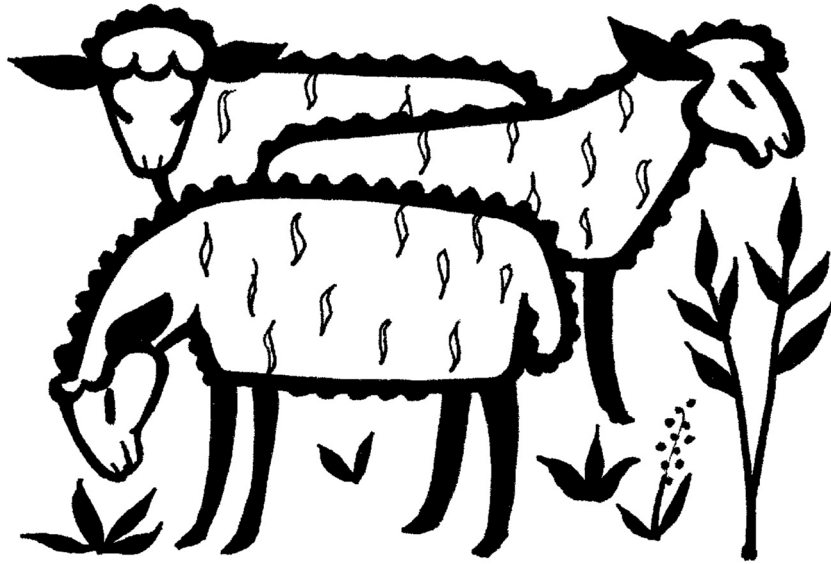


St. James Lutheran Church
4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21, 2024



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

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.**

P: 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.

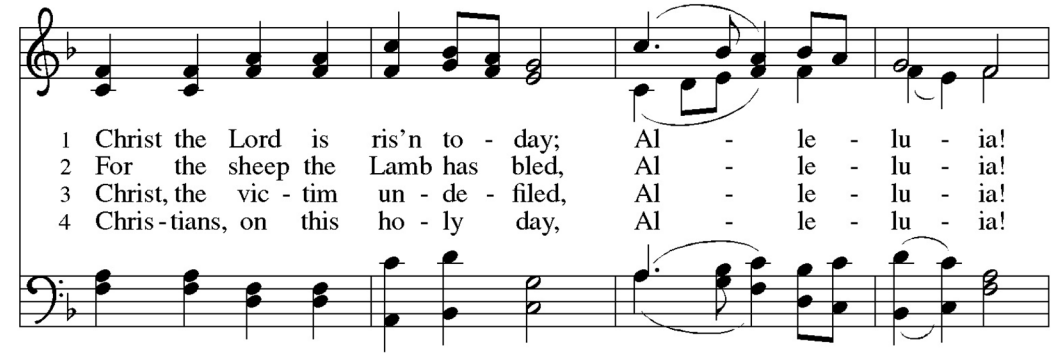
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

**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.**

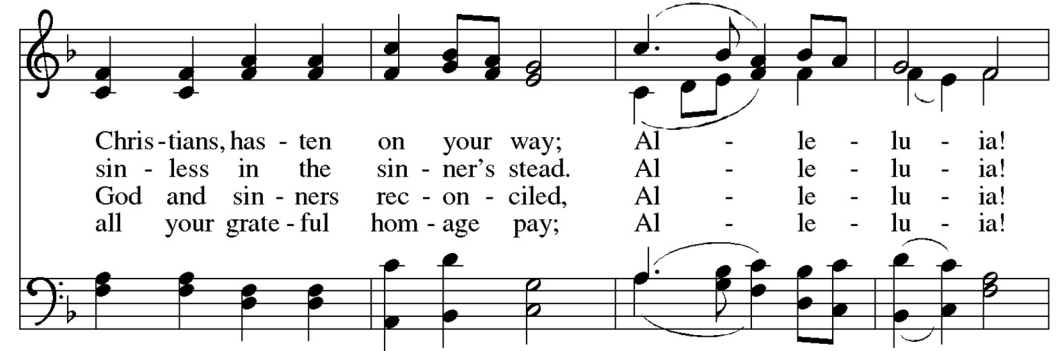
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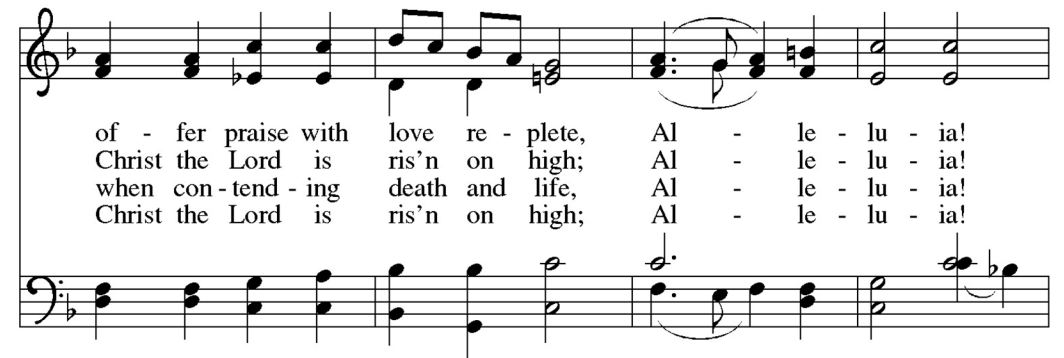
GATHERING HYMN ELW 369 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!*



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated

The children are dismissed for Sunday School.

WORD

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:1-6, 10-12

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them — to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. ⁶My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

¹⁰Thus says the Lord GOD, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered

sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 23 (to be read responsively)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:16-18, 23-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ²³And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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 **John 10:11-18**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

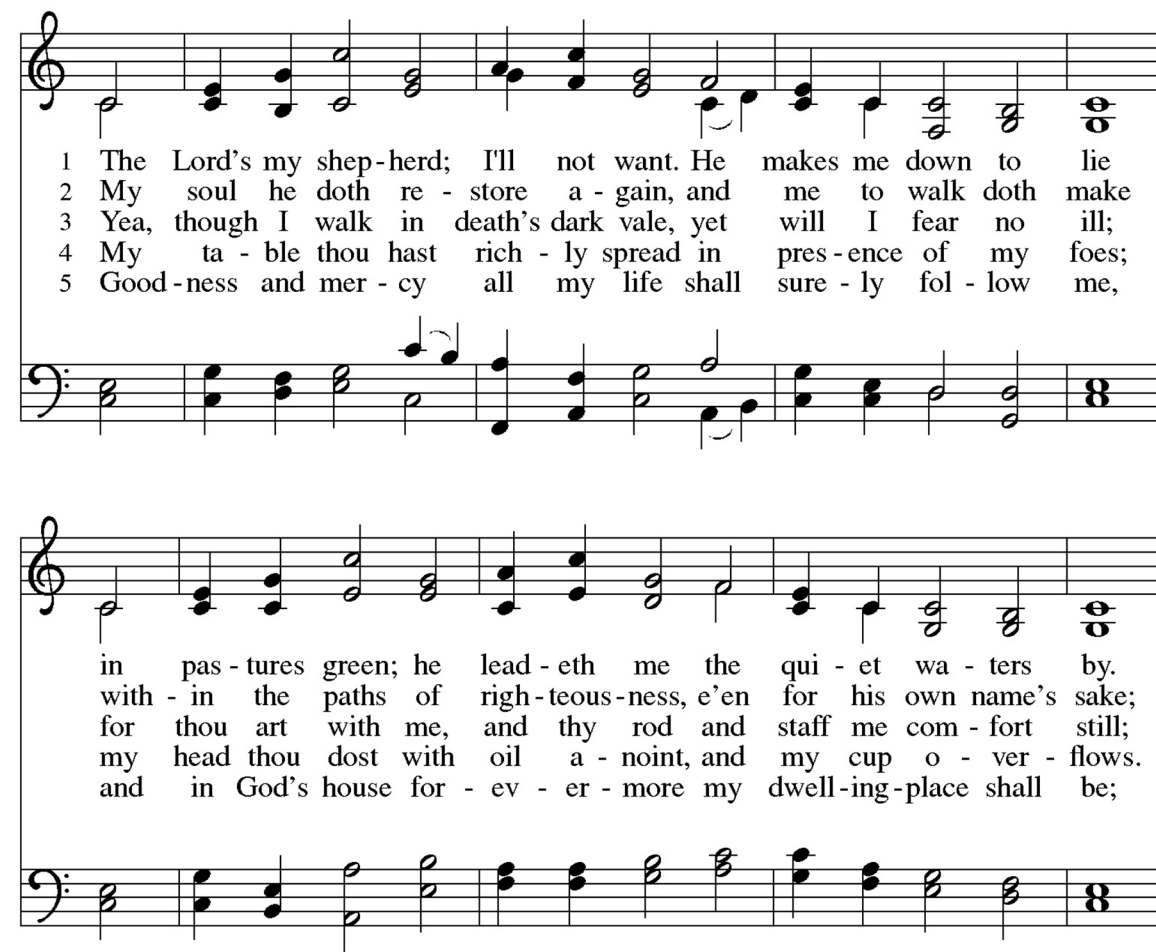
The assembly is seated

SERMON

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

The assembly rises in body or spirit

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 778 The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,
in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

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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 life has triumphed over sin and death, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Congregational Refrain:

All
 Shep - herd us, O God, be - yond our wants, be -
 yond our fears, from death in - to life.

A: Nurturing God, preserve the health of habitats and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources and cooperate in solving conflicts. Bring peace to the Holy Land and Ukraine. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good.

C: Congregational Refrain

A: Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty, especially **Bev, LaVonne, Sherry, Frieda, Lynn, Kelly, Sandy, Paul, Jeanne, Tom, Bert, Joleen, Barry, Amy, Kelly, Serece, Drew, Lonnie, Phil, Brad, Larisa, Michelle, Jason, Karen, Jon, and Connor.**

A: Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. 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.

C: Congregational Refrain

A: Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith including all who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day.

C: Congregational Refrain

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

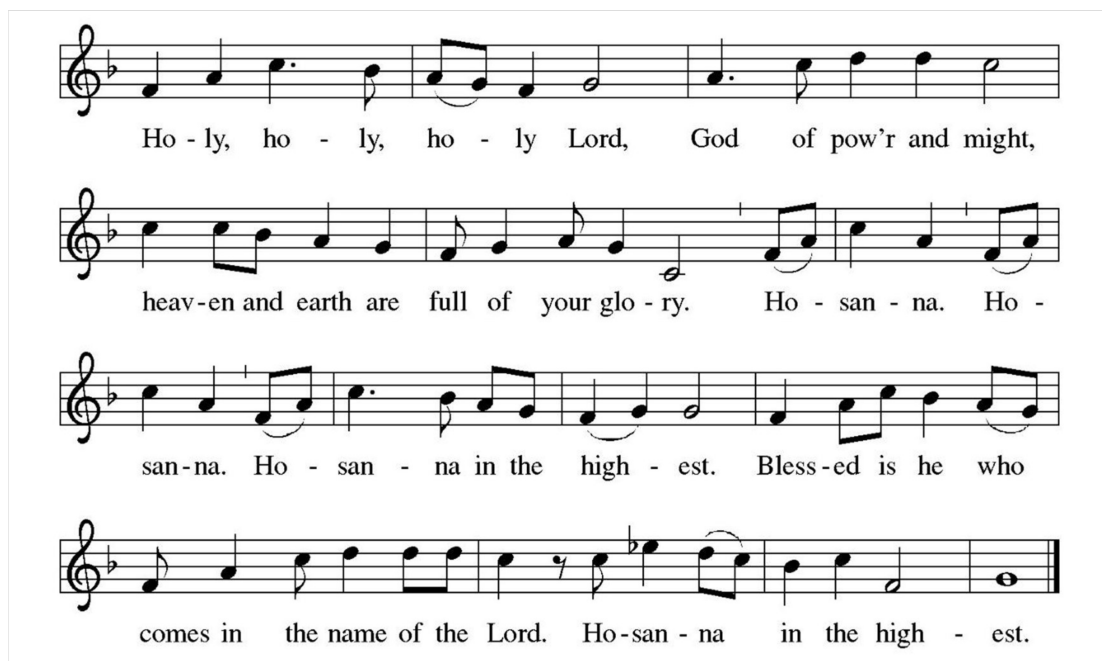
A: Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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

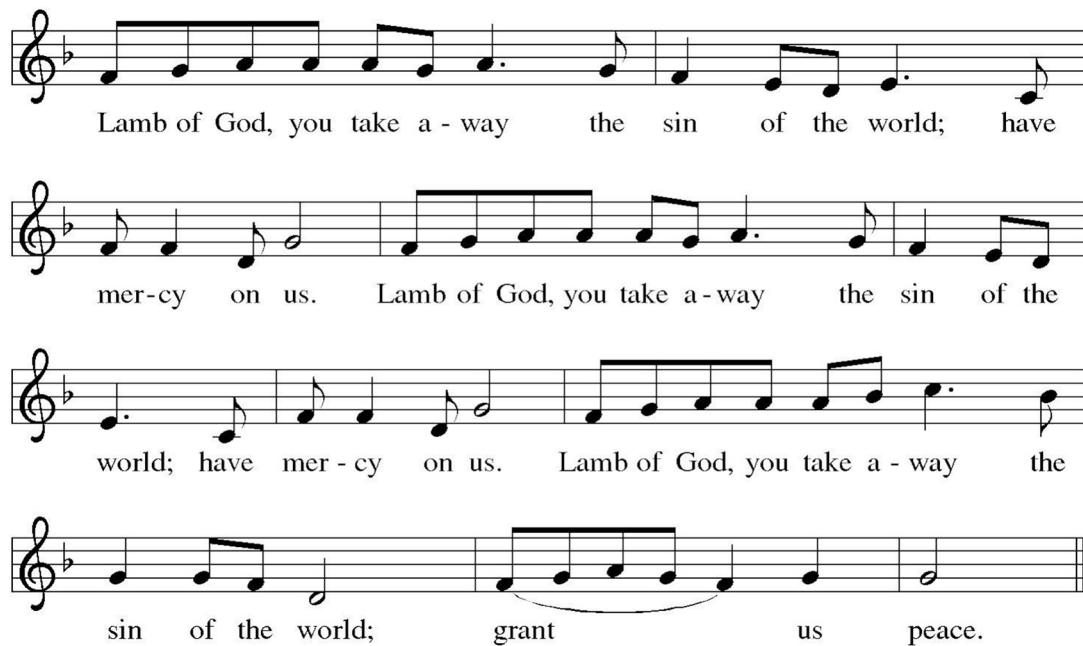
P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table. All are welcome.

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 471 Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Hymn ELW 262 Wait for the Lord (sing 3 times)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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 502 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; 6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thine unction grace bestoweth; thy goodness faileth never.
 and, oh, what transport of delight Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 from thy pure chalice floweth! within thy house forever.

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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 22nd, at 5:30 PM, Personnel Committee Meeting.
- 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.
- May 19th New Member Service. All those wishing to become new members should contact the church office.
- 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.
- 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 Evening	37		
	Sunday Morning	56	Zoom	2

This week's birthday:

April 26 Anna Forari
 April 27 Doug Larson

The flowers today are given by Steve & Sue Miller in honor of their 55th anniversary.

On the Calendar

Sunday, April 21

9 AM Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 AM Council Meeting

Monday, April 22

9:30 AM Monday Morning Fellowship on ZOOM
5:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 23

Noon - 4 PM Quilting

Wednesday, April 24

6-8 PM St. James Food Pantry

Thursday, April 25

9-11 AM St. James Food Pantry

Saturday, April 27

5 PM Saturday Evening Service
6 PM Pot Luck

Sunday, April 28

9 AM Worship with Holy Communion
 Baptismal Service

Monday, April 29

2-5:30 PM Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 1

6-8 PM St. James Food Pantry

Thursday, May 2

9-11 AM St. James Food Pantry

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Worship Assistants

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

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

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

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Ann Larson
Diana Worley & Caroline Hicks
Deb Crooks
Ellen Hogbin & Terry Martens
Mary Meumann & Shirley Richlen

April 21

Presider
Assisting Minister
Usher
YouTube Assistant
Altar Guild
Counters

April 28

Presider
Assisting Minister
Usher
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May 5

Presider
Assisting Minister
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May 12

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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, **Joleen** Bakken

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)

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