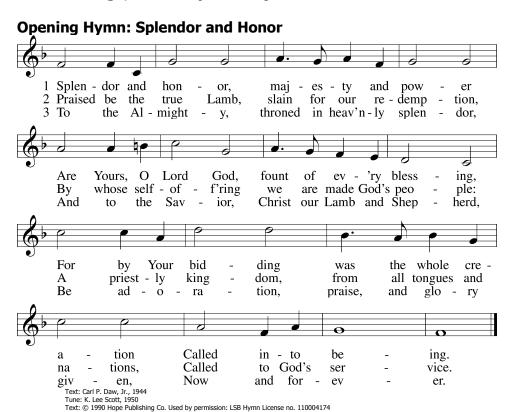
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Welcome and Invocation

Confession and Absolution

© God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our selfish desires to live for You. Give us the Holy Spirit, that, attentive to Your Word, we may confess our trespasses, receive Your forgiveness, and then walk in the new life given by Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

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-Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination-

P Gracious Father, have mercy on us.

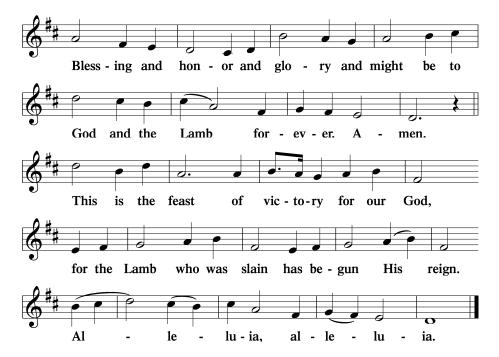
- In Your compassion, forgive us our many sins, known and unknown, wrong things done and good left undone. We are sorry and want now to serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy Name. Amen.
- Almighty God has had mercy on you and, for the sake of Jesus Christ, whom He sent to die for you, has forgiven

 → all your sins.

 Now, living in union with Christ, may He lead you in all good works and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

G Amen.





Epistle Reading

3 John 5-8

A The Epistle is from 3 John, chapter 1.

⁵Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, ⁶who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. ⁷For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:18-20

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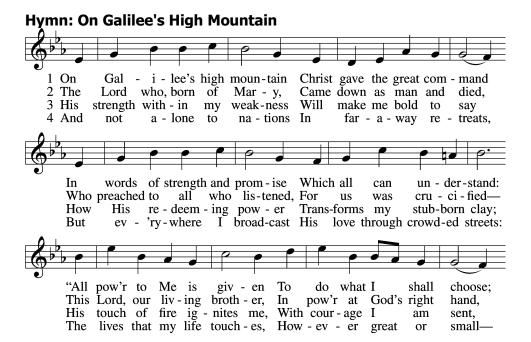
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

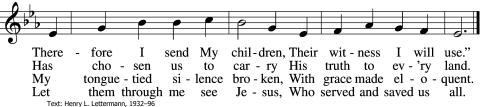
 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer of the Day

- Lord Jesus Christ, You stretched out Your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross
- that everyone might come within the reach of Your saving embrace.
- L So clothe us in Your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love,
- may bring those who do not know You to the knowledge and love of You;
- I for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
- and forever. Amen.





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Sermon: The Mission of God

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Currently, the offering plate will not be passed. There is a plate in the Narthex for you to place your offering. You may give to God and the work of His Church by mailing them in, but you can also give electronically by using the OR code below.

Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have generously blessed us in Christ,

- and made us rich in gifts, spiritual and material.
- **P** We offer them back to You, O Father.
- **•** We trust you with everything.
- P Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen

Holy Communion

→ Holy Communion →

To Our Guests Regarding Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church. In it, He offers His true Body and Blood in and with the bread and wine.

It is the gift of Himself!

When received in faith, Holy Communion gives forgiveness, new life & salvation.

Those who receive the Lord's Supper at St. James Lutheran Church are baptized Christians, committed in their faith in Christ, who have been instructed in and believe these truths.

(We run classes both for young people and adults – everyone welcome.)

God bless you!

Preface

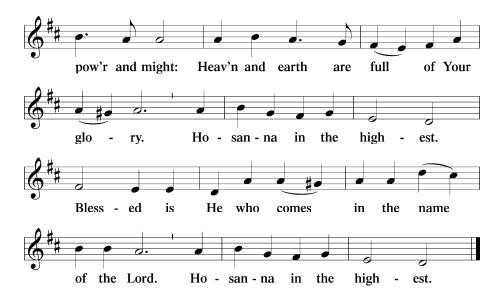
- P Hallelujah: for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns! [Rev 19:6-9]
- Let us rejoice and exult, for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
- **P** and His bride has made herself ready.
- **B**lessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Proper Preface

It is good, right, our joy, and our duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. And He will appear on earth again in great glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

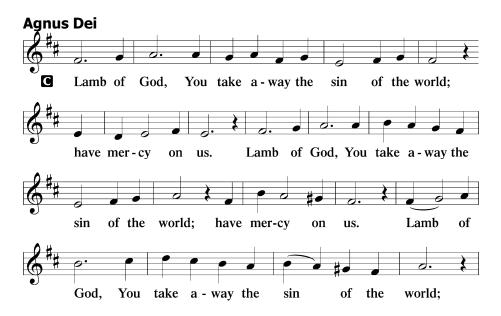
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The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord





Distribution

Distribution Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life

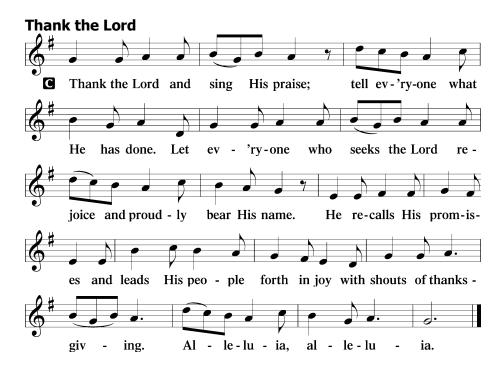
1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain:

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

- 2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever. [Refrain]
- 3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. [Refrain]
- 4. I am the Resurrection,
 I am the life.
 If you believe in Me,
 even though you die, you shall live for ever. [Refrain]
- 5. Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, Who has come into the world. [Refrain]

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Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Announcements

Closing Hymn: Go to the World!

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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- 2 Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place. Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray. The nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, For I am with you till the age shall end, When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Postlude: Vivace, Voluntary in G Major

J. Stanley

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