

# Saint James Lutheran Church

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A Parish of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service"

## Welcome!

St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At Saint James the beauty of worship ancient and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. together Join us as discover the sacred in the heart of the city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER DAY

APRIL 9, 2023 10:00 A.M.

## Introduction to Today's Worship

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

## Welcome!

Newcomers and visitors, we hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available in the Narthex during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns. Please be sure and sign the guestbook located in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor or to an usher so that we can extend to you a warm welcome.

Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Lutheran worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

Children are most welcome in worship at Saint James Church. For those who desire it, nursery care is provided on the first floor of the Education Building.

The First Aid Kit and the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) are located outside the church office door, immediately behind the Sanctuary. Fire extinguishers are located in the Sacristy and in the Narthex.

If you are interested in membership to this parish or desire a call from the Pastor, please indicate this to an usher or to the Pastor.

Restrooms are available on the first and second floors of the Education Building.

**Pew Pads** are on the end of each pew (*near center aisle*), please sign and pass so that we have a record of your attendance and communion.

## St. James Lutheran Church Facebook and Instagram groups

Send Joseph Beasley any pictures and/or articles you would like to have posted at joseph.f.beasley@gmail.com @stjamesnc

St. James YouTube Channel Go to <a href="www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a> search for stjameslutheranconcord and subscribe.

#### CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The Call Committee is pleased to announce that we have met with 3 Pastoral Candidates to date. These meetings have been positive, and we are having  $2^{nd}$  interviews with 2 of them. We will update you with any new details as they occur. Thanks for your continued support and prayers. God's Peace, Frank Irvin

**EASTER LILIES:** Please pick up your Easter Lily after the 10:00 service today.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Offering envelopes for 2023 finally have arrived. You may pick up yours in the area at the end of the office hallway. If you need them mailed to you, please contact Jill Irvin.



### WELCOME

## VOLUNTARY

#### Mors et Resurrectio

Jean Langlais

Congregational Responses in **Bold** (Stand)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### (Kneel or sit, as able)

Silence is held for reflection and self-examination

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

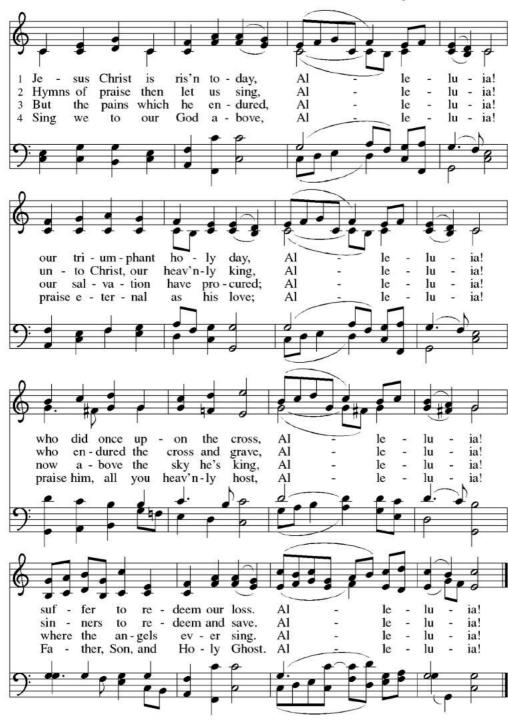
Amen.

(Stand)

## SEQUENCE FOR EASTER DAY

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Victimae Paschali Laudes



## GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

### Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

He has defeated the powers of death;

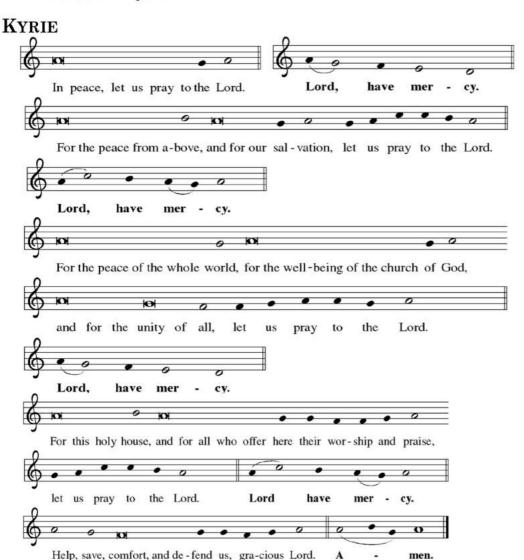
#### Alleluia! Alleluia!

He has the words of eternal life;

#### The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

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.

## FIRST READING ACTS 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

A reading from Acts, the thirty-fourth chapter.

Peter 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24 (Chanted by Choir)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now proclaim, His mercy endures for ever.

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup>The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them,

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the Lord, he who is righteous may enter.

- <sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you answered me, and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup>The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup>This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

#### SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

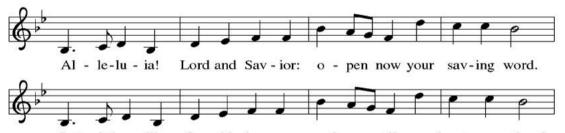
A reading from Colossians, the third chapter.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Choir sings, then everyone repeats. Repeated after Gospel)



Let it burn like fire with -in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



#### HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat

on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

Pastor Craig

## HYMN OF THE DAY

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## NICENE CREED (Stand)

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

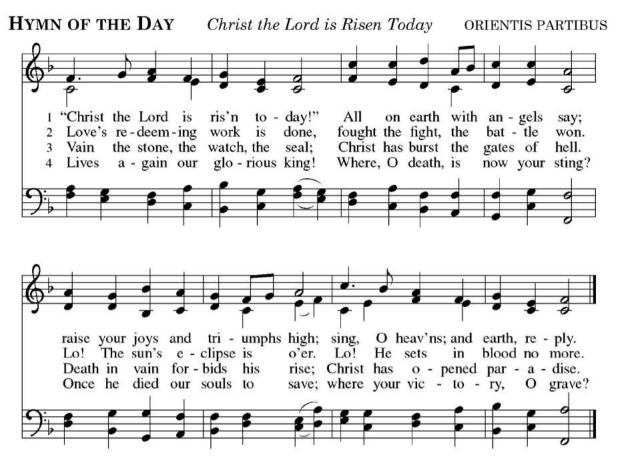
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

kneel or sit, as able

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.



- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet triumphant now; hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for Dietrich Bonhoeffer and all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Today, we especially pray for Rev. Judy Drysdale and our brothers and sisters in Christ at Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hickory, NC. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy.

hear our prayer.

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized especially those we name out loud and in the silence of our hearts. We pray for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

(Stand)

SHARING OF THE PEACE (This can be done verbally with no physical contact, if desired)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

Sing Ye To the Lord

Edward C. Bairstow

**OFFERING** 

(Offering plates presented at the altar)

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

## HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

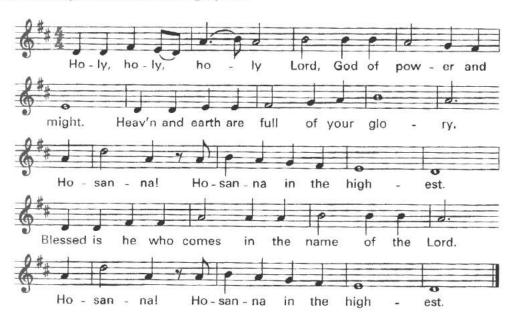
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church,



## LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us; we are bold to pray,

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion at St. James. If you desire to receive Communion, please proceed to the altar by way of the center aisle. The ushers will direct you. You will receive a wafer and a cup of wine. For those unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. After communing, please use the outside aisle to return to your seat. Communion will be brought to persons in the pews who are unable to come forward to the altar. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so.

## LAMB OF GOD

#### CHOIR AND CONGREGATION



## ANTHEM

Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

Craig Courtney

## Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show forth your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.** 

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to life, both now and forever. Amen.

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen: The Easter Song of Praise

Richard Shepherd

## SENDING HYMN

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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace, proclaim the resurrection.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!



CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata en Fa Majeur

Charles-Marie Widor

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#### Please email all information to the church office at keith@sinc.net FLOWERS BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK The flowers today are given

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

by Fuller and Jean Beasley to the Glory of God and in honor of newly baptized, Naomi

Elizabeth Lovelace on March 5, 2023.

PRAYER LIST Bethlehem Lutheran

Church, Hickory, NC Martha Summers

Patsy Black Tom Grady

Jim Weisel Tom Ridenhour

Marga Beville Betty Miller Karev Conrad, friend of

Al and Dee Pieschel Lynda Jones, sister of Barbara Merrell

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP Lector/Intercessor: Christine Ruff Communion Assistant:

Elizabeth Hurley Acolyte/Crucifer: Finley Stephens Jacob/Josh Rinker

Council Person of Month: Samantha Hillegass

Videographer: Robert and Debbie Davis

Instrumentalist: Jackie Siverly and Rachel Leonard - Trumpets, Kenneth

Schechter and Jason Wise -Trombones.

Graham Johnson - Tympani

Ushers:

Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin, Tony Folino, Nick Lovelace,

Jason Pittard