



9:30 a.m. Service May 23rd, 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 last four pews on 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 and front four pews on the right 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.

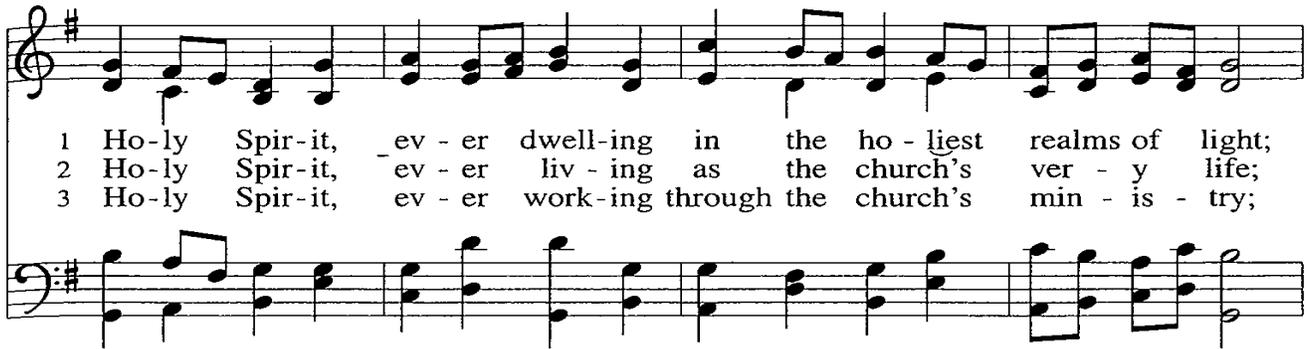
THE DAY OF PENTECOST
Traditional Worship
May 23rd, 2021

PRELUDE

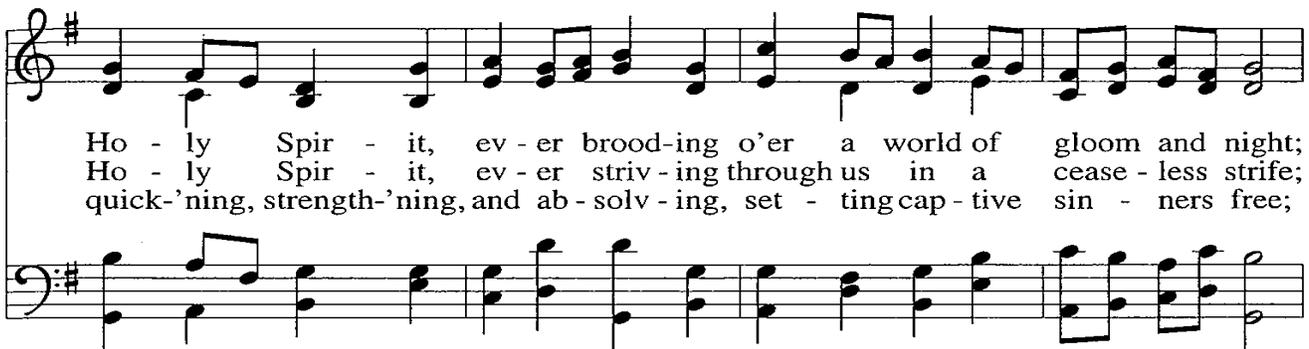
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”



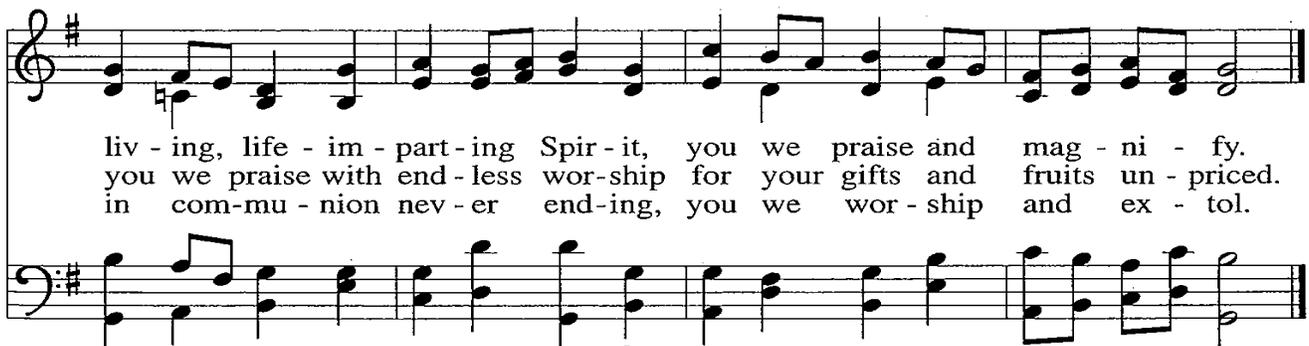
1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

WELCOME

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

C: **You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

A: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

C: **Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.**

A: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

C: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

A: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

C: **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

A: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

C: **even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

A: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

C: **even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

A: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

C: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

A: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

C: Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Biblical Reference: Revelation 5:8-14

Congregation sings portion marked **C**



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



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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



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



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. 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 – Ezekiel 37:1-14

New International Version

37 The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with

skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’” ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON – Acts 2:1-21

New International Version

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 “In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

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 15:26-27, 16:4-15

New International Version

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation sings:



Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please Remain Seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Holy Spirit”

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

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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

We will be passing the plate during offering.

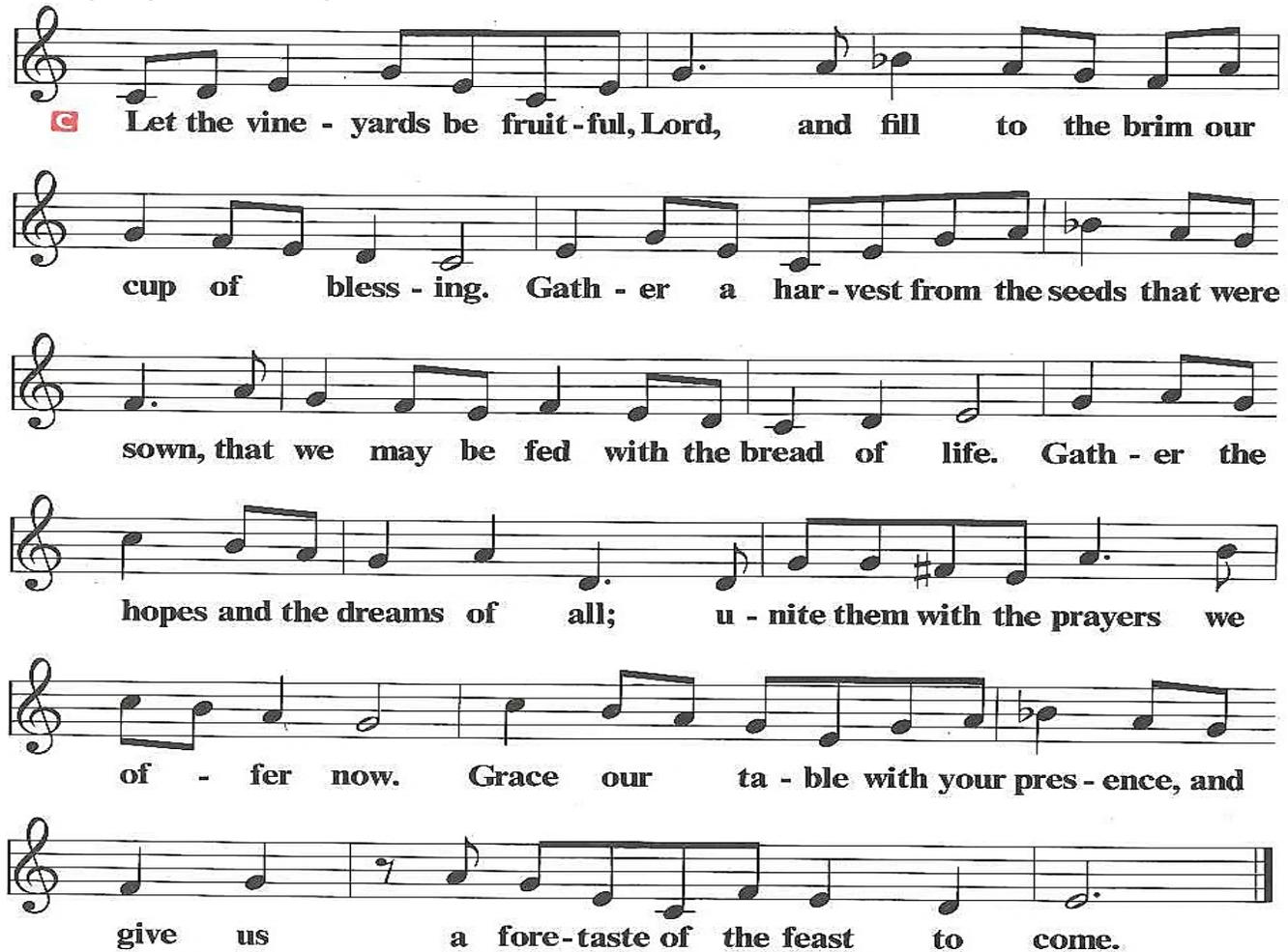
OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Biblical Reference: Psalm 104:14-15

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

Congregation sings:



C Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

THE BENEDICTION

Biblical Reference: Numbers 6:23-27

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

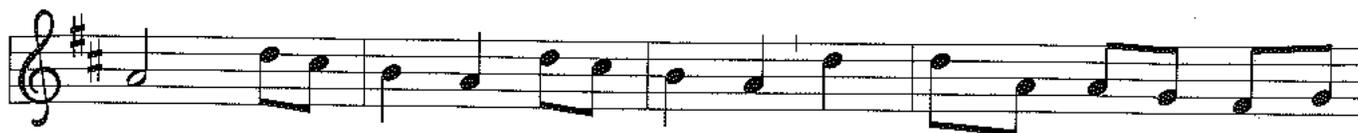
C: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN – “All Creatures, Worship God Most High”



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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.
Everyone please complete the enclosed Connection Card
and place it in the offering plate.*

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

Happy Birthday to:

Elizabeth Clark	May 24 th
Linda Hess	May 26 th
Donna Grose	May 28 th

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Worship Committee would like to give the opportunity to contribute or give to the flower fund. They are \$50 for both vases and the flowers will belong to you. To sign up, please contact Wendy in the office.

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. *Last day of Children's Sunday School for the Summer is May 23rd.*

DAYLIGHTERS

Daylighters are now meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month at 1:00 p.m.
Questions, please contact June Gries

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare is now meeting Wednesday's at 6:30 pm until June 30th.

Questions, please contact Cindy Gregory

Thank you to Joe Rudy for preaching today!

Worship Leaders & Congregational Care Schedule

May 23rd - Joe Rudy

May 30th - Mary Jo Mikulski

June 6th - Pastor Martins Irbe

June 13th - Seminarian Ben Black

June 20th - Pastor Doug Gast

June 27th - Joe Rudy

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 May 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 cindyjohnngreg4@aol.com

Pastor Doug's Healing Service

Pastor Doug lead the first in person Healing Service since the pandemic began a year ago. It was streamed live, and you can view it on Bethel's [Facebook page](#)

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.
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COVID VACCINE INFO

Those **12** 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.

PENTECOST

SUNDAY

Calendar for this week:

Sunday, May 23rd

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School *last day for the Summer*



PENCIL IT IN

Monday, May 24th

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

Tuesday, May 25th

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

Wednesday, May 26th

- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Thursday, May 27th

- 10:00 a.m. StoneCroft Bible Study

Sunday, May 30th

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

PENTECOST

SUNDAY

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Next Week, May 23rd	9:30 a.m. Joe Rudy
Assisting Minister	Debbie Mowrey
Lector	June Gries
Ushers	Tats Matsuoka Donna Matsuoka
Greeters	Ron Westerfeld Marsha Westerfeld
Altar Guild	Karen Bell
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Ronald Kissell
Children's Sermon	Joe Rudy
Counters (Monday) Wk4	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory

Next Week, May 30th	9:30 a.m. Mary Jo Mikulski
Assisting Minister	Ron Westerfeld
Lector	Maggie Bode
Ushers	Deb Jackson Jim Jackson
Greeters	June Gries Jo Cook
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Sound Technician	Christian Gries
Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Children's Sermon	June Gries
Counters (Monday) Wk5	Christian Gries Phil Miller