

St. James Lutheran Church
Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024



St. James Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

Guests, we are glad you have joined us today! If you would like to receive contact from St. James following this worship service, please fill out a card from the pew slot and put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

EASTER ACCLAMATION *The assembly rises in body or spirit*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Look, the stone is rolled away!

C: He is risen!

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Behold, the blood-stained cloth is set aside!

C: He is risen!

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN ELW 365 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 118:1-2,14-22,24

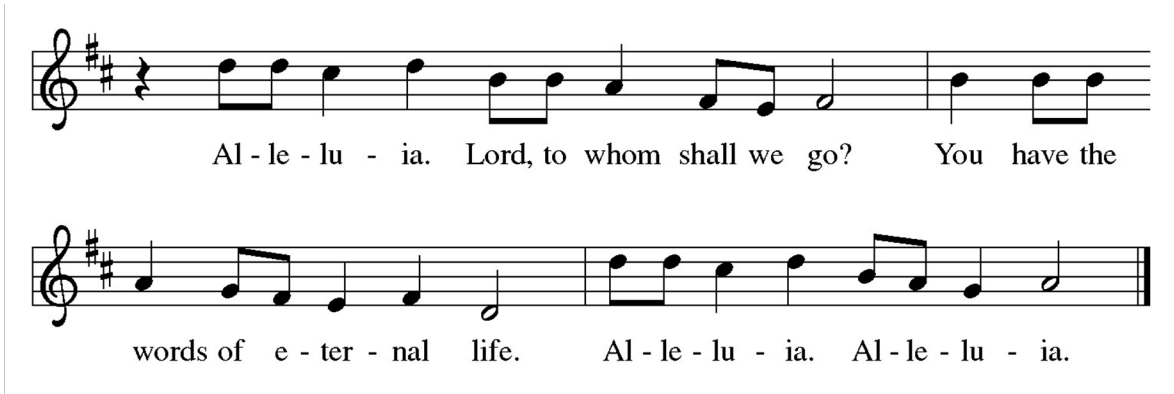
- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.
- ²**Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**
- ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**
- ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”
- ¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**
- ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**
- ²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”
- ²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**
- ²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²⁴**This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-10a

- ¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.
- ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain.
- A: Word of God. Word of Life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to **Mark 16:1-8**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated

SERMON

"Christ the Victor"

CHOIR ANTHEM *Worthy Is the Lamb*

The assembly rises in body or spirit

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Join me in confessing our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Greet one another by shaking hands or with a word or sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A: Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Loving God, we pray for this community of faith, especially those who are sick and recovering, and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. We pray for those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families. Especially, **Brandon and Eli**. Grant to them safety, courage, and your ever-abiding presence. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death especially **Richard Corken**. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

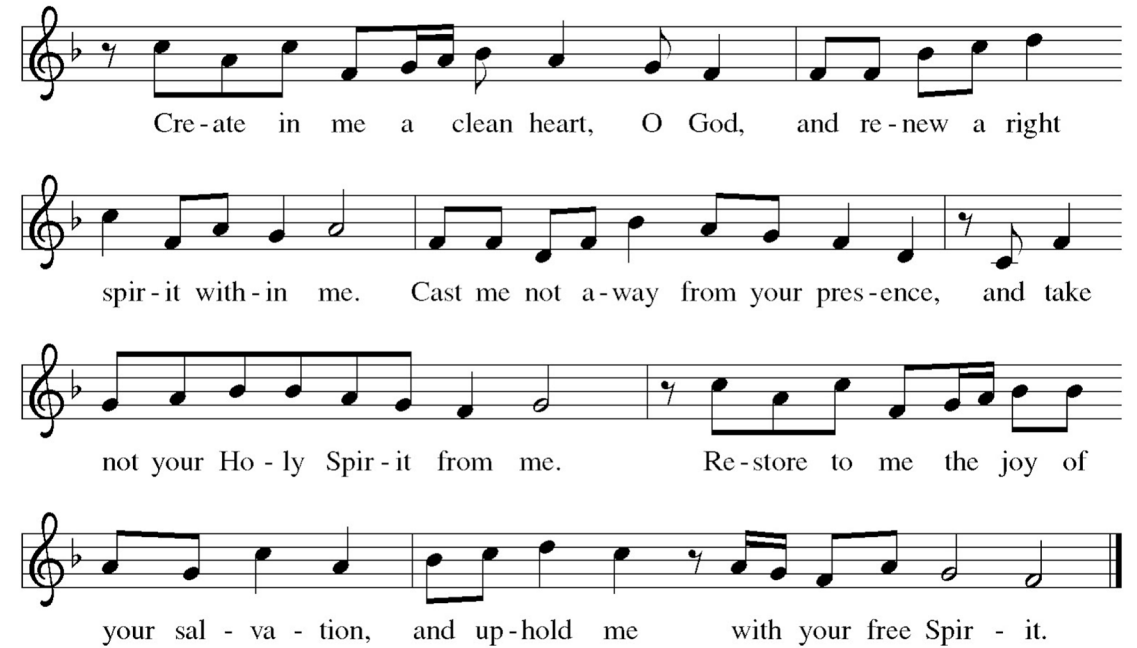
C: Amen.

MEAL

OFFERING: *your offering may be placed in the plate as it is passed. We thank all who support God's ministry here and in the world.*

Stand as the offering is presented at the rail.

OFFERTORY *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



OFFERING PRAYER:

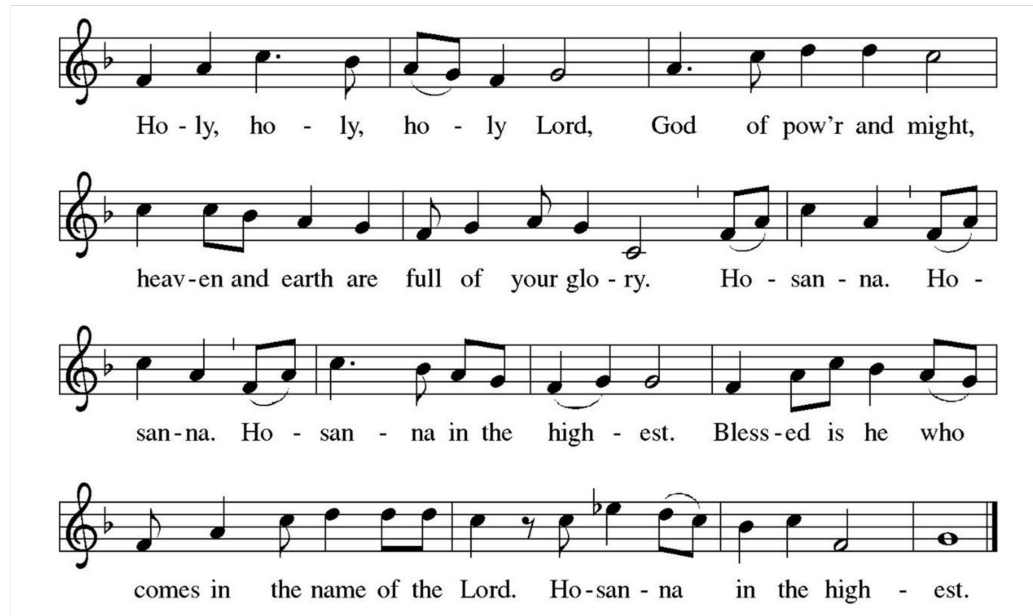
A: Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our savior, Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise:
Beyond the stars; beyond the sea; within each cell; with every breath.
C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.
C: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son:
At the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
C: We thank you, O God.

P: In the night he was betrayed
Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying,
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, At the table, And to the end,
We proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P. We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
In our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, Through Christ Jesus,
By your Spirit, in your church, without end.
C: Amen.

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.
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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God’s table.
C: Thanks be to God

The assembly is seated.

Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed by intinction, the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread and cup. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them. For those who prefer, pre-packaged communion elements are available as you enter the worship space.

HYMN Lamb of God

COMMUNION HYMNS
HYMN ELW 496 One Bread, One Body

Refrain

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

HYMN ELW 807 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



HYMN ELW 638 *Blessed Assurance*



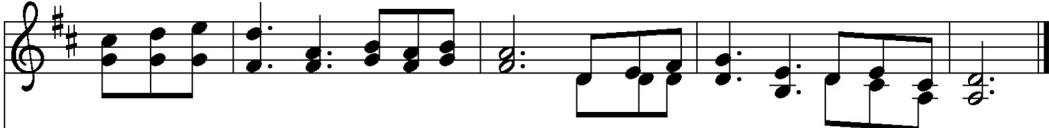
1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.




This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:




this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.



HYMN ELW 473 *Holy, Holy, Holy* (sing 3 times)



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

HYMN ELW 384 *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

The assembly rises in body or spirit.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING


P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*



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P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Rejoice and be glad!
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a Social Ministry Meeting at 4 PM tomorrow, April 1st in the Conference Room. If you are not a member of our committee, please consider joining us.
- Church Clean-Up day is Saturday, April 6th. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Many hands make for light work, so please sign up to help keep your church and grounds in tip top shape. The rain date will be Saturday, April 13th.
- There will be a Christian Ed committee meeting following the service on April 7th. Any member who would like to participate is welcome to join them.
- Beginning in April, Sunday school will take place DURING our worship service. The children will be dismissed after the Prayer of the Day and will be brought back after the Prayers of Intercession to join their families for Holy Communion.
- Mark your calendar for our Kickoff to Summer Event on Saturday, June 1st, immediately following the Saturday evening service. We are asking for food pantry items which will be donated to our St. James Food Pantry. The event will begin at 6 PM. More details to come.
- The Christian Ed Committee is looking for volunteers to help with this year's Backyard Bible Club. Please contact Angie Schmidt at 563-570-4928 or Mandy Peters-Speidel at 563-370-8262 if you would like to participate.
- SWANSON SCHOLARSHIP: Attention High School Seniors that will be graduating in 2024 ... All applications need to be submitted for consideration by March 31, 2024. The Swanson Scholarship Committee will review all applications and contact each applicant. If you have any questions please reach out to Holly Garcia (563-508-6673 or garciaholly3@gmail.com).

- We livestream our services on YouTube each week to help us worship together and stay connected even when we are not at full health. Please take advantage of that option if you need it - even if it's just for one Sunday!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjqGF4g_QWtn_I2SqPL5Q

Attendance last week:	Saturday Service	62	YouTube	0
	Sunday Service	69		

This week’s birthdays:

April 3	Reese Wendell
April 4	Heather Hogbin
April 5	Kelly Crooks
April 5	Roberta Leder
April 6	Myrna Mattly

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On the Calendar

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

9 AM	Easter Brunch for the whole family
10 AM	Easter Service with Holy Communion
11:15 AM	Egg Hunt for the children

Monday, April 1

4:00 PM	Social Ministry Meeting
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Wednesday, April 3

8:30 AM	Worship & Music
6-8 PM	St. James Food Pantry

Thursday, April 4

9-11 AM	St. James Food Pantry
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Saturday, April 6

5 PM	Saturday Evening Service
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Sunday, April 7

9 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10 AM	Christian Ed Meeting

Monday, April 8

9:30 AM	Monday Morning Fellowship on ZOOM
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Wednesday, April 10

6-8 PM	St. James Food Pantry
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Thursday, April 11

9-11 AM	St. James Food Pantry
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Saturday, April 13

5 PM	Saturday Evening Service
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Sunday, April 14

8:15 AM	Finance Committee Meeting
9 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, April 17

6-8 PM	St. James Food Pantry
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Thursday, April 18

9-11 AM	St. James Food Pantry
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Worship Assistants

March 31 - Easter Service

Presider
Assisting Minister
Usher
YouTube Assistant
Altar Guild
Counters

9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Bryce Hewlett, SAM
Judie Brooks
Ann Larson & Pat Larson
Deb Crooks
Marilyn Pieart/Mary Meumann/Diana Worley
Ellen Hogbin & Shirley Richlen

April 7

Presider
Assisting Minister
Usher
YouTube Assistant
Altar Guild
Counters

9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Bryce Hewlett, SAM
Mary Meumann
Janene Anderson & Ellen Hogbin
Deb Crooks
Marilyn Pieart & Diana Worley
Ellen Hogbin & Doug Larson

April 14

Presider
Assisting Minister
Ushers
YouTube Assistant
Altar Guild
Counters

9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Bryce Hewlett, SAM
Shirley Richlen
Jerry Nichols & Yvonne Nichols
Deb Crooks
Marilyn Pieart & Diana Worley
Ellen Hogbin & Doug Larson

April 21

Presider
Assisting Minister
Usher
YouTube Assistant
Altar Guild
Counters

9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Bryce Hewlett, SAM
Diana Worley
Kelly Crooks & Ron Mekalson
Deb Crooks
Pat Larson & Mary Meumann
Ellen Hogbin & Doug Larson

Prayers for Healing and Support

Congregational Members

Bev Chappen, **LaVonne** Mienke, **Sherry** Germanio, **Frieda** Houldsworth,
Lynn Chamberlain, **Kelly** Wainwright, **Sandy** Henry,
Paul Jones, **Jeanne** Peters, **Tom** Sladky, **Bert** Leder, **Maggie** Bayliss

Family and Friends

Barry (cousin of Ellen Hogbin), **Amy** (friend of Jenny Martin),
Kelly (Jennifer's sister), **Serece** (Pat Larson's cousin),
Drew (Pat Larson's friend), **Lonnie** (son of Roberta Leder),
Janet and Ted (Maggie Bayliss' sister & brother-in-law),
Phil (Steve Miller and Pat Sorensen's brother),
Brad (Shirley Wait's son-in-law), **Karen** (Pat Larson's sister),
Larisa (Sandy Henry's granddaughter), **Michelle** (friend of Ellen Hogbin),
Jason (Lynn Chamberlain & Sherry Germanio's son),
Jon (Joleen Bakken's nephew)

Military Personnel

Lt. Col. **Brandon** Sandoval USAF, (Pat Larson's grandson)
1st Lt. **Eli** Smith (Jerry and Myrna Mattly's grandson)

In Memorium

Richard Corken

If you have anyone who needs to be taken off or added, please notify the church office.