

# St. James Lutheran Church Newsletter



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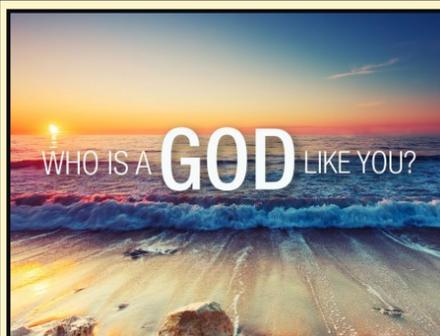
## Online Worship

Online worship services are being recorded and are available on our website. If you don't have a computer and someone who is with you has a smartphone or tablet, these services can be played by going to our website, [www.sjnc.net](http://www.sjnc.net), selecting **Publications** and **Online Worship**.



## OFFICE PHONE

If you call the church office, please leave a message. Staff will be checking their messages on a regular basis.



Who is there like you, God of mercy and grace who loves us as you do?

Who knows and understands our actions as you do?  
Who hears the thoughts and words of our heart as you do?  
Who knows our joys and sorrows and shares them as you do?  
Who feels the pain we endure and comforts us as you do?  
Who hears as we confess our sins and forgives as you do?  
Who takes a broken heart and makes it whole as you do?  
Who finds a life that's lost and welcomes it home as you do?

Who is there like you, God of mercy and grace who loves us as you do?



Your church is here for you. Please do not hesitate to call

the church office, 704-786-0166 and leave a message if you have needs. This could include picking up medicine, groceries, etc. Your church family is here for you!

MAY 2020



**Prayers and Blessings**  
For Daily Use



**MORNING BLESSING**

I am a beloved child of God, marked with the cross of Christ forever. ✚

Your mercies are new every morning.  
(Based on Lam. 3:23)

**T**hank you, gracious God, for the gift of this new day. Awaken me to your abiding presence; open my eyes to your creation; open my ears to your promises; open my heart to the needs of others. Fill me with your Spirit and guide me this day in works of kindness, justice, and mercy. I ask this in the name of Jesus, the light and life of the world. Amen.

**EVENING BLESSING**

I am a beloved child of God, marked with the cross of Christ forever. ✚



Come to me, all you that are weary . . . and I will give you rest. (Matt. 11:28)

**T**hank you, gracious God, for the gift of this coming night. Restore me with your right spirit. Calm my mind. Quiet my heart. Enfold me with your bountiful mercy. Protect me from all harm, that I sleep assured of the peace found in you alone. I ask this in the name of Jesus, who gives us rest. Amen.



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| 1-May  | Anna Grace | CRAVER     |
| 3-May  | Charlotte  | GLATZ      |
| 3-May  | Edwin      | GLATZ      |
| 3-May  | Elizabeth  | HARRIS     |
| 3-May  | Joy        | LINEBERGER |
| 4-May  | Thomas     | BAKER      |
| 4-May  | Deedee     | GILBERT    |
| 4-May  | John       | KULY       |
| 4-May  | Trent      | PROPST     |
| 5-May  | Julie      | BURROUGHS  |
| 5-May  | Michael    | CARTWRIGHT |
| 5-May  | Sarah      | PROPST     |
| 6-May  | Kimmie     | BROOKS     |
| 6-May  | Bryson     | ZIEGLER    |
| 7-May  | Anthony    | WYATT      |
| 8-May  | Sandy      | BARNHARDT  |
| 8-May  | Patricia   | MCDONOUGH  |
| 9-May  | Anne       | READLING   |
| 11-May | Hollis     | MILLER     |
| 17-May | Liz        | KLEIN      |
| 18-May | Dare       | GODFREY    |
| 18-May | Harrison   | PROPST     |
| 18-May | Amy        | WHISNANT   |
| 19-May | Nicolas    | LOVELACE   |
| 20-May | Greg       | HARTMAN    |
| 20-May | Rich       | REZZA      |
| 20-May | Louise     | WALKER     |
| 21-May | Beverly    | HEILIG     |
| 21-May | Ethan      | PATTERSON  |
| 22-May | Wayne      | KING       |
| 23-May | Grayson    | DOWNS      |
| 23-May | Mason      | OVERBY     |
| 24-May | Ronald     | KROME      |
| 27-May | Brad       | BAKER      |
| 29-May | Dylan      | RUTEMILLER |
| 31-May | Joe        | GRADY      |
| 31-May | Samantha   | HILLEGASS  |



- ◆ Ralph & Sandy Barnhardt
- ◆ Richard Benz
- ◆ Phyllis Harward
- ◆ Joan and Pat Mahoney
- ◆ Clary Phillips
- ◆ Doris Smith
- ◆ Cliff Caffrey
- ◆ Alex Patterson
- ◆ Alex Barnhardt
- ◆ Carole Grady
- ◆ Charlie Shifley and Family, *brother of Annette Propst*
- ◆ The Pittard Family
- ◆ Blair Edwards, *great-granddaughter of Juanita Fitts*
- ◆ Our homebound members, *and all in need of prayer*
- ◆ Angie Buchanan

**All Health Care Professionals and  
First Responders including:**

- ◆ Deb Bradshaw
- ◆ DeeDee Gilbert
- ◆ Annette Propst
- ◆ Dr Bradley Propst, *son of Kenny and Annette Propst*
- ◆ Sam Hurley, *son of Elizabeth Hurley*
- ◆ Lisa Snyder, *friend of Debbie Wilkinson*
- ◆ Julie Greathouse, *friend of Lois Marlow*
- ◆ Betsy Waselovich, *sister of Golda Jay*
- ◆ Dr. Kevin Burns, *son-in-law of Margaret Garrison*
- ◆ Dr. Stephanie Garrison, *daughter-in-law of Margaret Garrison*
- ◆ Lauren, *daughter of Angie Buchanan*
- ◆ Jason and Stephanie Matthews, *son and daughter-in-law of Martha Matthews*



***To the Glory of God and  
In Loving Memory***

**Aubrey Hillis**

By Will and Ann Gillon

**Gib Heilig**

By Ralph Barnhardt

By Keith and Margaret Fink

By Margaret Garrison for Cemetery Fund

By Tom and Carole Grady

By Wayne and Libby Williams

**Hollis Miller**

By Jeff Miller for Sound System

By Jon and LeeAnn Miller for Sound System

By Susan Miller for Sound System

**Jennie Martin Tomlin**

By Keith and Margaret Fink

**Lala Mosley**

By Ralph Barnhardt

By Tom and Carole Grady



# SUNDAYS IN MAY



## SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10**



## SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father’s house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus’ mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-14**



## SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray

that in our gathering around the Lord’s table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21**



## SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today’s gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11**



## SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020 DAY OF PENTECOST

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God’s presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God’s presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God’s redeeming love to all the world.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23**