

St. James Lutheran Church
Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025

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Announcements & Prelude

-The Musical Prelude invites us to become quiet and reverent in God's House.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED. ALLELUIA!

IN THE NAME OF THE ONE WHO WAS, WHO IS, AND WHO IS TO COME. AMEN.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION, AND CALLED TO LIVE THE BAPTIZED LIFE, LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF BAPTISM.

HOLY GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, WATERS THAT MAKE A PEOPLE YOUR OWN, THAT RESTORE TO WHOLENESS, AND EMPOWER US TO BE WITNESSES IN YOUR NAME.
BAPTIZED INTO YOU, O LIVING ONE, MAKE US ONE AS YOU ARE ONE.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, WATERS THAT STRENGTHEN BELIEVERS AND GIVE NEW LIFE TO BELOVED SERVANTS OF YOUR CHURCH; WATERS THAT EXTEND YOUR BOUNDLESS LOVE AND CROSS BARRIERS OF OUR OWN MAKING. BAPTIZED INTO YOU, O LIVING ONE,
MAKE US ONE AS YOU ARE ONE.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, WATERS THAT OPEN THE HEARTS OF BELIEVERS AND GIVE A VOICE IN THE NIGHT TO THOSE IN CAPTIVITY; WATERS THAT SET YOUR PEOPLE ON A NEW PATH, REJOICING IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER. BAPTIZED INTO YOU, O LIVING ONE, **MAKE US ONE AS YOU ARE ONE.**

GRANT US GRACE, LOVE, AND LIFE, O LIVING ONE, THAT OUR EVERY DAY IS SHAPED BY THESE WATERS THAT GIVE US OUR VERY LIVES IN YOU. WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN ONE.
AMEN.

++Gathering Hymn #135: "THE STRIFE IS O'ER THE BATTLE DONE"

GREEN HYMNAL

++Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

++Prayer of the Day (Prayed by All)

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

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Psalm 118

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Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

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Children's Sermon

++Gospel Acclamation (Spoken in Unison)

Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia.

++The Holy Gospel according to John

"Glory to you, O Lord."

++Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

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++The Gospel of the LORD.

"Praise to you, O Christ."

Sermon

Hymn #262—"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

Green Hymnal

Apostles' Creed (Spoken in Unison)

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, born of the Virgin Mary, he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and 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.

++Prayers Response: **"Your Mercy is Great"**

++Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the LORD be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

++Offertory: "With Every Breath I Take" (Sang Twice)

-With every breath I take, God I will praise you. With every word I speak, your hope I will sing. When I lie down at night or when I greet the morning light, Love of my heart, praises to you, gladly I'll bring.

++Lord's Prayer: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

++Benediction

The Lord Bless us and keep us, the Lord make his face to shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord Look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

++Sending Hymn #147 "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives"

Green Hymnal

++Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Calendar

April 29—VBS meeting @ St. James @ 6:30

May 1—Council Meeting @ 7:30

May 11—Coffee Hour after the Service

May 18—Mother's Day Meal for mothers prepared by the men of the church

June 22—Father's Day meal for fathers prepared by the women of the church

The Church Prays For:

Joan Snyder, Bailey Romberger, Heather Snyder, Bill Howerter, Duane Gessner, Mary Reiner, Bentley Bardo, Ruby Hepler, Tyann Schneider, Margie Boyer, Beverly Lettich, Ashley Pile, Maryjane Allvord, Cole Rothermel, Justin Bowman, Ken Morgan, Penny Troutman, Mindy Elmer, Christiana Weaver, Dolores Hepler, Patricia Pietrusewicz

April 27

Reader: Mel Lesher

Acolyte: Jason James

Greeter: Steve & Linda Mattern

May 4

Reader: Joyce Deeben

Acolyte: Austin Wolfgang

Greeter: Bruce Gilbert



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