



**Sunday, May 18, 2025, 10am**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*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: Daisy Karika / 8:30: Daisy Karika / 10:00: Pete Campisi

Altar flowers have been given- for those in our congregation who help the sick with their prayers, cards, and contact. We thank God for his blessings. From Bill, Marge, and Cindy Groppe

Pastor: Neil Mittelstaedt

Pastor: Conner Forbes

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Ministers: All the people of St. James

## **Opening Song: How Great is Our God**

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice!  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice!

*[Chorus]:*

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, How great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end,  
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb!

*[Chorus]*

You're the Name above all names, worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing, "How great is our God!"

*[Repeat]*

*[Chorus 2x]*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Invocation**

*(Children come to the front of the Church)*

### **Children's Message**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

## Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

[Chorus]  
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

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Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory

[Chorus]

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Jesus Christ my living hope  
God, You are my living hope

## Epistle Reading

**A** The first Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 2.

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

**A** The second Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4.

<sup>9</sup>Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to **love one another**, <sup>10</sup>for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, <sup>11</sup>and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to **work with your hands**, as we instructed you, <sup>12</sup>so that you may live properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

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## Holy Gospel Reading

*Luke 10:25–37*

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

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup>And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Prayer of the Day

**L** *Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son among us as one who serves.*

**G** **In our various occupations, deliver us from service of self alone,**

**L** *that we may do the work You give us to do,*

**G** **joining with You in loving and serving our neighbor;**

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

**G** **and forever. Amen.**

**Sermon:** Work

## **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 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.**

## 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 self-centeredness 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.**



## ✠ 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.

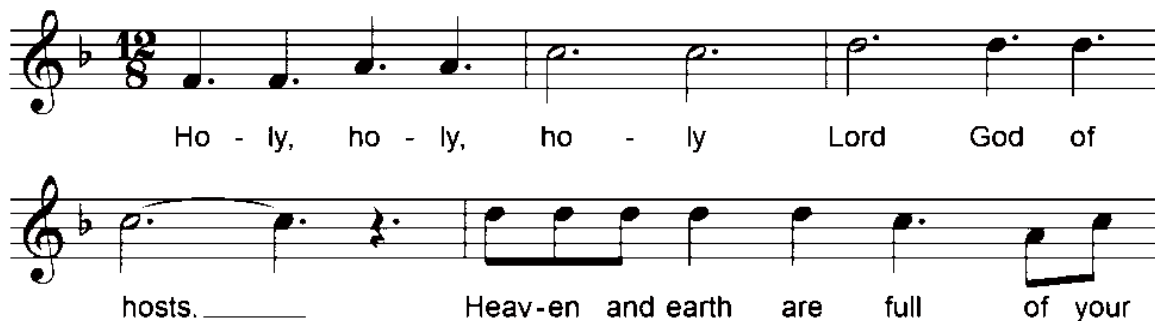
*(We run classes both for young people and adults – everyone welcome.)*

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:*

### Holy, Holy



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. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, Christ have\_\_

mer - - cy. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sins of the world, Christ have\_\_ mer - cy.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, grant\_\_ us\_\_

peace,\_\_\_\_ grant\_\_ us\_\_ peace.\_\_\_\_

## Distribution

### Prayer After Communion

- L** *We give You thanks, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this gift of Christ's body and blood,*
- C** **and pray that, by our communion with Him, His life would flow in us,**
- L** *energizing our faith in You*
- C** **and our loving service toward one another;**
- L** *through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now*
- C** **and forever. Amen.**

## Benediction

### Closing Song: Step by Step

Oh God, You are my God  
And I will ever praise you  
Oh God, You are my God  
And I will ever praise you  
I will seek You in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days  
(repeat)

And I will follow You all of my days  
And I will follow You all of my days  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days



Please join us downstairs after the 10 a.m. Service in the Parish Hall for the SJ Cafe.

## **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LADIES NIGHT OUT:** Please join us for our next ladies night out on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. We will be making dried flower art. Bring a friend and \$10 for your art. Registration can be found on the events tab of our website [stjlc.com](http://stjlc.com) and on our facebook page.

**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](http://stjlc.com) and click on the events tab.

**LERT:** Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be available on our church website starting Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to having your children join us. Any questions, please contact VBS Director Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017 or [karinryan1@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 18**

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
10am Worship and Sunday School (Sanctuary)  
11:30am – 12:15pm King's Kids Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rom)  
6:30pm – 8pm TOF Middle School (Parish Hall)

### **MONDAY May 19**

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)  
7:30pm - 9:30pm Smithtown Stitchers (Parish Hall)

### **TUESDAY May 20**

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

### **WEDNESDAY May 21**

6:30pm Chancel Chimes Rehearsal (Balcony)  
6:30pm - 7:30pm Confirmation (Youth Room)  
7pm - 9pm Getting Clear Class (Parish Hall)

### **THURSDAY May 22**

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

### **FRIDAY May 23**

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

### **SATURDAY May 24**

8am – 10am Men's Chosen Group (Norway Hall)  
5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

### **SUNDAY May 25**

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



St. James Moms Group invites you to...

# LADIES' NIGHT OUT



Join us to make dried flower art!

**FRIDAY, MAY 30TH**  
**AT 7:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL**

Bring a friend & \$10 for your framed art!

