



9:30 a.m. Service June 13th, 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. **Please fill out the Connection Card found in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.** And please come again!!
- **PARTICIPATE**
 - The worship service is printed in the bulletin and can also be viewed on the video screen for your convenience. Bulletins are emailed to all members each week.
 - **Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off during the worship service.**
 - The service is streamed live and available online afterward on YouTube. Links can be found on the [St. James website](#) and [Facebook page](#).
- **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. The ushers will direct those receiving the sacrament down the center aisle to the altar rail.
- **NEED ASSISTANCE?**
 - **Hearing devices** are available for those who have trouble hearing through the loudspeaker system.
 - Hand sanitizer is available on the tables in the Narthex and in the pews.

THE 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Traditional Worship
June 13th, 2021

PRELUDE

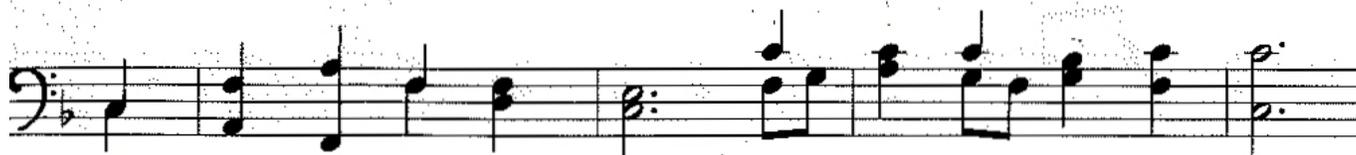
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

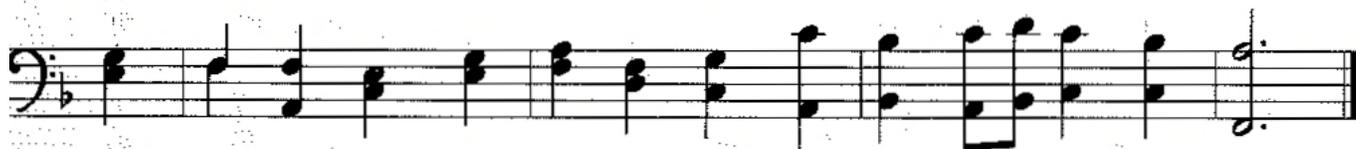
PROCESSIONAL HYMN – “Remember and Rejoice”



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.



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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

At this time please greet your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in a handshake if you feel comfortable or however you feel comfortable.

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: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

C: **but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.**

A: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

C: **Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

A: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

C: **For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

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. O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may hear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

After the prayer:

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON – Ezekiel 17:22-24

New International Version

²² “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON – 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

New International Version

5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. **2** Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, **3** because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. **4** For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. **5** Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. **7** For we live by faith, not by sight. **8** We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **9** So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

L: The Word of the Lord.

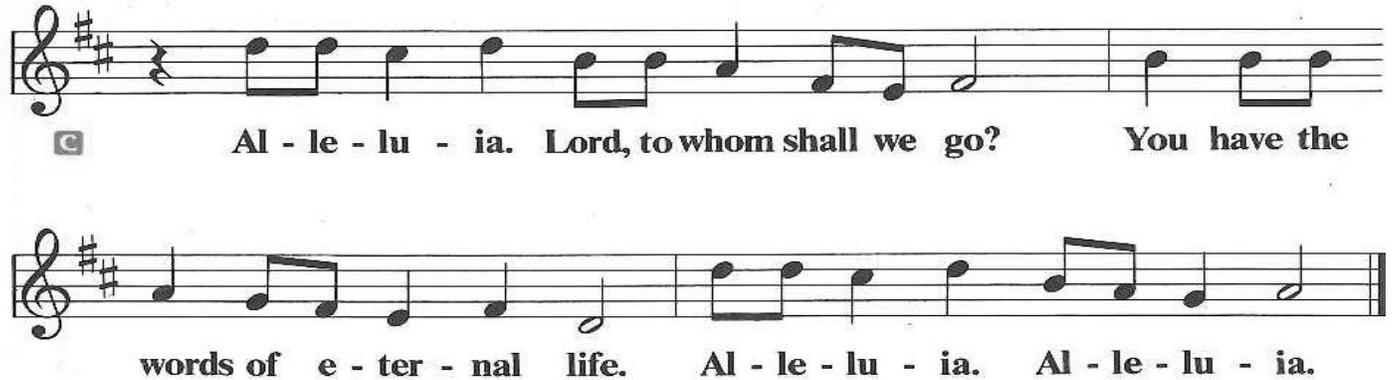
C: Thanks be to God.

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. Mark.

Congregation sings:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 4:26-34

New International Version

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the

smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation sings:



Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY – “How Can I Keep From Singing”

Verse 1

There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come
I am holding on
To the rock I cling

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart (want to sing)

Verse 2

I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You
Knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name

I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart (want to sing)

Bridge

I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step
And fall down again
I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord
When I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart

I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing

Please be seated.

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

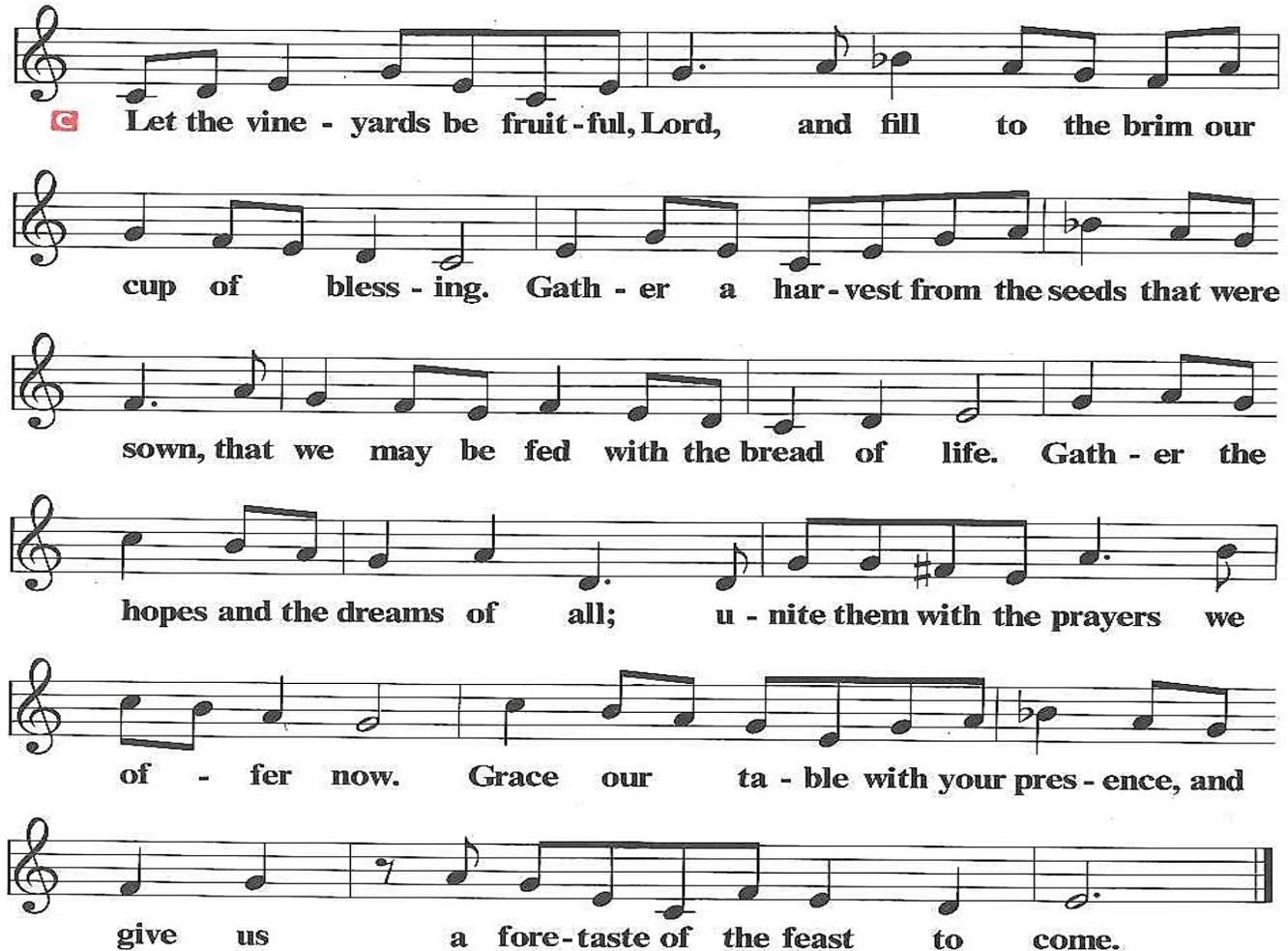
OFFERTORY

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Biblical Reference: Matthew 6:9-13

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

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

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



LAMB OF GOD

Biblical Reference: John 1:29

Congregation sings:



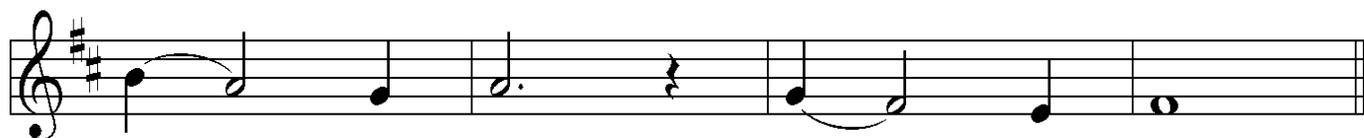
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



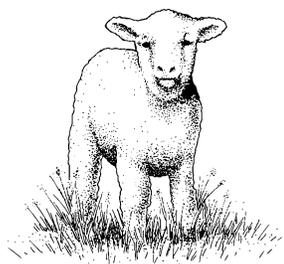
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 – “I Give Myself Away”

Chorus

I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me
(REPEAT)

Verse 1

Here I am
Here I stand
Lord my life is in Your hands
Lord I'm longing to see
Your desires revealed in me

Chorus

Verse 2

Take my heart
Take my life
As a living sacrifice
All my dreams
All my plans
Lord I place them in Your hands

Chorus

Bridge

My life is not my own
To You I belong
I give myself
I give myself to You
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2x

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 – “Rise Up O Saints of God”



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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 and presented by
Diana Clements-Scott in honor of her and her twins' birthday.*

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.

Happy Birthday to:

Diana Clements-Scott June 13th

SUMMER ACTIVIES

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

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Because of your generosity this past school year, many children in need were able to have the school supplies they needed for the classroom. The supplies you donated helped students succeed in the classroom and feel more confident in their abilities.

The 2021-22 school year begins on July 29th and school supplies will be needed.

If you are able to partner with us to provide supplies, it would be helpful for us to have the supplies on or before **July 19th**.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Miller at 317-938-3639
Our schools are most in need of:

Earbuds & Headphones with straight jack
Dry Erase Markers
Plastic Pencil boxes
Highlighters
Regular #2 pencils
Crayons
Colored Pencils
Erasers
Scissors -- both for young students and older students
Pens
Broad tip washable markers
Watercolor Paint Sets
Fine Line washable markers
College Ruled notebook paper
Heavy duty plastic folders (without brads) -
-- red, blue, yellow, green
Spiral notebooks

Kleenex
Wide Ruled Composition
Notebooks
3x5 note cards
Sticky notes
Plastic sheet protectors
Zipper binders with handles
1/2 or 1 inch binders,
Canvas zipper pencil pouches
Calculators
Hand Sanitizer (depending on COVID restrictions)
Face Masks (depending on COVID restrictions)

BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendar. Our next blood drive is July 18th 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Sign up on line [here](#) or in the Narthex.

ROCKY RAILWAY VBS

Save the date for VBS on July 25th-July 27th 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. as we have our Rocky Railway VBS, Jesus Power Pulls Us Through. A sign up sheet for volunteers is in the Narthex. Questions, please contact Jessie Stearns.

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

Children's Sunday School will not be meeting until mid August

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 Seminarian Ben Black for preaching today!

Worship Leaders & Congregational Care Schedule

June 13th - Seminarian Ben Black

June 20th -Pastor Doug Gast

June 27th - Joe Rudy

July 4th - Pastor Martins Irbe

July 11th -Seminarian Ben Black

July 18th - Pastor Doug Gast

July 25th - 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 June is June 21st - 27th

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.

MISSING JACKET

Wanda Wooten is missing her work jacket that says Shelbyville Central Schools. Please check your closet to make sure you didn't take it by accident.

Reminder...

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

Purchase gift cards from the Rewards Table in the gathering area and St. James receives a percentage back at no extra cost to you. We keep a variety in stock, but if we don't have what you need, we can likely order it from our extensive list of suppliers. Questions? See Cindy Gregory or Carol Hudson.

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, June 13th

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

Monday, June 14th

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

Tuesday, June 15th

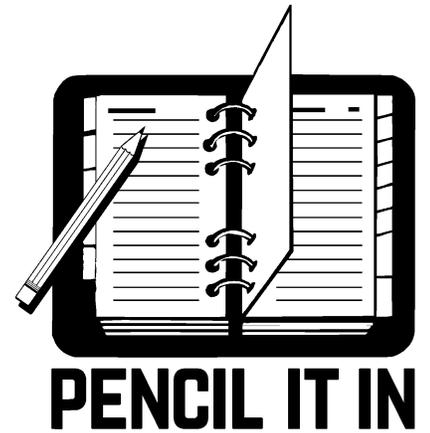
9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, June 16th

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

Sunday, June 20th

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



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, June 13th	9:30 a.m. Ben Black
Assisting Minister	Joan Shaw
Lector	John Shaw
Ushers	Tats Matsuoka Donna Matsuoka
Greeters	Alan Berkshire Jeanette Berkshire
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeier
Children's Sermon	Ben Black
Counters (Monday) <small>Wk2</small>	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory

Next Week, June 20th	9:30 a.m. Pastor Doug Gast
Assisting Minister	Christian Gries
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	June Gries
Children's Sermon	Pastor Doug Gast
Counters (Monday) <small>Wk3</small>	Ron Westerfeld Marsha Westerfeld