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ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Kevin, Jenny, Judah, and Luke Estes by the St. James Choir.

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The RESURRECTION of our LORD
April 5, 2026
THE HOLY COMMUNION
TEN O’CLOCK



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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.

Let us know you visited!



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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 6 – David Clary, Amy Griffith, Mark Murphy

April 9 – Myers Jones

April 11 – Alison Monk

CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

9:00am

Choir

9:30am

Children's Sunday School

9:45am

Music Prelude

10:00am

Worship

Mon., April 6

Easter Monday – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 7

6:00pm

Executive Committee

Thurs., April 9

6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 12

9:00am

Adult Sunday School

9:00am

Choir

9:30am

Children's Sunday School

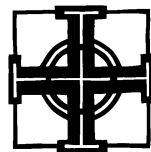
10:00am

Worship

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're looking for Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Videographers to help on Sundays. Sign up at sjnc.net under the volunteer tab.

Altar Flower dates are also available on a first-come, first-served basis. Not sure where to start? Email us at info@sjnc.net for more information, training, or to connect with a volunteer team leader.



St James Lutheran Church:

Growing in Christ through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service.

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



Welcome

Prelude

Allegro con spirito (from Sonata in F)

W. A. Mozart

Allegro assai (from Symphonie I)

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: #151 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

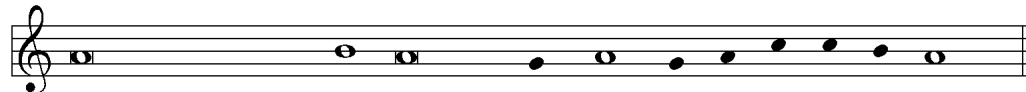
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.**



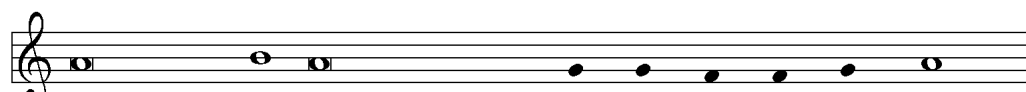
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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-tory 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 The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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

³⁴Peter 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.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

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

A The Word of the Lord.

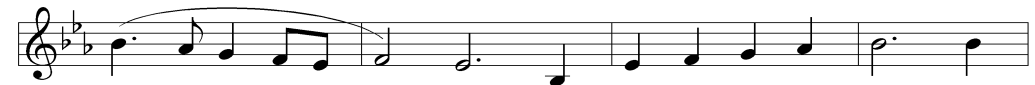
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: #149 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. Matthew, the 28th Chapter.

Glo - ry 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. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P: 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, **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.**

The leaders of the world are failing to keep the peace. May the power of Jesus' resurrection help them to silence their weapons for when they fail our family, friends and neighbors wind up in harm's way. Keep all whose duty places them in harm's way safe and return them to us in good health, especially our brother, Mason. 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

THE OFFERING

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!*

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 - might - 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. For those unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. If you wish for the pastor to bring communion to you. Please advise an usher.

COMMUNION MUSIC

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: #145 Thine Is the Glory (See Next Page.)

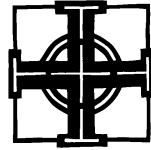
1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-
vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,
rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.
Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Toccata from Symphonie V Charles-Marie Widor



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With Thanksgiving and Appreciation for our Guest Musicians:

Violin 1: Peter DeVries, Tyler Lewis

Violin 2: Alice Silva, Michelle Thompson

Viola: Piotr Swic, Anna Swic

Cello: Matthew Lavin

Double Bass: Eric Thompson

Trumpet: Justin Whitt, Wyatt Martinez

Trombone: Judah Estes, Luke Estes

Timpani: Katie Kilroy

TRY THE CHOIR – YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED!

Many people assume you must be “really talented” to join a choir. In our church, we believe something simpler: if you have a willing heart and a desire to contribute, you belong here. The Parish Choir and Bell Choir do more than rehearse—they build community, support one another, and help lead the congregation in worship. You don’t need prior choir experience, and you don’t need to be able to “read every note.” You will be welcomed by friendly members who will help you get oriented, answer questions, and make sure you feel at home from your very first rehearsal. Come explore—there is truly a place for everyone. To learn more, speak with any choir member, or contact Dr. Kevin Estes (kevin@sjnc.net). For Bell Choir details, please contact Brad Davis (cbdsax@gmail.com).

AMAZING GRACE BLESSING BOX INITIATIVE

Amazing Grace's Life Skills Lab program continues to keep the Blessing Box stocked every Tuesday and Thursday in partnership with the iCAN Organization. You can join in this ongoing effort by donating non-perishable food or hygiene items. The red Blessing Box collection bin will remain on the Portico Counter and serve as a year-round ministry opportunity.

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