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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Sandy Barnhardt and The Rev. Dr. Hollis Miller by LeeAnn Miller.

**PRAYER LIST**

Paul Auten (friend of Robert & Debbie Davis), Joyce Beaty (friend of the Marlow's); Family of Michael Black (nephew of Patsy Black); Angie Buchanan; Mike & Debbie Cagle (friends of Robert & Debbie Davis); Noah Clifton; Bruce Coffey (friend of Mark Murphy); Karey Conrad (friend of Dee Pieschel); Catherine Durst (Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges); Nadine Filipak (friend of Al & Dee Pieschel); Anne Fridlund; Ed Frost (friend of the Marlow's); Tim Gibson (friend of Deb Black); Tom Grady; Scott Harrington (friend of Glenda Poole); Lawler (friend of Dee & Al Pieschel); Patricia Mahoney (sister-in-law of Joan Mahoney); Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow (friends of Shannon Nesbit); Stan Parnell (friend of Robert Davis); Jan Phillips (family of Brownie Brown); Al Pieschel; Tom Ridenhour; Geoff & Pam Seige (friends of Robert & Debbie Davis).

*St. James prays with Barbara Merrell upon the passing of her sister, Lynda Jones on April 5, 2025.*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Children and Volunteers... Please save the dates: **July 20 – 22, 2025** for Vacation Bible School. All volunteers will be required to have a current *Safe Gatherings* background check. Please contact [holly@sjnc.net](mailto:holly@sjnc.net) for instructions.

**The RESURRECTION of our LORD**

**April 20, 2025**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**TEN O'CLOCK**



**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

Maybe you need forgiveness, or maybe you need to forgive ... Maybe you're tired and you need a little space to breathe ... Maybe you're trying church for the first time, or maybe you're trying church for the last time... Maybe you've spent your whole life wondering if God really loves you... Maybe you're lonely... Maybe you're sick... Maybe you came here looking for a miracle... Maybe you came here looking for another church but got disoriented and came here instead, and now it's too late to get up and walk out... Maybe, with God, there are no accidents... Maybe, with God, there is hope and healing and miraculous companionship... Maybe, with God, there is space to breathe and forgiveness on top of forgiveness... Maybe, with God, there is love... Maybe, with God here in our midst, we will hear those words that still split open the heavens, "You are my son! You are my daughter! You are my beloved. You. In you I am well pleased!" Maybe this is why we gather together, week after week after week, here at St. James.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in this place - not just by the Saints at St. James, but by the God who revealed himself in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, our brother, and our friend.

Welcome to St. James.

If you are comfortable doing so, please introduce yourself to Pastor Bill. If you have visited with us a number of times and think you might want to "make it official," please speak to Pastor Bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to the person next to you or to an usher.

Restrooms are located on the first and second floor of the Education Building. A nursery is available for children up to and including five years of age on the first floor of the education building. An usher will be happy to help you find them.

If you're visiting or if you have been here for 99 years (and are willing to do so), please sign a pew pad.

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## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 20 – Sondra Bryn, George Hartsell

April 21 – Stephen DeGrace, Sydney Haberman, Ryan Kuly

April 26 – Kailey Hartman

## CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, April 20</b>	9:00am	Parish Choir
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:45am	Prelude Music with Instrumentalists
	10:00am	Easter Sunday Worship
<b>Monday, April 21</b>	<i>Church Offices Closed</i>	
<b>Thursday, April 24</b>	5:30pm	Handbells
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, April 27</b>	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00am	Parish Choir
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship

## COOK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

### **Attention Students!**

In 1968, John M. Cook, Jr. established an endowment to assist college and graduate students who are members of St. James Lutheran Church by helping with their tuition expenses.

The Cook Trust Fund Committee is now accepting applications for the 2025/2026 academic school year.

Interested applicants can email [holly@sjnc.net](mailto:holly@sjnc.net) for an application. Please confirm if you are a first-time or returning applicant so you will receive the appropriate forms.

Hard copies are also available for pickup from the office.

**\*\* Earlier deadline this year - MAY 11, 2025 \*\***

**Our Guest Musicians**

Trumpets: Sam Santiago, Justin Whitt

Trombones: Luke Estes, Judah Estes

Timpani: Jacob Lipham

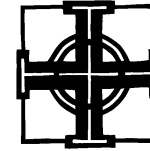
Violin 1: David Russell, Kirsten Allen, Alice Silva

Violin 2: Kathy Jarrell, Alicia Bowen, Alison Lawson

Viola: Matthew Darsey, Ning Zhao

Cello: Jeremy Lamb

Double Bass: Kurt Riecken



***St James Lutheran Church:  
Growing in Christ through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service.***

**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD  
THE HOLY COMMUNION**



**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Allegro

J. S. Bach

Allegro - Choral Alleluia  
(from *Organ Concerto in F, Op. 4, No. 4*)

G. F. Handel

Allegro assai  
(from *Symphonie I*)

Alexandre Guilmant

***Please stand.***

**THE INVOCATION**

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

**C** Amen.

**THE ENTRANCE HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

## THE KYRIE

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray ... 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, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



*Please sit.*

**THE FIRST READING:** Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One Willan, Healey

*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;  
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come;  
-Song of Solomon 2:10-12*

**THE SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

A The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**THE GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL:** This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has

sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was  
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in  
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -  
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

**THE GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the

linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**THE GOSPEL RECESSIONAL: This Joyful Eastertide**

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was  
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in  
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -  
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

*Please sit.*  
**THE SERMON**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #143 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly

still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;  
bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song  
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -  
grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives  
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,

of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

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

**THE 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 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.**

*Please kneel or sit, as able.*

#### **THE PRAYERS**

**A O Lord Jesus; you have risen victorious over our ancient foes – sin,  
death, and the devil. When this seems too good to be true, show us your  
wounded hands and side, and renew our faith. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, so  
we may believe, proclaim, share, and live this truth: that because death has no  
dominion over**

you, it shall not have dominion over anyone whom you have redeemed. Alleluia, risen  
Lord,  
**C in your mercy hear our prayer.**

This day, your Church is adorned with beauty. Adorn it also, dear Lord, with  
your holiness and love. Make it resplendent with faith, hope, and charity.  
Clothe it in righteousness and truth. Make its worship a foretaste of your  
eternal marriage feast, shared with all who come in repentant faith. Alleluia,  
risen Lord,  
**in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Keep close to your heart all Christians who suffer persecution even on this holy  
day. Grant them the joy of your saving help. Purge the leaven of hatred from  
their tormentors. Hasten the day when together they adore you, their Lord and  
God. Alleluia, risen Lord,  
**in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Crown this congregation with joy, kindness, and praise for your victorious love.  
Give us grace to share the hope that is within us with gentleness and respect.  
Alleluia, risen Lord,  
**in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Graciously bless the guests and visitors among us this day. Kindle the hearts of  
those who do not yet believe that you have conquered sin and death in your  
own body. Grant them faith to know that you live to bestow upon them eternal  
life, forgiveness, and peace. Alleluia, risen Lord,  
**in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Let peace and righteousness kiss; let mercy and healing overflow; and let  
wisdom and faith abound throughout the world. Bestow joy, comfort and  
wholeness upon all people, especially those afflicted by human malice or  
natural catastrophe; and bring us all into a right relationship with you forever.  
Alleluia, risen Lord,  
**in your mercy hear our prayer.**



Keep safe all who risk their lives on behalf of others. Equip them with the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the sandals of peace, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. Heal them when they fall. Fill their loved ones with confidence in your triumph over every foe. Alleluia, risen Lord,  
**in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Raise up all who sit in the shadows of pain, sorrow, and death. Bring comfort and forgiveness to those who cry out for mercy. Impart your life and love to them. Alleluia, risen Lord,  
**in your mercy hear our prayer.**

O risen Lord Jesus, those who died trusting you already experience that Easter morning that knows no end. Wipe away our tears, banish our doubts, and fill us with courage and joy. "Alleluia, risen Lord,  
**in your mercy hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen from the dead and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

### THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please sit.*

### THE ANTHEM

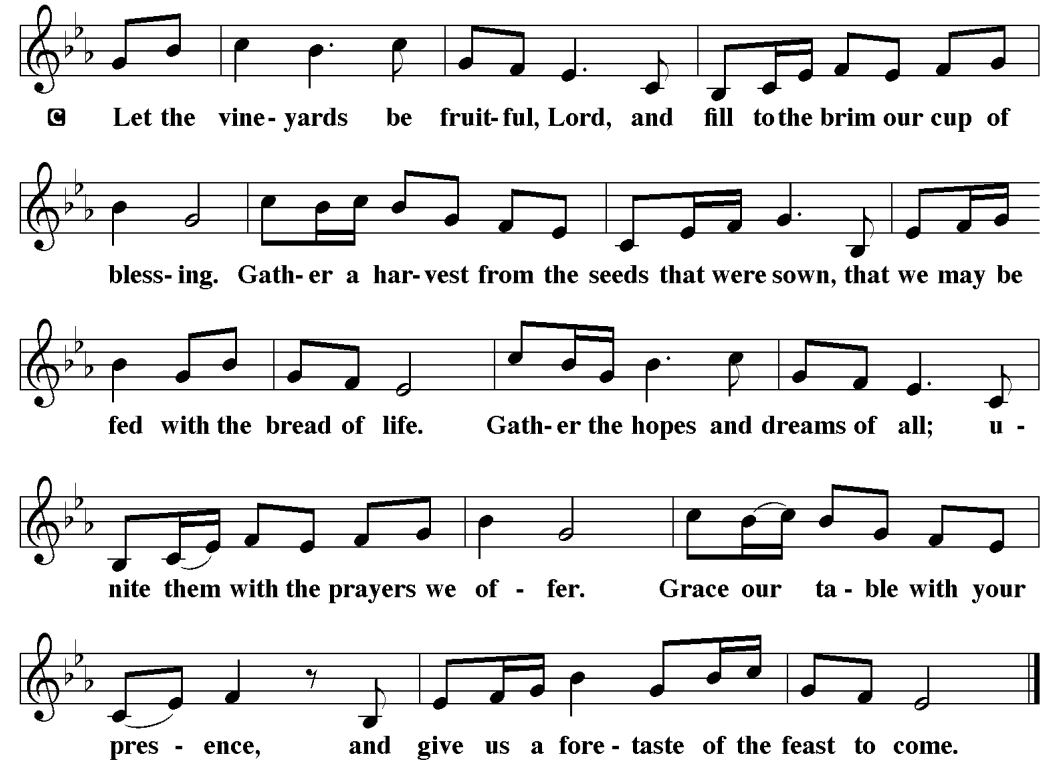
Hallelujah Chorus Ludwig van Beethoven  
(from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*)

*Hallelujah unto God's almighty son!  
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs in holy songs of joy.  
Man, proclaim his grace and glory!*

### THE OFFERING

*Please stand.*

### THE OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are you,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



### THE COMMUNION RITE

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 him thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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** You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.

We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

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.

**C** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**P** Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

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

**P** Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

☞ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty  
of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is  
yours, al - migh - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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;  
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.**

☞ 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, grant us peace.

*Please sit.*

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A: Instituted by Christ himself, it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q: What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

A: We are told in the words “for you” and “for the forgiveness of sins.” By these words the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

*-Luther’s Small Catechism Part V*

*Jesus bids all the baptized to feast at his table. Please come by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisle. If you need help figuring out where to and when to go, an usher or fellow worshiper will help you. At one time we too were confused. For those unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. If you are unable to come to the altar, the pastor will bring communion to you at your seat. Please advise an usher.*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

Largo J. S. Bach  
(from Concerto for Harpsichord No. 5 in F Minor, BWV 1056)

Air J. S. Bach  
(from Orchestral Suite No. 3)

God So Loved the World John Stainer

*God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world  
but that the world through Him might be saved.  
- John 3:16-17*

*Please stand.*

**THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C** Amen

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

**P** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen



**THE BENEDICTION**

**P** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

**THE SENDING HYMN: Thine Is the Glory (See Next Page.)**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Toccata from Symphonie V

Charles-Marie Widor



**Our Guest Musicians**

Trumpets: Sam Santiago, Justin Whitt  
Trombones: Luke Estes, Judah Estes  
Timpani: Jacob Lipham  
Violin 1: David Russell, Kirsten Allen, Alice Silva  
Violin 2: Kathy Jarrell, Alicia Bowen, Alison Lawson  
Viola: Matthew Darsey, Ning Zhao  
Cello: Jeremy Lamb  
Double Bass: Kurt Riecken

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

April 20 – Sondra Bryn, George Hartsell  
April 21 – Stephen DeGrace, Sydney Haberman, Ryan Kuly  
April 26 – Kailey Hartman

**CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday, April 20</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:00am	Parish Choir
	9:45am	Prelude Music with Instrumentalists
	10:00am	Easter Sunday Worship
<b>Monday, April 21</b>	<i>Church Offices Closed</i>	
<b>Thursday, April 24</b>	5:30pm	Handbells
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, April 27</b>	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00am	Parish Choir
	9:30am	Children’s Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship

**COOK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

**Attention Students!**

In 1968, John M. Cook, Jr. established an endowment to assist college and graduate students who are members of St. James Lutheran Church by helping with their tuition expenses. The Cook Trust Fund Committee is now accepting applications for the 2025/2026 academic school year.

Interested applicants can email [holly@sjnc.net](mailto:holly@sjnc.net) for an application. Please confirm if you are a first-time or returning applicant so you will receive the appropriate forms.

Hard copies are also available for pickup from the office.

**\*\* Earlier deadline this year - MAY 11, 2025 \*\***