



Saturday, May 10, 2025, 5:30 pm
Sunday, May 11, 2025, 8:30 am

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY



*Changing lives with the love of God
to the glory of God*

Welcome Guests!

We're glad you're with us today!

We hope you'll introduce yourself to the Pastor at the Church door after worship today.

Worship Schedule

Our regular worship times are:

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Sundays at 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Sunday School at 10:00 am September-June

Serving in the Lord's house today:

5:30: Carol Chirco / 8:30: Owen Schmideler / 10:00: Sandra McIlveen

Altar flowers have been given- For the Miciak Family. We thank God for his blessings with our neighbors of 60 years. The Miciak had helped us in times of need and loves us as Jesus taught. From The Groppe Family

Pastor: Neil Mittelstaedt

Pastor: Conner Forbes

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Ministers: All the people of St. James

Prelude: Have No Fear Little Flock/The King of Love

Mark Sedio

Opening Hymn: Splendor and Honor



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

Welcome and Invocation

Confession and Absolution

P Trusting in the work and triumph of Christ's cross and resurrection, let us kneel to confess our sins.

-silence is kept for reflection and self-examination-

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not given You the place in our hearts that You deserve,
nor have we served one another as You command.**

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

**so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, died in our place, and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.
May God now strengthen you with power for new living through the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



- 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23

A The Old Testament Reading is from Psalm 23.

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Reading

John 10:22–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

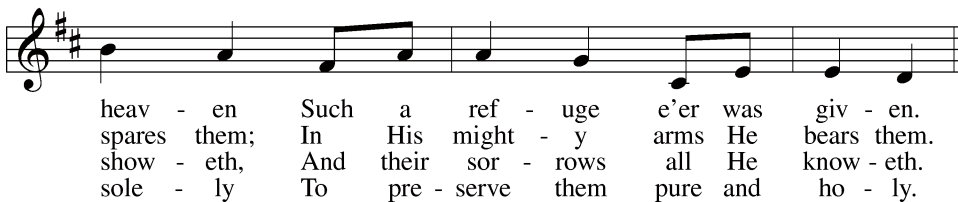
Hymn: Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



Sermon: Jesus Is With Me

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.**

A Special Blessing for Mothers

The book of Proverbs shares with us the wise sayings of God. Proverbs 31 teaches us about what a woman of God is like. She is praised for caring for her family and her community. On Mother's Day, we read this Proverb in honor of all of the women who have cared for us. We rejoice in their strength, their abilities, and their trust in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 31:10-31

- L** *An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.*
- C** **The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.**
- L** *She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.*
- C** **She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.**
- L** *She is like the ships of the merchant;
she brings her food from afar.*
- C** **She rises while it is yet night
and provides food for her household
and portions for her maidens.**
- L** *She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.*
- C** **She dresses herself with strength
and makes her arms strong.**
- L** *She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.*
- C** **She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.**
- L** *She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.*
- C** **She is not afraid of snow for her household,
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.**
- L** *She makes bed coverings for herself;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.*
- C** **Her husband is known in the gates
when he sits among the elders of the land.**
- L** *She makes linen garments and sells them;
she delivers sashes to the merchant.*
- C** **Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.**
- L** *She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*
- C** **She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.**
- L** *Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:*
- C** **"Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."**

L *Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*

C **Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.**

A Prayer for Mothers

L *Heavenly Father, from the very beginning You saw that it was not good for man to be alone. From Adam, You created the perfect companion: Eve, who became the mother of all the living. We give You thanks for the gift of our mothers. We thank You for their strength, their courage, their determination, and above all, we thank You for those mothers who teach us about Your Son, Jesus Christ.*

C **Continue to be with the moms of our congregation. As they live their lives, draw them closer to You so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, they will be strengthened until You resurrect them to Eternal Life.**

L *Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now*

C **and forever. 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 QR code below.



Offering Prayer

L You have given us life, O God,

C **new life in the resurrection of Your Son from the dead.**

L We give our lives to You

C **even as we bring to You, as part of our lives, our offering.**

L Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ 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!

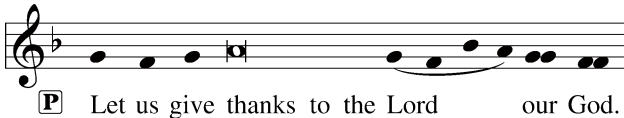
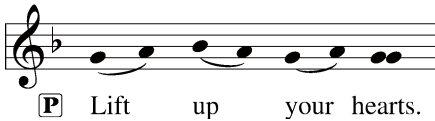
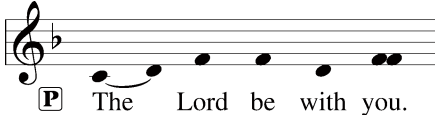
When received in faith, Holy Communion gives forgiveness, new life & salvation.

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** *It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give You thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.*
- C** **And now we give You thanks because through Him You have given us eternal life**
- P** *and delivered us from the bondage of sin and the fear of death into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*
- C** **Therefore with Mary Magdalene and Joanna,**
- P** *with Peter and John, Thomas and Nathanael, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection,*
- C** **with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,**
- P** **we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:**

Sanctus



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

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

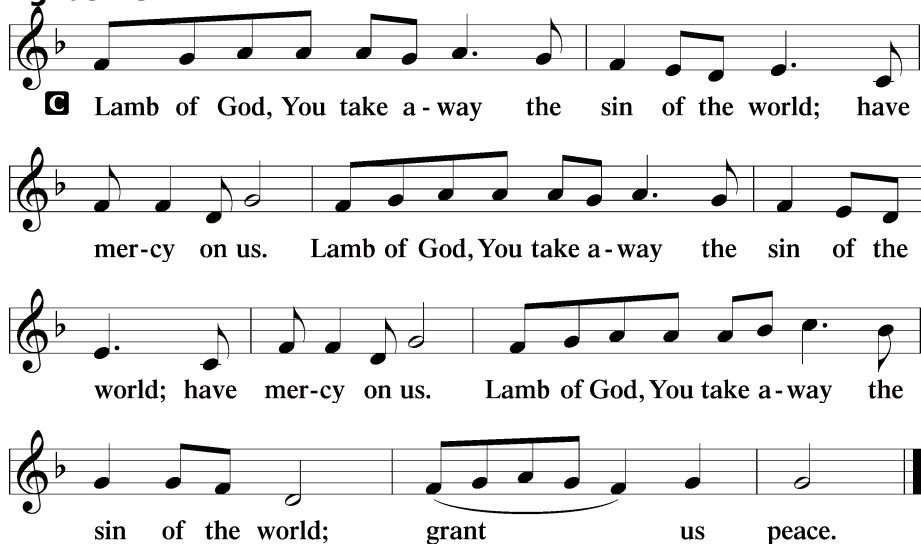
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



☐ 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.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Song After Communion: Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

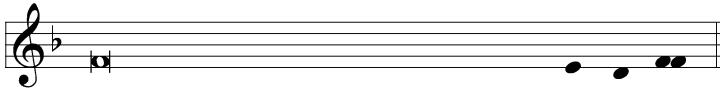


He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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.



C A - men.

Announcements

Closing Hymn: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



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|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 1 Sav - ior, | like a shep - herd | lead us; | Much we |
| 2 We are | Yours; in love | be - friend us, | Be the |
| 3 You have | prom - ised to re - ceive | us, | Poor and |
| 4 Ear - ly | let us seek Your fa - vor, | | Ear - ly |



need Your ten - der	care.	In Your pleas - ant	pas - tures
guard - ian of our	way;	Keep Your flock, from sin	de -
sin - ful though we	be;	You have mer - cy to re -	
let us do Your	will;	Bless - ed Lord and	on - ly



feed us,	For our use	Your fold	pre - pare.
fend us,	Seek us when	we go	a - stray.
lieve us,	Grace to cleanse,	and pow'r	to free.
Sav - ior,	With Your love	our spir - its	fill.



Bless - ed	Je - sus,	bless - ed	Je - sus,	You have
Bless - ed	Je - sus,	bless - ed	Je - sus,	Hear us
Bless - ed	Je - sus,	bless - ed	Je - sus,	Ear - ly
Bless - ed	Je - sus,	bless - ed	Je - sus,	You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

Postlude: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

arr. E. Childs

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING: Church Council Meeting, May 14th, 2025, at 7pm in the Church Library. Any member of the congregation is welcome to attend as an observer.

KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE PARTY: May 17th, 2pm – 4pm in the parish hall. For boys ages 2-10, with one adult male per child. Come for an afternoon of adventure! Please register online by visiting stjlc.com and clicking on the events tab.

SPIRITUAL FIRST AID: Join us to learn Spiritual First Aid, a biblically based framework for emotional and crisis care. This important training course will be Friday, June 6 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and then continuing Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with lunch provided. All sessions take place in the Parish Hall. For more information and how to register, please visit our app or stjlc.com and click on the events tab.

LERT: Sunday, June 8th Registration: 1:00 – 1:30 pm Training: 1:30 – 5:00 pm. In the chaos of disaster (like hurricane, fire, or flood), it's important to stay focused on the task at hand. Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) get deployed all around our country, and we at StJLC want to get in on what they're doing. LERT training will help you focus on the most important thing to remember as you prepare to respond to a disaster, even in your own community. At the center of LERT volunteer training is one thing: MERCY! Christ's mercy is the basis for everything we say and do. For more information and how to register, please visit our app or stjlc.com and click on the events tab. If you need any assistance with registration, please contact Jim Sauer at 631-523-3118.

VBS 2025: True North-Trusting Jesus in a Wild World will be taking place Monday, August 4th through Friday, August 8th. Registration forms will be available on our church website starting Monday, May 5th. Looking forward to having your children join us. Any questions, please contact VBS Director Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017 or karinryan1@yahoo.com

VBS ITEMS NEEDED: Snack items are needed to make the daily snacks for the children who attend VBS. A list of the items needed is located in the narthex. If you would like to donate items for the snacks please sign your name & include your phone number next to the item you would like to donate. Please contact VBS snack leader Eve Miceli at 631-523-6021.

REMINDERS

FOOD PANTRY NEWS: HELP! JUNE is our churches month to staff the food pantry. A volunteer sign up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board. Hours are 9:30-12:30 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays. At this time we need: large jars of peanut butter, large Chunky or Progresso cans of soup and bottles of juice or juice boxes. Please leave donations in the Narthex red bin under the flower sign up sheets. Monetary checks are ALWAYS appreciated and can be sent to: Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1663 Smithtown, N. Y. 11787. Thank you!! Questions? Call Liz Wagner at 631-862-7508 or Jeanne Harmer at 631-484-5203.

SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF LANCASTER PA: Join us as we journey back in time, to experience the show NOAH at the Sight and Sound theatre in Lancaster, PA on October 1st and 2nd. We will be going by coach motor bus and sightseeing the Amish countryside, a movie presentation of JACOB, the show NOAH and more. Accommodations have been made for one night at the Heritage Inn and breakfast/dinner, taxes and gratuities, all admissions are included. All this for only \$369 pp. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Haase at 631-241-6066. This will be a very exciting trip and is open to everyone. So Come Along and have a great time as we go back in time

GIVING WITH SUBSPLASH: In order to ensure the most secure and seamless experience, we will be transitioning to a new giving platform. **We will be moving from Vanco to Subsplash.** This change will help us manage resources more effectively, at less cost, and make it even easier for you to support the mission of our church. Visit stjlc.com and click on the tab that says "Give" for full directions on how to make the switch! If you need assistance, please email Luann at luann@stjlc.com or call 631-584-5212. If needed, you may make an appointment for help!

CHURCH OFFERINGS: If you do not use our electronic offering service, you may mail your church offering to the Church Office, 230 Second Ave, St. James, NY, 11780. Thank you for your continued support of our church!

TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS: Call Connie Marohn at 862-7123 after you have signed up for your requested date in the Altar Flower Book in the Narthex. Please use an Altar Guild envelope located in the Narthex to place your check for \$25.00 for *each* Bouquet payable to St. James Lutheran Church Flowers and the wording you wish printed in the bulletin. Place the envelope into the offering plate or mail to 230 Second Ave., NY 11780. Envelopes must be received by Monday for the subsequent weekend.

Peek at the Week

SUNDAY May 11

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
10am Worship and Sunday School (Sanctuary)
6:30pm – 8pm TOF High School (Upper Room)

MONDAY May 12

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)
7pm-9pm MAD Ministry Meeting (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY May 13

7:00 pm Chosen Group For all (Parish Hall)
7:30pm Mom's Chosen Group (Upper Room)

WEDNESDAY May 14

6:30pm Chancel Chimes Rehearsal (Balcony)
6:30pm – 7:30pm Confirmation (Youth Room)
7pm Council Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY May 15

10am-12pm Thursday Morning Chosen Group (Youth Room)
7pm Troop 301 Meeting (Parish Hall)
7:30pm – 9pm Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY May16

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY May 17

8am – 10am Men's Chosen Group (Norway Hall)
2pm Boys Knights of the Round Table Party (Parish Hall)
5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY May 18

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
10am Worship and Sunday School (Sanctuary)
6:30pm – 8pm TOF Middle School (Parish Hall)

COME FOR BATTLE AND ADVENTURE!



OF THE ROUND TABLE

Saturday | May 17th | 2-4pm

St. James Lutheran Church Parish Hall

Please register by May 10th using the QR code above.

For boys (ages 2 to 10) and their Dads
(Each boy must be accompanied by a male adult)

No Costume required.

Suggested donation of \$10 per boy.

HAPPY
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