

**St. James Lutheran Church**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**April 14, 2024**



**St. James Lutheran Church**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**PRELUDE**

**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*

*The assembly rises in body or spirit*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.**

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

**C: We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## **GATHERING HYMN ELW 377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated*

*The children are dismissed for Sunday School.*

## **WORD**

### FIRST READING Acts 3:12-21

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, “You who are Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.” <sup>20</sup>so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY Psalm 4 (to be read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

### SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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 **Luke 24:36b-48**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled

fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated*

### SERMON

*The assembly rises in body or spirit*

### HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 468 Around You, O Lord Jesus

1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple

bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

## 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: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty, especially **Bev, LaVonne, Sherry, Frieda, Lynn, Kelly, Sandy, Paul, Jeanne, Tom, Bert, Barry, Amy, Kelly, Serece, Drew, Lonnie, Phil, Brad, Larisa, Michelle, Jason, Karen, Jon, and Connor.**

God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God, Your world cries out and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. 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: O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died especially **Richard Corken.** As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. Grant us your peace amid our fears. 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*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### **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

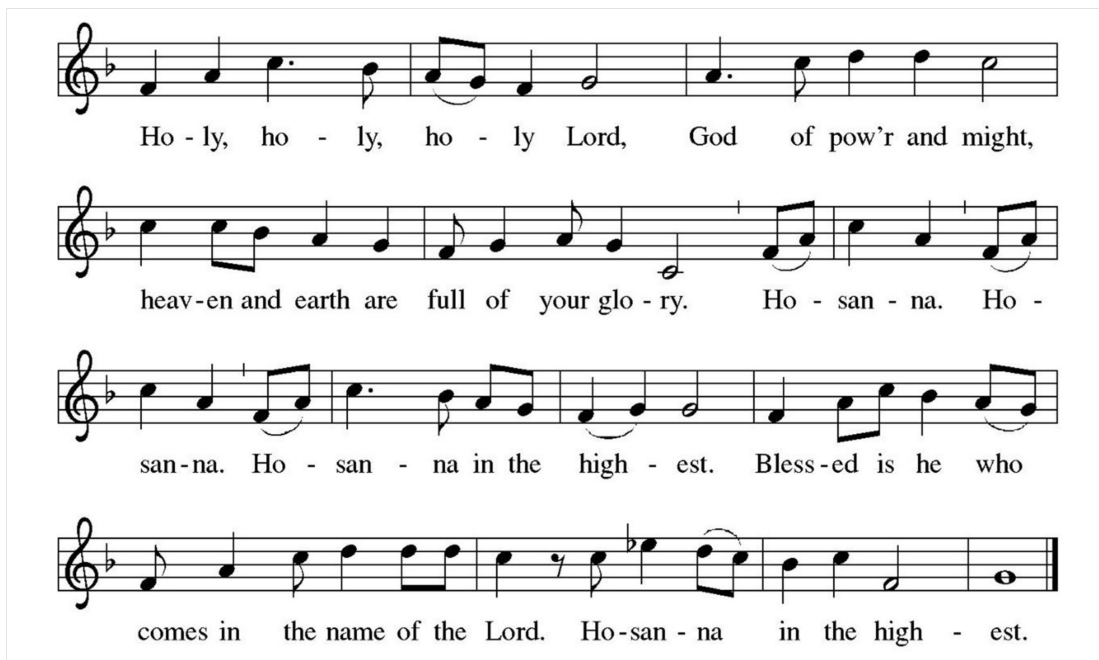
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

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. Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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.

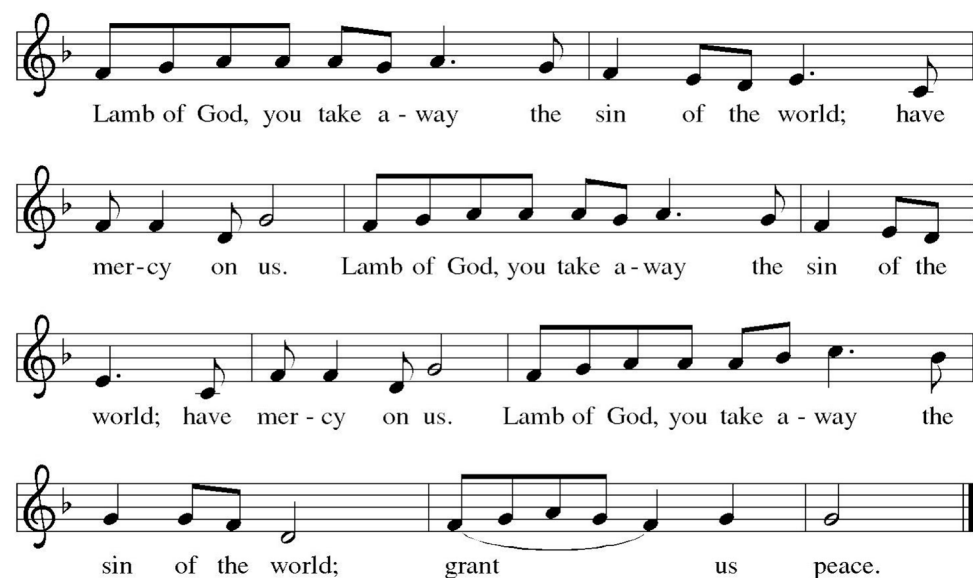
Come and eat at God's table.

**C: Thanks be to God**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed at the altar rail (please stand or kneel, as you are comfortable), the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (which is gluten-free) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white). For those who prefer, pre-packaged communion elements are available as you enter the worship space.*

## Hymn: Lamb of God



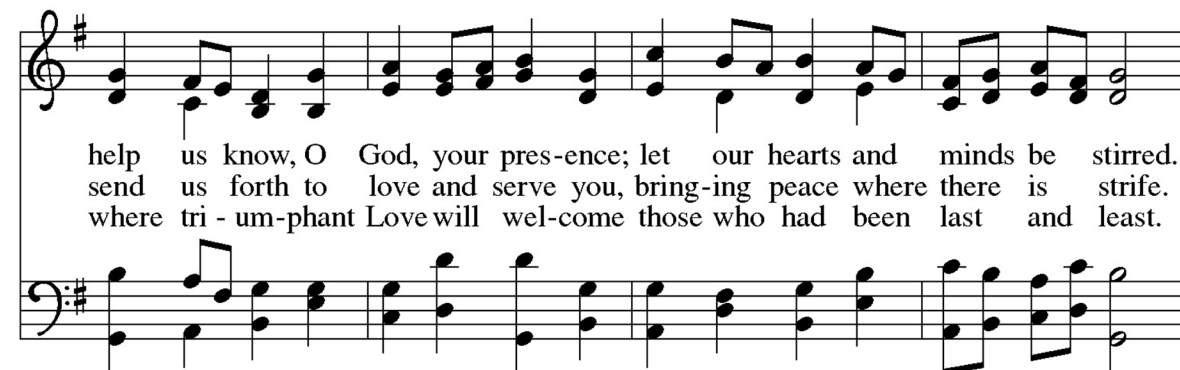
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### Hymn ELW 522 As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

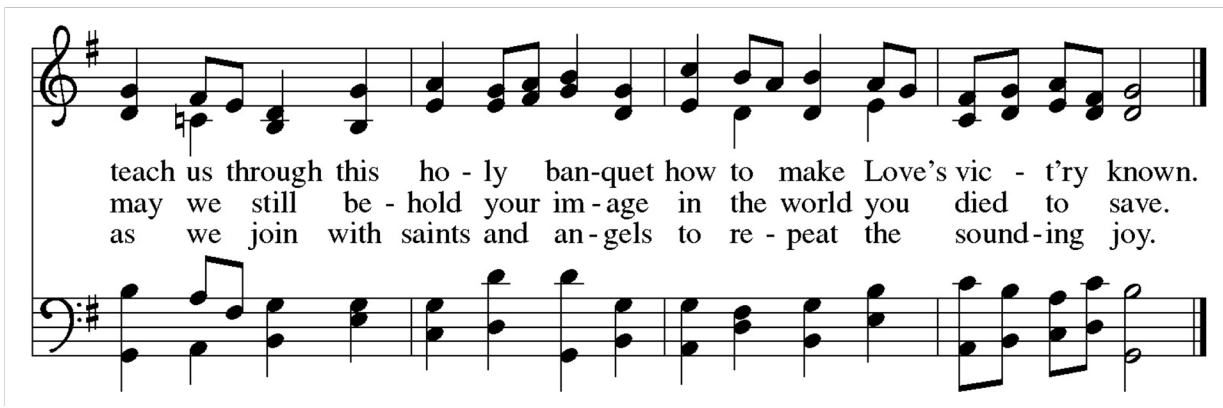


help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-ph-ant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



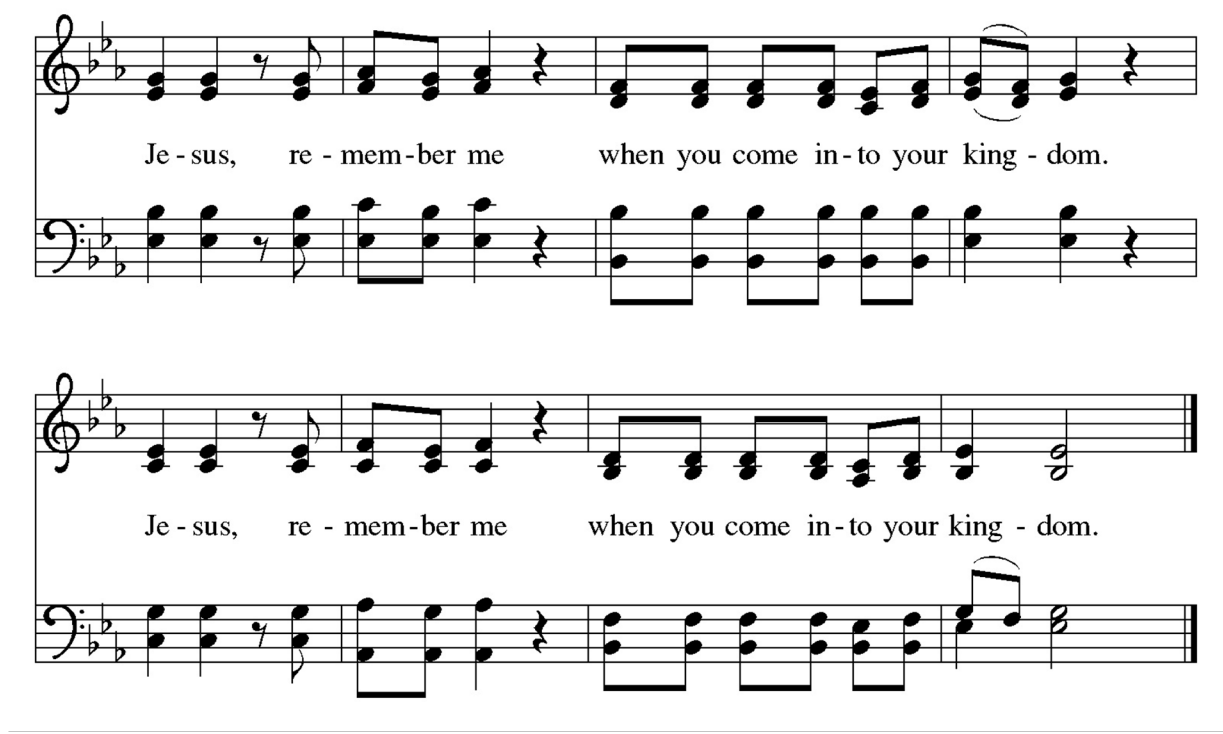
Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,





teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

**Hymn ELW 616 Jesus, Remember Me (sing 3 times)**



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.  
 Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

*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**

*The assembly is seated.*

**TEMPLE TALK: Stories of Renewed Life Among Us**

*The assembly rises in body or spirit.*

**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 366 *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done***

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's  
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious  
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Beginning in April (for the months of April & May), 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.
- April 16th, at 1 PM WELCA will be holding Sarah Circle. Mary Meumann will be serving as hostess and Marilyn Pieart will be the lesson leader. All women are welcome to attend.
- April 18th, at 11:30 AM, St. James GANG will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch, as usual, and beverages and dessert will be provided. Come and bring a friend. All are welcome!
- April 28th Baptismal Service. All those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism should contact the church office.
- April 29th there will be a blood drive at St. James from 2 PM - 5:30 PM. To schedule an appointment time, please call Freida Houldsworth at 563-355-1628 or Janene Anderson at 563-370-8710. Please eat before donating and bring photo ID.
- June 1st Mark your calendar for our Kickoff to Summer Event 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.



## Worship Assistants

**April 14**

Presider  
Assisting Minister  
Ushers  
YouTube Assistant  
Altar Guild  
Counters

**9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion**

Bryce Hewlett, SAM  
Mary Meumann  
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

**April 28**

Presider  
Assisting Minister  
Usher  
YouTube Assistant  
Altar Guild  
Counters

**9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion**

Bryce Hewlett, SAM  
Jason Forari  
Fritz Voss & Judy Larson  
Deb Crooks  
Pat Larson & Mary Meumann  
Ellen Hogbin & Doug Larson

**May 5**

Presider  
Assisting Minister  
Usher  
YouTube Assistant  
Altar Guild  
Counters

**9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion**

Bryce Hewlett, SAM  
Judie Brooks  
Janene Anderson & Pat Larson  
Deb Crooks  
Ellen Hogbin & Terry Martens  
Mary Meumann & Shirley Richlen

## 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

### 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),  
**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), **Connor** (Bert Leder's grandson)

### 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** and pray for **Sharon** and family

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