



9:30 a.m. Service April 11th, 2021



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Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

The mission statement of our congregation is:

To bring people to Christ, encouraging relationships with Him and others.

Doug Gast, Interim Pastor

Joe Faith, Music Director

TO ALL GUESTS...

- **THANKS** for joining us for worship today. We hope your experience will be one of being touched by God and of being enriched through our experience of fellowship.
- **PARTICIPATE** – The worship service is printed in the bulletin and can be viewed on the video screen for your convenience. Bulletins are also emailed to all members each week. **Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off during the service.**
- **COMMUNE** – All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is present with his body and blood in the bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.
- **NEED ASSISTANCE? Hearing devices** are available for who have trouble hearing through the speaker system.
- **ALL ARE WELCOME** to attend the in-person service.
 - Everyone should assess their personal risk in attending. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well. The service is streamed live and available online afterward on YouTube. Links can be found on the [St. James website](#) and [Facebook page](#).
 - The right side of the sanctuary (as you face the altar) is for those that prefer to wear a face mask and socially distance and the left side (as you face the altar) for those that prefer to not socially distance with face masks optional.
 - Disposal and cloth face masks are available in the Gathering Area and we ask that if you borrow a cloth one you return it to the receptacle as marked in the Gathering Area upon leaving. The masks will be sanitized and reused.
 - Everyone should use hand sanitizer when they enter and the leave the building **and before communion**. Sanitizer is available on tables in the Gathering Area and in the pews.

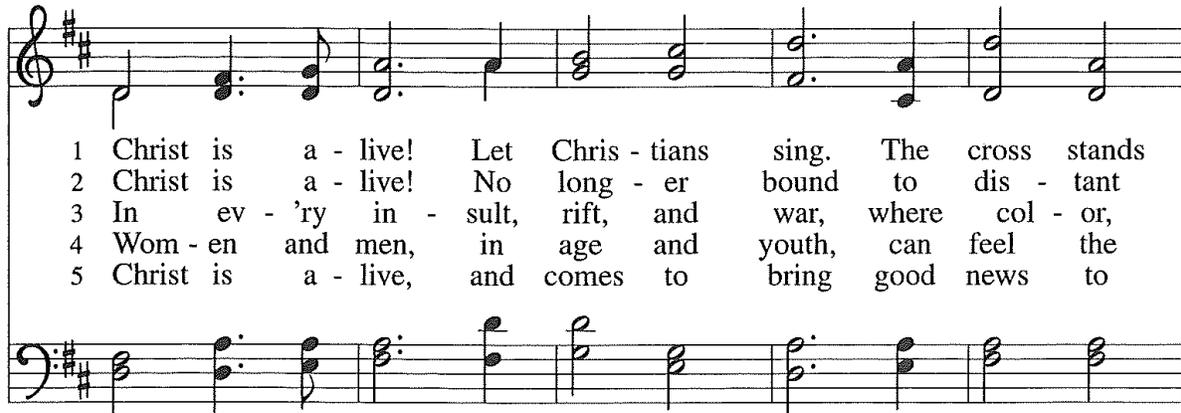
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
Traditional Worship
April 11th, 2021

PRELUDE

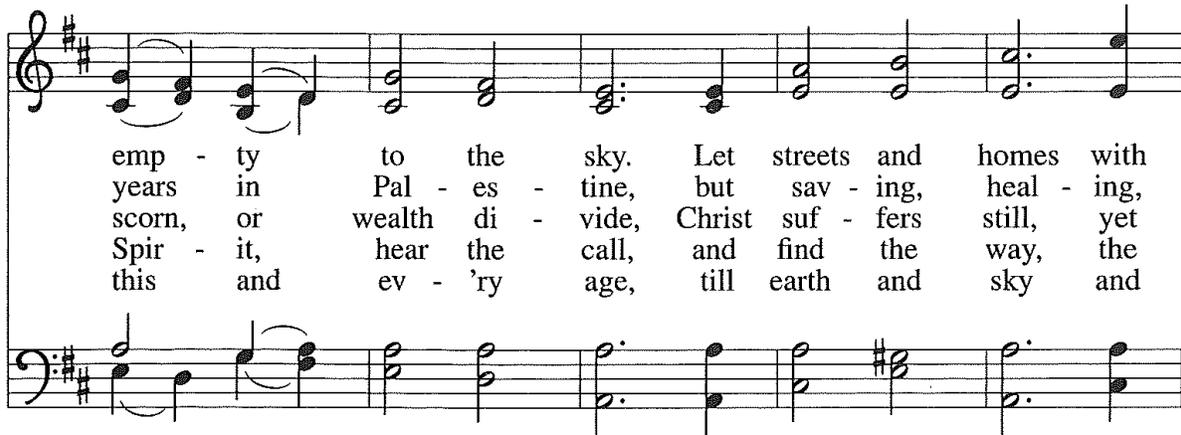
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

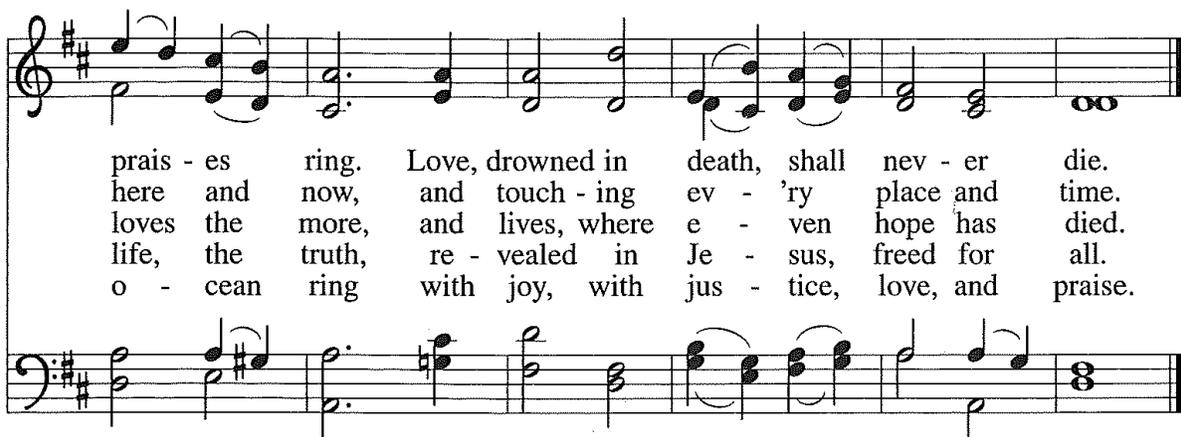
PROCESSIONAL HYMN – “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

P: Welcome! We have much to celebrate! We are the people of God! We begin in His name -

C: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: On this day, our celebration still focuses on the empty tomb, and the victory of Christ.

C: He died for our sins, and rose again to give us life.

P: And there is even more to celebrate, as we think of the words of the risen Christ, spoken to His first disciples and to us:

C: "Peace be with you."

P: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

P: He is risen!

C: And in Him, we rise to walk in newness of life!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

C: Amen.

P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of Life,

C: by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: People of God:

Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

At this time please greet your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ while practicing social distancing.

After sharing the peace, please remain standing.

THE GREETING

Biblical Reference: 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

C: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on the Psalm of the day)*

A: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

C: **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

A: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

C: **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

A: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,

C: **and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

A: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

C: **lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

A: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

C: **wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

A: kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

C: **young men and women, old men and children.**

A: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

C: **And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Biblical Reference: Revelation 5:8-14

Congregation sings portion marked **C**



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

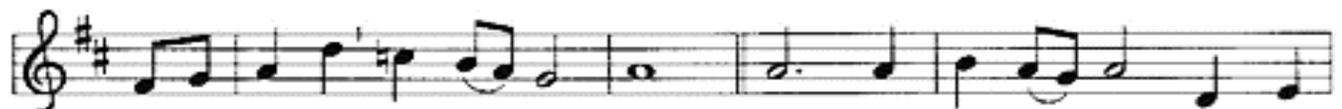


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



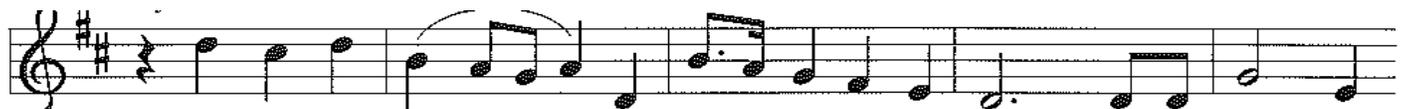
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Eternal Father, we thank You for the new life You have given to us through the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus. Fill us with His Spirit, that we might live in peace, on purpose, and with power. In the resurrected Jesus, Who is our Lord and our God, we pray. Amen.

After the prayer:

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON – Acts 4:32-35

New International Version

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON – 1 John 1:1-2:2

New International Version

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We write this to make our joy complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand.

ALLELUIA

Biblical Reference: John 6:68

Congregation sings:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Congregation sings:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 20:19-31

New International Version

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation sings:



Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Please Remain Seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Come As You Are”

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Chorus

Bridge

Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O
sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that
Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that
Heaven can't heal

Chorus

Ending

Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are

THE MESSAGE

Please Stand.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Biblical Reference: 1 Corinthians 15:1ff; 1 Peter 3:18ff; 1 Timothy 3:16

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Biblical Reference: 1 Timothy 2:1-2

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your risen Son, our triumphant Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offering plates will not be passed-please drop off your offering in the offering plate in the Narthex.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

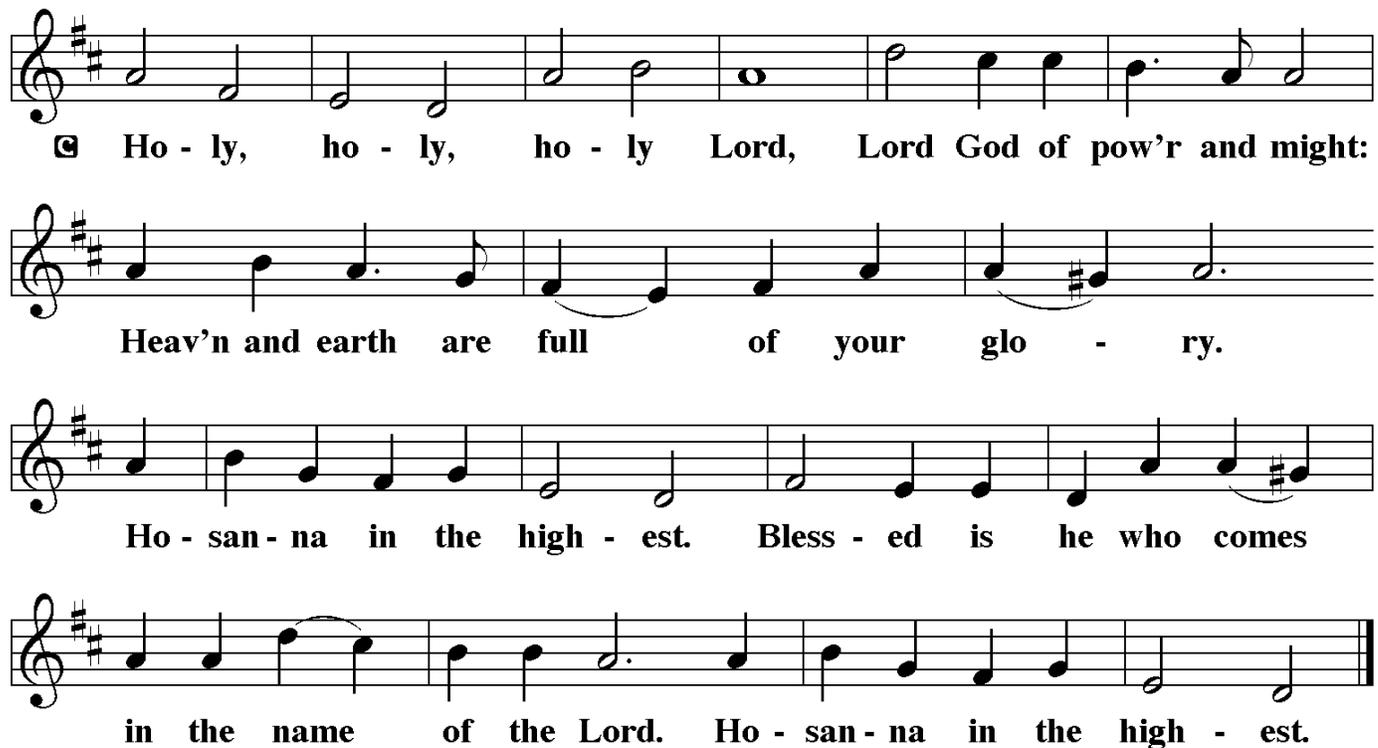
- P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
C: **ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Biblical Reference: Psalm 100:4; Isaiah 6:1-3; Revelation 4:8

- P: The Lord be with you
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation sings:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Pastor Doug consecrated the sacramental elements on Wednesday and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 is a reminder and a blessing on those consecrated elements.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Biblical Reference: Matthew 6:9-13

A: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Seminarian Ben Black will give instructions as how we will receive Holy Communion today.

Hand sanitizer is provided in the pews and should be used before coming forward. Ushers will escort individuals and family units from their seats. Please observe social distancing when communing from the right side of the sanctuary.



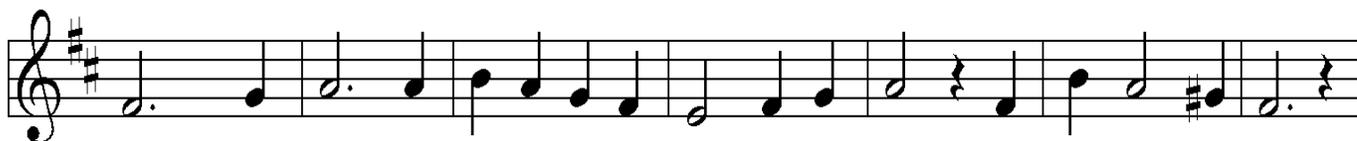
LAMB OF GOD

Biblical Reference: John 1:29

Congregation sings:



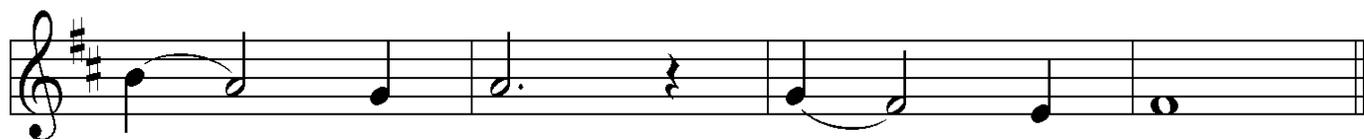
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



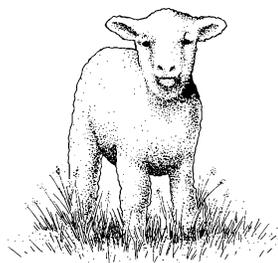
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.



Behold,
THE LAMB OF GOD,
who takes away
THE SIN
OF THE WORLD!"

JOHN 1:29, ESV

COMMUNION HYMN – “At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

Verse 1

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You Jesus

Verse 2

There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You Jesus

Bridge

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow
down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow
(down)

Chorus

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of
You
Where Your love ran red and
my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You
Jesus

Chorus

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of
You
Where Your love ran red and
my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You
Jesus

Please Stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: Children by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

We welcome everyone to this house of worship. We are one family, united in our heavenly Father and our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

The chancel flowers for today are dedicated to the Glory of God.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study is now meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study is now meeting on Monday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will be meeting after the service today.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School is now meeting after the service today.



GriefShare is beginning on Wednesday, April 7th at 6:30 pm.

We will meet every Wednesday evening until June 30.

Please contact Cindy Gregory for more information.

Blood Drive

St. James Lutheran Church

Gathering Area
1741 S. State St.

Sunday, May 2nd
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex.

Thank you to Seminarian Ben Black for preaching today!

Worship Leaders & Congregational Care Schedule

April 11th - Seminarian Ben Black

April 18th - Pastor Martins Irbe

April 25th - Joe Rudy

After April 11th, Pastor Doug will be in the office each Wednesday and Thursday and is available the rest of the week except for one week each month.

Pastor Doug's time off for April is TBD.

Pastor Doug can be reached at (317) 727-0612 (mobile), pastorstjamesnalc@gmail.com or by calling or emailing the church office.

During the week he is off Pastor Martins Irbe and Joyce Kissell has agreed to be the point of contact for any Pastoral Care needs that are needed.

Pastor Martins can be reached by calling or emailing the church office or by calling him at (317) 379-7526 and Joyce Kissell at (317) 512-9561.

Reminder...

During this difficult time St. James is continuing ministry – albeit in new ways!
Please continue your generous support for this ministry by clicking the “giving” tab on the St. James website at <http://www.stjamesnalc.org/> or send your contribution to the church at 1741 S. State Street, Greenfield, IN 46140.

Reward Cards

They are still available for purchase from Cindy Gregory during this time. Contact Cindy to purchase them via her email at cindyjohngreg4@aol.com

Pastor Doug's Healing Service

Pastor Doug will be leading the first in person Healing Service since the pandemic began a year ago. It will be streamed on Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. or you can view it later on the Bethel [website](#).

Baptism, First Communion and New Member Classes

The Baptism class will prepare parents or individuals for the Holy Sacrament of Baptism.

The First Communion class is for any 4th or 5th grade students or adults who have been baptized and wish to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The New Member Class is for anyone wanting to learn know about St. James and the Lutheran and Christian faith. Joining St. James is not a requirement (but we'd love to have you!).

Pastor Doug will conduct all classes – for questions or to register contact the church office at: offcestjamesnalc@gmail.com or 317/462-7340 or Pastor Doug at pastorstjamesnalc@gmail.com or 317/317-727-0612.

St. James - Back on Track Indiana

- We are continuously making quality and consistency improvements to the in-person and on-line worship service experience – we appreciate your patience!
- The common area surfaces of the church are sanitized after each service for the health and safety of all.
- Other specific changes to our worship practices are detailed in the bulletin.

COVID VACCINE INFO

Those **16** and above can register for immunizations using www.ourshot.in.gov.

Type in the website, then at the top, click FIND A VACCINE SITE.

You can also call the number 211 and be registered that way.

In addition, you may reach out to Hancock Health Covid hotline for questions and support.

317-325-COVD or 317-325-2683.



Calendar for this week:

Sunday, April 11th

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

Monday, April 12th

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 13th

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 14th

- 11:30 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Care and Prayer Ministry Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Thursday, April 15th

- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, April 18th

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- Coffee with Council



PENCIL IT IN



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

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| This Week, April 11th | 9:30 a.m. Ben Black |
| Assisting Minister | Joan Shaw |
| Lector | John Shaw |
| Ushers | Tats Matsuoka Donna Matsuoka |
| Greeters | June Gries |
| Altar Guild | Diana Clements-Scott |
| Sound Technician | Dan Ivers |
| Video Technician | Ronald Kissell |
| Bread Baker | June Gries |
| Counters (Monday) Wk2 | Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory |

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| Next Week, April 18th | 9:30 a.m. Pastor Martins Irbe |
| Assisting Minister | Christian Gries |
| Lector | Christian Gries |
| Ushers | John Browder Sheila Bryan |
| Greeters | John Shaw Joan Shaw |
| Altar Guild | Diana Clements-Scott |
| Sound Technician | Dan Ivers |
| Video Technician | Geoff LaFlower |
| Bread Baker | Karen Bell |
| Counters (Monday) Wk3 | Christian Gries Phil Miller |