



9:30 a.m. Service May 9th, 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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
Traditional Worship
May 9th, 2021

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – “My Hope is Built”



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C: **The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

A: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C: **Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;**

A: make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

C: **with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

A: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

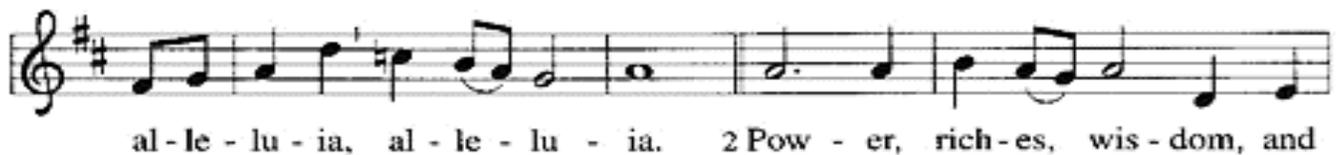
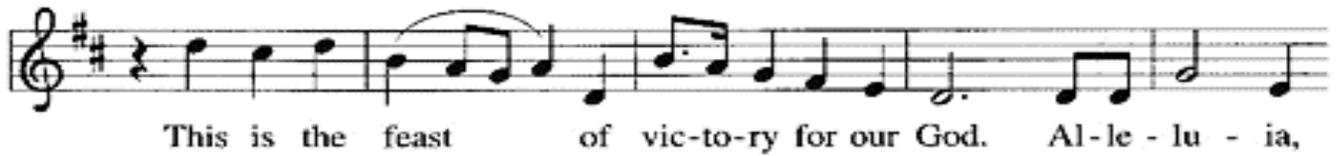
C: **Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;**

A: let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

HYMN OF PRAISE

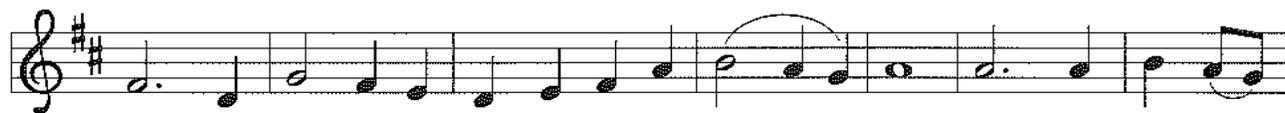
Biblical Reference: Revelation 5:8-14

Congregation sings portion marked **C**

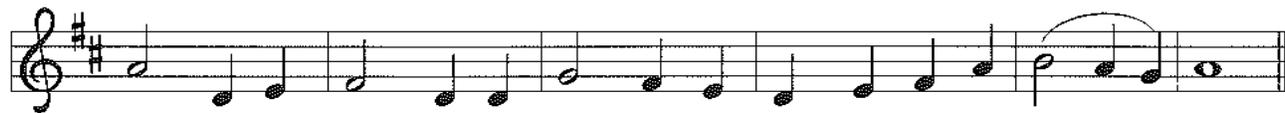




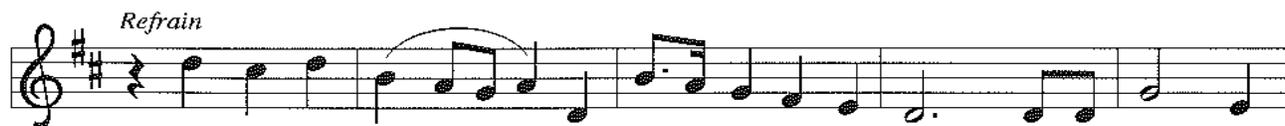
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



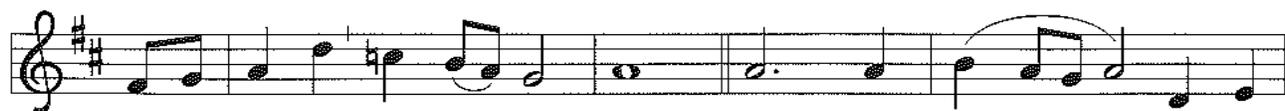
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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



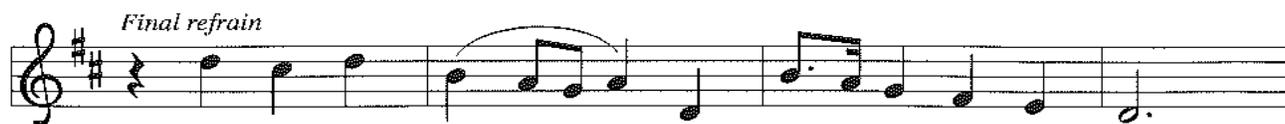
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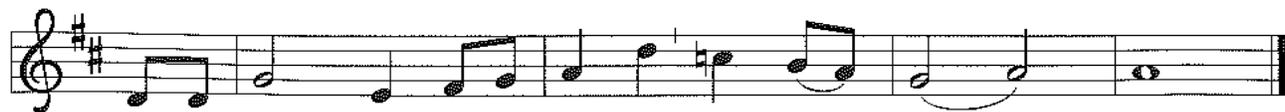
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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



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 10:34-48

New International Version

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues^[a] and praising God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON – 1 John 5:1-8

New International Version

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

L: The Word of the Lord.

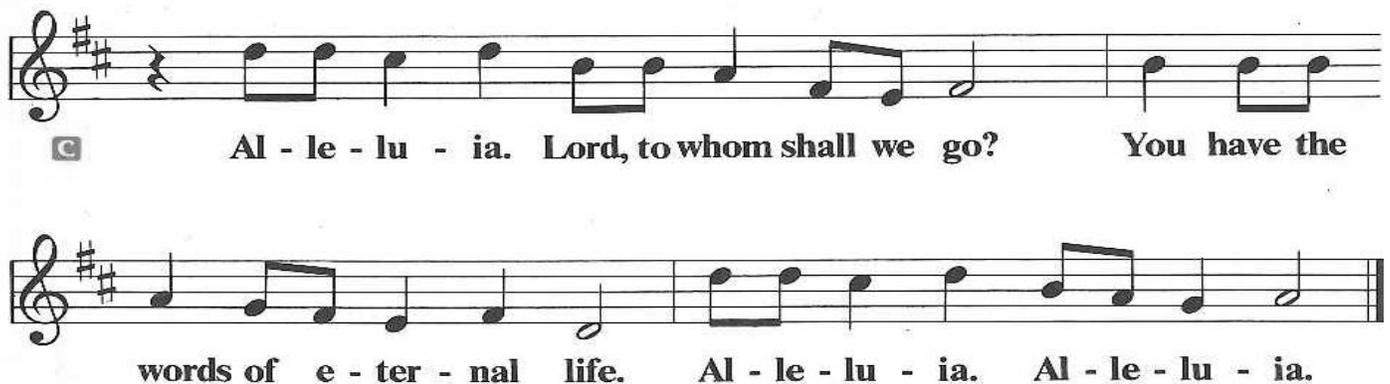
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand.

ALLELUIA

Biblical Reference: John 6:68

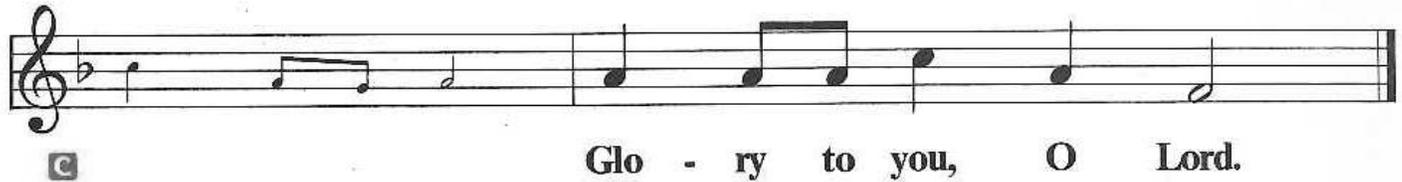
Congregation sings:



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Congregation sings:



THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 15:9-17

New International Version

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

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

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

(Pastor Martins Irbe consecrated the sacramental elements 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:



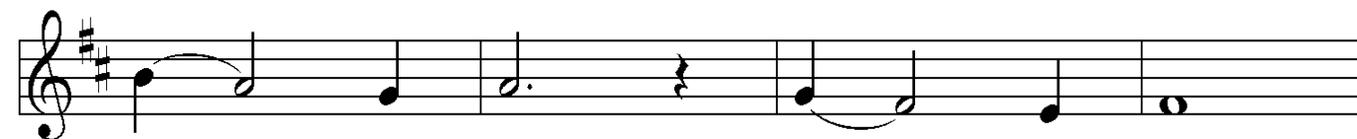
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



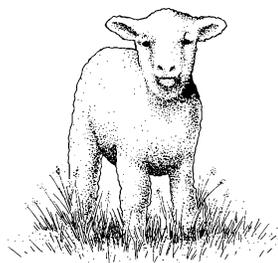
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 – “King of Kings (Halleluia, For the Lord God Almighty Reigns)”

Hal-le - lu - ia for the Lord, our God, the Al-migh - ty reigns. Hal-le-

5 lu - ia for the Lord, our God, the Al-migh - ty reigns. He is King of _____

10 kings _____ and He is Lord _____ of _____ lords. He is King of _____

14 kings _____ and He is Lord _____ of _____ lords

Chords: F, Am, B \flat , C, F, F, B \flat , F, C, F, F, B \flat , F, C, F

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.

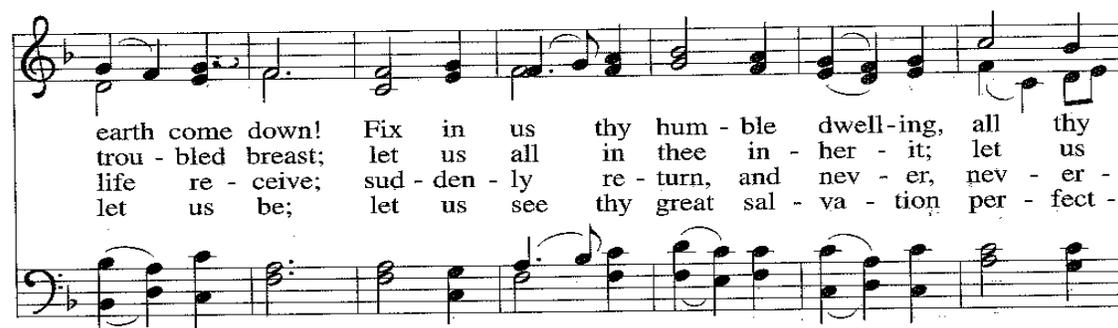
C: **Amen.**



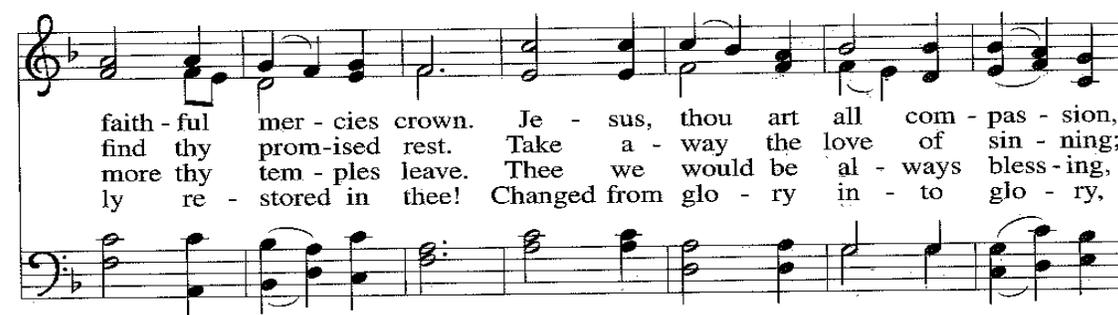
CLOSING HYMN – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. These we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our
thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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 and presented by Alison LaFlower in memory of Charles Stanley and Donald LaFlower.

Happy Birthday to:

Ronald Kissell
Steven Brooks

May 13th
May 15th



Happy Anniversary to:

Ronald and Joyce Kissell
May 13th

Thank you to Children's Sunday School and Sheila Bryan for leading our special Mother's Day Service today!

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 will not be meeting today.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will be meeting after the service today. ***Last day of Children's Sunday School 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.
We will meet every Wednesday evening until June 30.
Please contact Cindy Gregory for more information.

Thank you to Seminarian Ben Black for preaching today!

Worship Leaders & Congregational Care Schedule

May 9th - Seminarian Ben Black

May 16th - Pastor Doug Gast

May 23rd - Joe Rudy

May 30th - Mary Jo Mikulski

June 6th - Pastor Martins Irbe

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 May 30th-June 5th

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 April 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.

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, May 9th

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

Monday, May 10th

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Connection Bible Study

Tuesday, May 11th

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Wednesday, May 12th

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

Thursday, May 13th

- 10:00 a.m. StoneCroft Bible Study

Friday, May 14th

- 11:00 a.m. Copier/Print Team and Toshiba

Sunday, May 16th

- 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, May 9th | 9:30 a.m. Ben Black |
| Assisting Minister | Joan Shaw |
| Lector | Children's Sunday School |
| Ushers | Children's Sunday School |
| Greeters | Children's Sunday School |
| Altar Guild | Diana Clements-Scott |
| Sound Technician | Dan Ivers |
| Video Technician | Ronald Kissell |
| Bread Baker | Katie Ottinger |
| Children's Sermon | Ben Black |
| Counters (Monday) Wk2 | Christian Gries Phil Miller |

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| Next Week, May 16th | 9:30 a.m. Pastor Doug Gast |
| Assisting Minister | Christian Gries |
| Lector | Christian Gries |
| Ushers | John Browder Sheila Bryan |
| Greeters | John Shaw Joan Shaw |
| Altar Guild | Karen Bell |
| Sound Technician | Dan Ivers |
| Video Technician | Geoff LaFlower |
| Bread Baker | Janet Farrow |
| Children's Sermon | John Browder |
| Counters (Monday) Wk3 | Ron Westerfeld Marsha Westerfeld |