



9:30 a.m. Service April 25th, 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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Traditional Worship

April 25th, 2021

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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: The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

C: **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,**

A: he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

C: **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

A: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

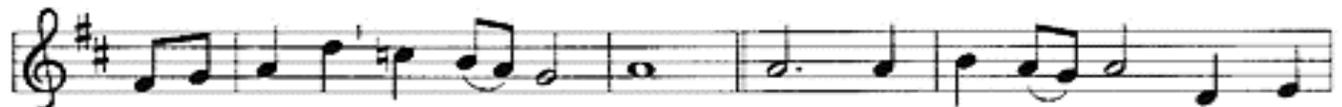


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



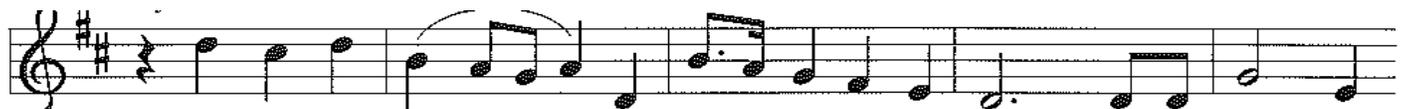
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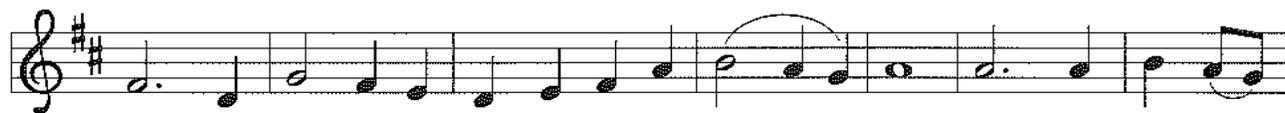
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



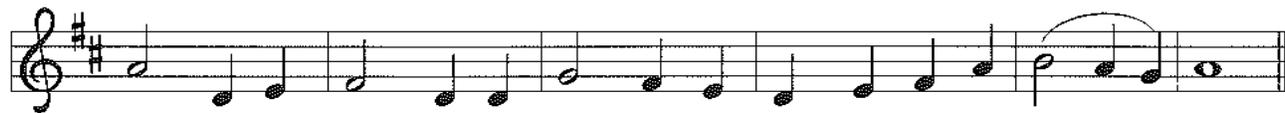
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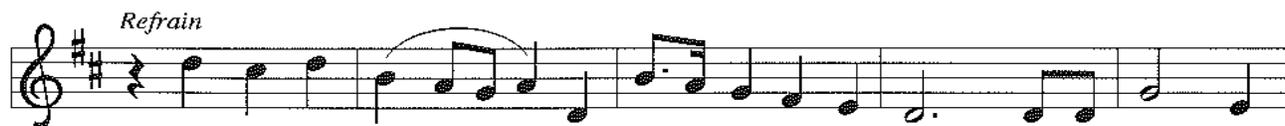
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

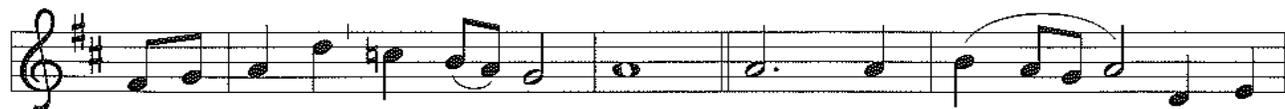


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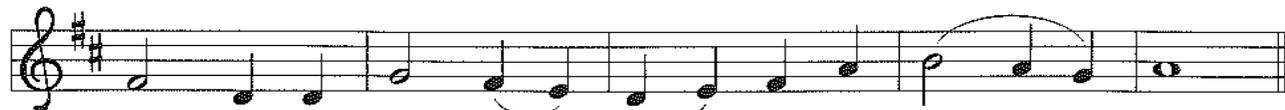


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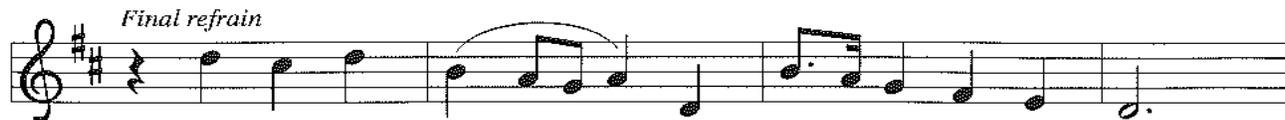
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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

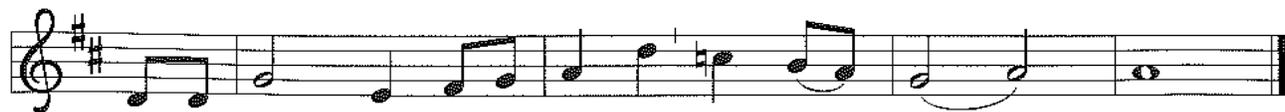


slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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.

After the prayer:

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON – Acts 4:1-12

New International Version

4 The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. **2** They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. **3** They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. **4** But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

5 The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. **6** Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. **7** They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! **9** If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, **10** then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. **11** Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.'

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON – I John 3:16-24

New International Version

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. **17** If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? **18** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

19 This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: **20** If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **21** Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have

confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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 10:11-18

New International Version

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation sings:



Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please Remain Seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY – “We Will Dance”

Sing a song of celebration
Lift up a shout of praise
For the Bridegroom will come
The glorious one
And oh we will look on His face
We'll go to a much better place

Dance with all your might
Lift up your hands and clap for joy
The time's drawing near
When He will appear
And oh we will stand by His side
A strong pure spotless bride

We will dance on the streets that are golden
The glorious bride and the great Son of Man
Let every tongue and tribe and nation
Rejoice in the song of the Lamb

Sing a song of celebration
Lift up a shout of praise
For the Bridegroom will come
The glorious one
And oh we will look on His face
We'll go to a much better place

Dance with all your might
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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

Please Stand.

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

Biblical Reference: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

P: In the night in which he was betrayed . . . Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Pastor Doug 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:



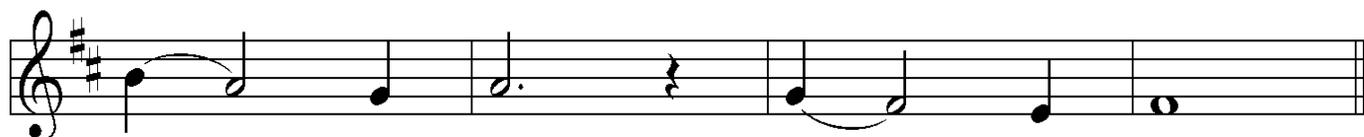
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



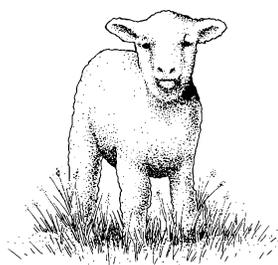
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 – *“As The Deer”*

Verse

As the deer (as the deer)
Thirsts for the water Lord
(Thirsts for the water Lord)
So my soul (so my soul)
Longs for Thee (longs for Thee)

My soul (my soul)
Thirsts for the Living God
(Thirsts for the Living God)
Yes my soul (yes my soul)
Longs for Thee (longs for Thee)

Chorus

And I pour out my soul deep within me
Deep within me I pour out my soul
Take me deeper Lord
Deeper Lord in You
Take me deeper Lord
Deeper Lord in You

Verse

As the deer (as the deer)
Thirsts for the water Lord
(Thirsts for the water Lord)
So my soul (so my soul)
Longs for Thee (longs for Thee)

My soul (my soul)
Thirsts for the Living God
(Thirsts for the Living God)
Yes my soul (yes my soul)
Longs for Thee (longs for Thee)

Chorus

And I pour out my soul deep within me
Deep within me I pour out my soul
Take me deeper Lord
Deeper Lord in You
Take me deeper Lord
Deeper Lord in You

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.**

THE 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 – “We Know That Christ is Raised Up”



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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.

Happy Anniversary to:

April 30- Jim and Janet Farrow

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School is now meeting after the service today.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

DAYLIGHTERS

Daylighters are now meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month at 1:00p.m.



GriefShare is now meeting Wednesday's 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 Joe Rudy for preaching today!

Worship Leaders & Congregational Care Schedule

April 25th - Joe Rudy

May 2nd - Pastor Martins Irbe

May 9th - Seminarian Ben Black

May 16th - Pastor Doug Gast

May 23rd - Joe Rudy

May 30th - Mary Jo Mikulski

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 the week of April 18th-24th

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 was streamed on Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. or you can view it 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 25th

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

Monday, April 26th

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Tech Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Connection Bible Study

Tuesday, April 27th

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 4:30 p.m. Mission Benevolence Outreach Committee

Wednesday, April 28th

- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Thursday, April 29th

- 10:00 a.m. StoneCroft Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee via Zoom

Sunday, May 2nd

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



PENCIL IT IN



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, April 25th	9:30 a.m. Joe Rudy
Lector	June Gries
Ushers	Tats Matsuoka Donna Matsuoka
Greeters	Liz Clark Terry Clark
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Ronald Kissell
Counters (Monday) <small>Wk4</small>	Christian Gries Phil Miller

Next Week, May 2nd	9:30 a.m. Pastor Martins Irbe
Assisting Minister	Tracy Guffey
Lector	Dawn Hahm
Ushers	John Browder Sheila Bryan
Greeters	Betty Perotti
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Bread Baker	Katie Ottinger
Counters (Monday) <small>Wk1</small>	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory