

St. James Lutheran Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER May 4, 2025

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRELUDE

Confession and Forgiveness

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

+++In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

CONFESSION OF SINS (IN UNISON)

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. **Amen.** Based on Daniel 9:4-19

SILENT CONFESSION AND MEDITATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: HAPPY ARE THOSE WHOSE TRANSGRESSION IS FORGIVEN, WHOSE SIN IS COVERED.

HAPPY ARE THOSE TO WHOM THE LORD IMPUTES NO INIQUITY, AND IN WHOSE SPIRIT THERE IS NO DECEIT. PSALM 32:1-2, NRSV

++GATHERING HYMN #252—“*YOU SERVANTS OF GOD*”

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*

CELEBRATE PG. 1

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:1-6[7-20]

CELEBRATE PG. 1

PSALM 30

CELEBRATE PG. 2

SECOND READING REVELATION 5:11-14

CELEBRATE PG. 3

Children’s Sermon

+++GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Spoken in unison*

Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures.
Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

+++HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 21:1-19

CELEBRATE PG 3

The Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN #296—“JUST AS I AM”

GREEN HYMNAL

+++NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **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. Repeat

We will sing All communion responses

+++THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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+++THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE-prayer offered by the Pastor

+++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.

+++INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION Come and taste the joy of God!

THE HOLY COMMUNION Follow the instructions of the ushers

+++BLESSING AND PRAYER

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+++POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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+++BENEDICTION

THE LORD BLESS US AND KEEP US, THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE IN US AND BE GRACIOUS TO US. THE LORD LOOK UPON US WITH FAVOR AND GIVE US PEACE. **AMEN**

+++SENDING HYMN #390- "I Love To Tell The Story"

Green Hymnal

+++DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in Peace. Thanks be to God.

The Church prays for...

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

CALENDER

May 8—Council meeting @ 7:30

May 11—Coffee Hour after the Service

May 18—Mother's Day meal for all the ladies of the Church

June 22—Father's Day meal for all the men of the Church

June 22-24 -VBS @ St. James 6:30-8:00

May 4

Reader: Joyce Deeben

Acolyte: Austin Wolfgang

Greeter: Bruce Gilbert

May 11

Reader: Kathy Romberger

Acolyte: Jason James

Greeter: Steve & Linda Mattern



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