parlor  
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor  
12:30 pm Prayer Shawl Knitters Ministry Meeting

### Sat. Apr. 18, 2026

### Sun. Apr. 19, 2026

9:30 am Morning Worship  
10:30 am Morning Fellowship Time, Chapel  
10:45 am Sunday School  
Nephesh adult class: Choir Room.  
Sunday Seminar adult class: Bell Room  
Community adult class: Parlor  
2:00 pm Scout Troop 53 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

April 12, 2026

# *Lost (on us) Humor in the Bible, Week 1: A Strange Resurrection*

