

**"For God sent not his Son into the world
to condemn the world; but that the world
through him might be saved."**

John 3:17 (KJV)

9:30 a.m. Service May 30th, 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 HOLY TRINITY

Traditional Worship

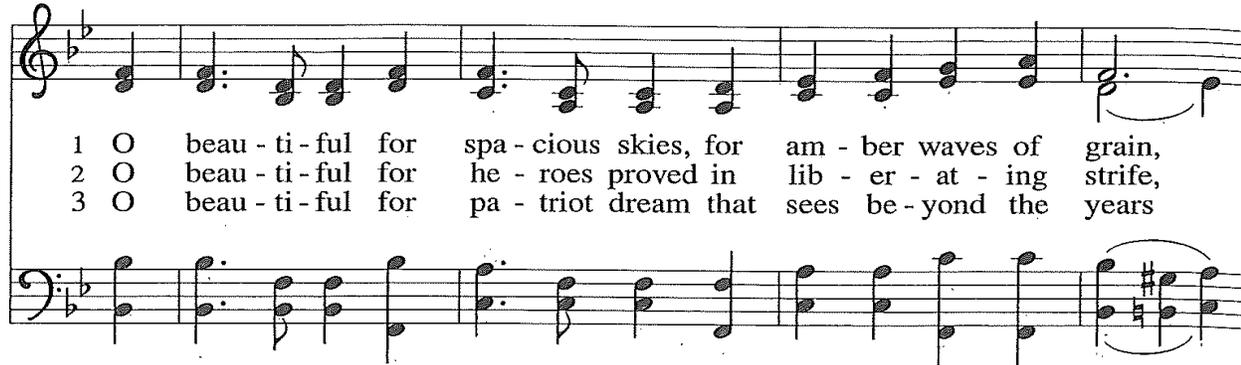
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PRELUDE

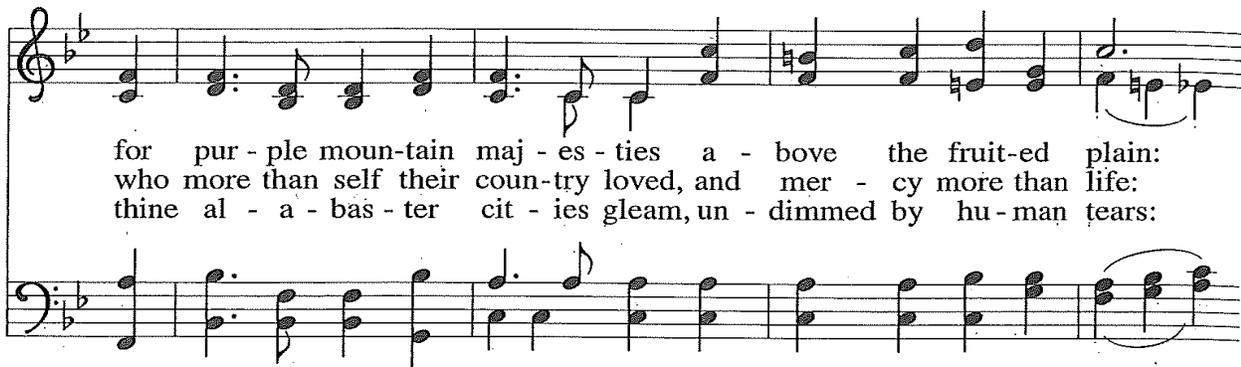
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”



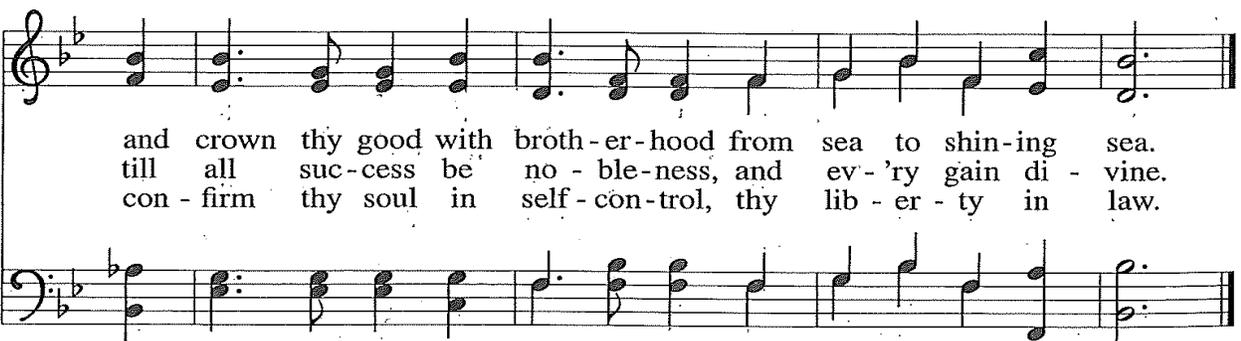
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

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: Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

A: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

C: **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

A: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

C: **He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.**

A: The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

C: **The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

A: The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

C: **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.**

A: The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

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 – Isaiah 6:1-8

New International Version

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON – Acts 2:14, 22-36

New International Version

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. ²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand

³⁵ until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."

³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

L: The Word of the Lord.

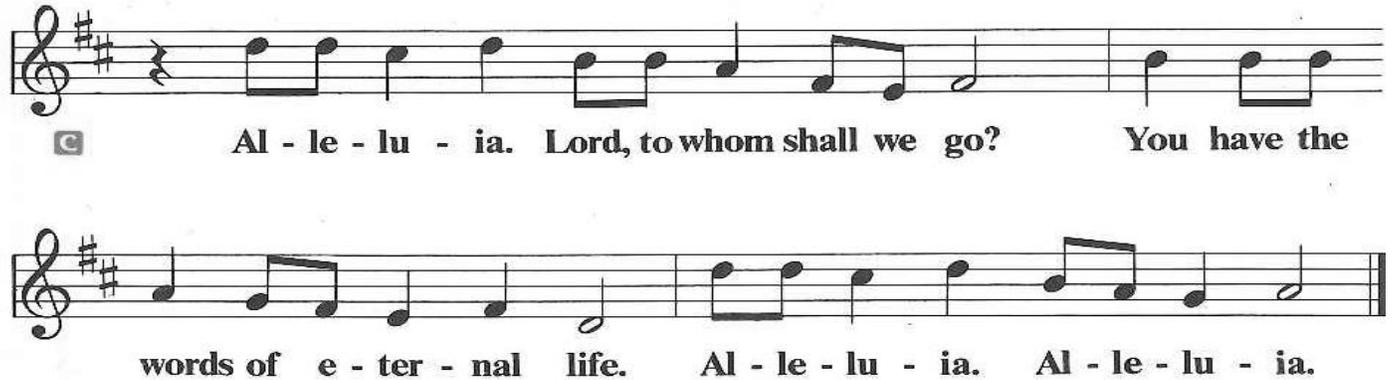
C: **Thanks be to God.**

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 3:1-17

New International Version

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

Please Remain Seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY – “All About Love”

Verse 1

I wanna be
I wanna be like You
Live ev'ry day
The way that You want me to
It's gettin' better
I read Your letter
These are the words that You said to me

Pre-Chorus

Love the Lord with all your heart
Love your neighbor as yourself
These are things that you must do
And My grace will see you through

Chorus

It's all about love (all about love)
It's all about love (all about love)
It's all about love (all about love)
All about love
It's all about love (all about love)
It's all about love (all about love)
It's all about love (all about love)
All about love

Verse 2

I wanna love
I wanna love like You
Love ev'ry day
The way that You want me to
It's gettin' better

I read Your letter
These are the words that You said to me

Pre-Chorus

Love the Lord with all your heart
Love your neighbor as yourself
These are things that you must do
And My grace will see you through

Chorus

It's all about love (all about love)
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It's all about love (all about love)
It's all about love (all about love)
All about love

Bridge

Love is patient love is kind
Love's forgiving love's divine
Always trusting always true
Always hoping always You

Ending

It's all about love all about love
It's all about love all about love

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

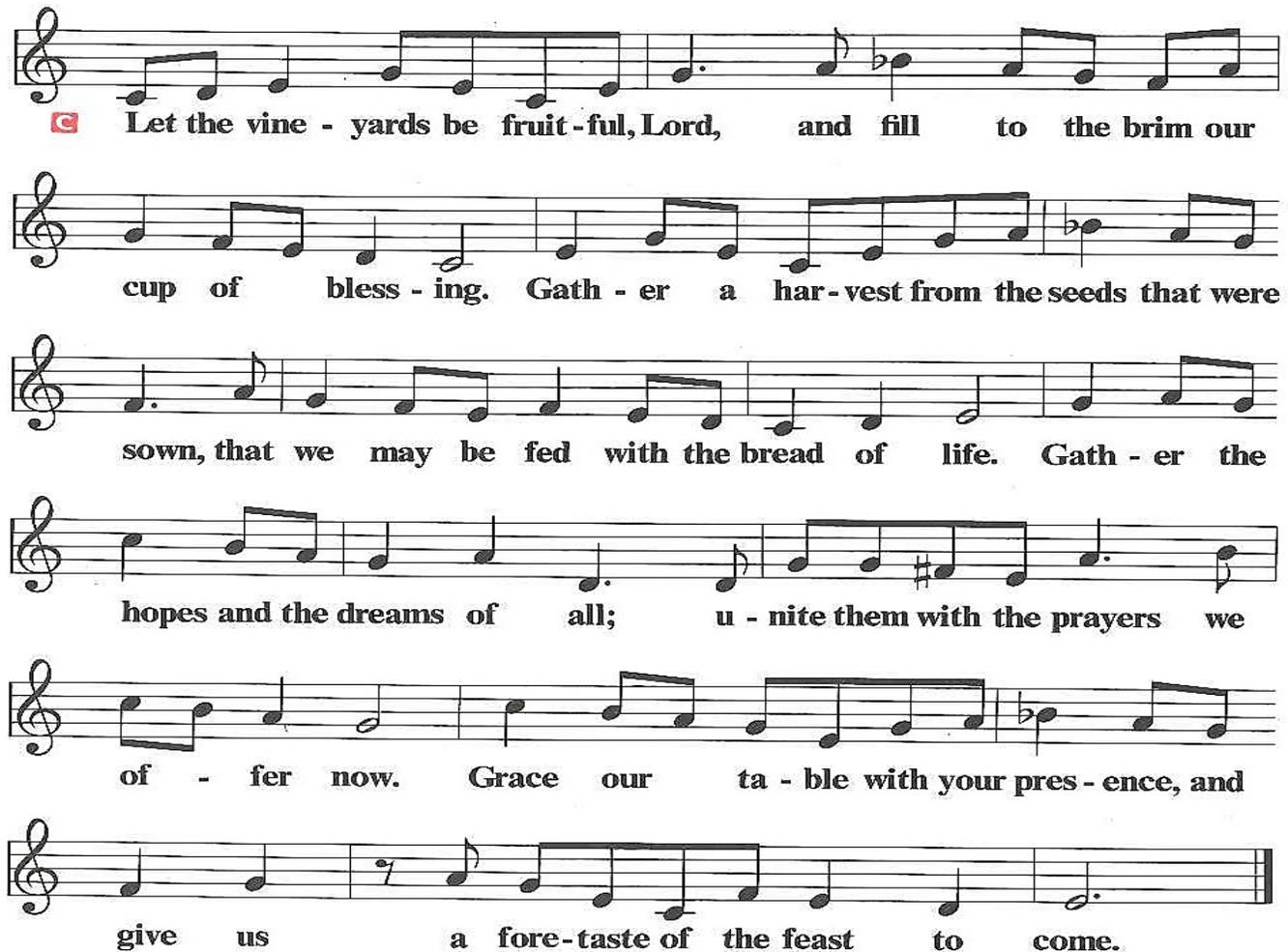
OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Biblical Reference: Psalm 104:14-15

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

Congregation sings:



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 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 Thursday 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

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Mary Jo Mikulski 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



LAMB OF GOD

Biblical Reference: John 1:29

Congregation sings:



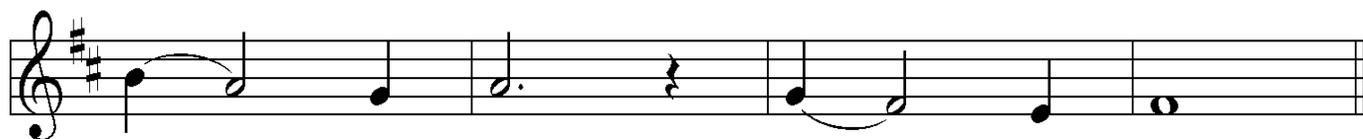
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



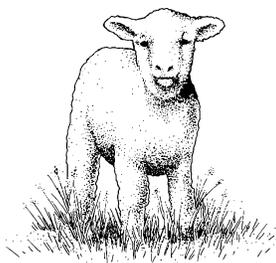
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 – “Here I Am To Worship”

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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.

A: Let us pray,

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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 – “Holy, Holy, Holy”



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



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.

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.

YOUTH CAMP

Summer camp registration at all three LOMIK (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky) sites is open. Go to www.lomik.org and click on “register” to get started. There is lots of information on the redesigned website so take some time to look around and check out all the great things happening at camp.

LOMIK (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky) is your outdoor ministry connection. We specialize in summer youth camp experiences for kids grades 1-12. For the non-summer-months we have wonderful facilities for retreats with modern comforts set in the beauty of God’s creation. Or try our individual or family camping options at Lake Luther or Lutheran Hills. Whether you like hiking, boating, swimming, fishing, or just relaxing around a campfire in the evening LOMIK camps are a great place to slow down and let God reconnect with your spirit. Go to www.lomik.org and check it out.

As we begin to emerge from the global pandemic it is more important than ever to help youth experience the hope and joy expressed through God’s creation. At LOMIK, we seek to help you connect youth to the promises of God down through the ages. Generation to Generation (our 2021 summer camp theme) God’s faithfulness pours forth through the lives of God’s people. Campers will get to explore for themselves how God’s steadfast love endures forever. Go to www.lomik.org to find out more and click on “register” for the start of a great summer experience.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Click on the link below for a list of free and low cost activities to do this summer.

[Summer 2021 -- Free & low cost activities](#)

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE!

Beginning June 1 through August 1, SR 9 in BOTH DIRECTIONS will be shut down from McKenzie to Davis AND US 40 will also be under construction during this time.

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

No Children's' Sunday School for the Summer.

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 Mary Jo Mikulski for preaching today!

Worship Leaders & Congregational Care Schedule

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 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.



Calendar for this week:

Sunday, May 30th

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

Tuesday, June 1st

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

Wednesday, June 2nd

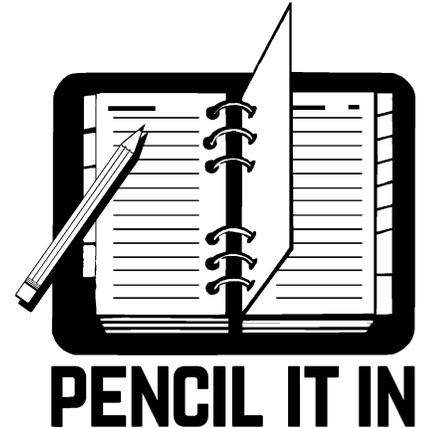
1:00 p.m. Daylighters
6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Thursday, June 3rd

10:00 a.m. StoneCroft Bible Study

Sunday, June 6th

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



PENCIL IT IN



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This 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

Next Week, June 6th	9:30 a.m. Pastor Martins Irbe
Assisting Minister	Tracy Guffey
Lector	June Gries
Ushers	John Browder Sheila Bryan
Greeters	Betty Perotti
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Neal Guffey
Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeier
Children's Sermon	John Browder
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