



Good News

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements April 10, 2024

Uncommon Grace

When The University of South Carolina's women's basketball team won the NCAA Championship on Sunday, their coach Dawn Staley was asked how she felt. Through tears, her first words were, "uncommon favor", a phrase that went viral immediately. While it was clear that Coach Staley was expressing her Christian faith which some viewers found touching, her words sparked conversation. Like, "What does *favor* mean when we are witnessing a genocide?" "How do we understand God's relationship with us?" Sadly, for some Christians, "favor" is misused in ways that dismisses or justifies the suffering of others. They must deserve their pain somehow.

While celebrating Dawn Staley's public statement of her faith, maybe a bible verse around which we can ponder her words could be "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." (1 John 3:1). Could her response have been her way of saying this beloved verse?

Could Coach Staley's response be more about how wondrous it is to be called a child of God, to be claimed by God, to be loved deeply by God – and even at times accepting God's correction and re-direction? Something not dependent on having privilege or being something earned; but instead simply a gift from a generous, loving and gracious God. An invitation to be in relationship with God. Something God offers anyone. Uncommon grace!

Announcements

Here you will find the most recent church announcements. If you have any questions, please call the church at 201.433.1836 or email at contact.redeemerlutheranjc@gmail.com.

Congregational:

- **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** The Emma & Anna Eckhardt Scholarship application is now open for college students. Please consider applying.
- **COUNCIL RETREAT:** The church council will be in retreat on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00—2:30 p.m. at Christ Our Savior's building. Please mark your calendars.
- **BIBLE STUDY:** Join us Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for conversation on "Daily Discipleship". See Pastor Kimberly for details. Bible study is offered both in-person and on Zoom. (NOTE: There will be no afternoon or evening bible study on Thurs. April 18th.)
- **HOLY BAPTISM/FIRST COMMUNION:** If you have questions about receiving the Sacraments of Holy Baptism or First Communion, please see Pastor Kimberly.
- **LOOSE CHANGE:** Got any spare change? Drop it in the jar after worship— all monies go towards the building fund.

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- Please see page 9 for the list of upcoming worship assistants. We are in need of worship assistants for April and following months.

NJ Synod and Community:

- The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. Late fee (Feb. 15–April 15) is \$475. MYLE and table registration fee is \$190 (Waived restriction apply). A \$150 nonrefundable and registration fee are due at sign-up.

Worship Assistants for April 2024

	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28
Lector	Jameka Carter	Toni Mabry	Janasia Carter	Joan Narain
Counters	TBD	Corey Brooks & TBD	TBD	Joan Narain & Corey Brooks
Ushers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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