

**St. James Evangelical
Lutheran Church
April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter**

**Worship every Sunday
10:45 AM**

Welcome

***We welcome all visitors who come to worship with us today.
We are delighted that you have come to share in the prayer
and praise of our Lord and invite you to return and add your
voice to ours in holy celebration. If you have a special need or
prayer write it on the prayer card in the pew rack and place it
in the offering plate. Before you leave us today, we ask that
you please sign our guest book.***

**Pastor: REVS. SCOTT & CAROL CUSTEAD
Church Organist/Choir Director: PATRICIA McCONNELL
Administrative Assistant: Tim Surkovich**

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St. James Mission Statement: To make disciples of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament by the Holy Spirit.

Announcements: If you cannot read the hymns, you can turn to the hymn in the red ELW hymnal in the pew racks.

Prelude: Rejoice The Lord Is King arr. T Frederick Canolyn
(*We take this time to silently prepare our hearts and minds for worship*)

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

An extended silence may be kept.

Merciful God,

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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We Gather

*GATHERING SONG: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! ELW 385

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die; and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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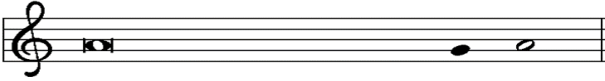
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***GREETING:**

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.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



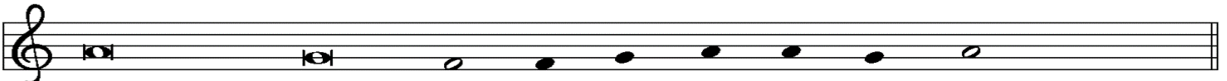
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



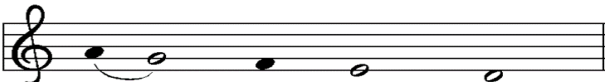
Lord, have mer - cy.



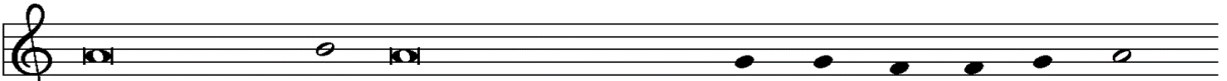
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

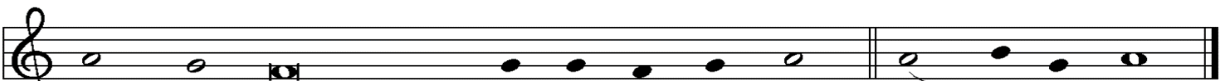


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We Listen to the Word

First Reading:

Acts 3:12-19

A reading from Acts.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

SOLO: “I Will Sing New Songs”

Bob Hench

Second Reading:

1 John 3:1-7

A reading from John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.
⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.
⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL:**

Luke 24:36b-48

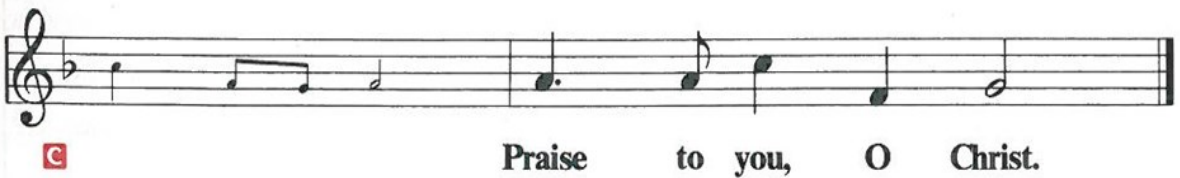
The Holy Gospel according to Luke.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

^{36b} Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord



Sermon

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn of the Day: O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing ELW 386
Sing Verses 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 Only

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing



2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,

3 An an - gel clad in white they see,

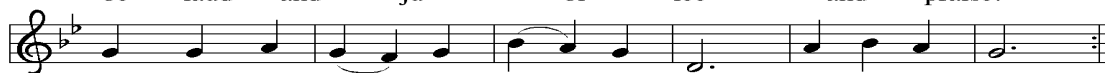
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;

Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.

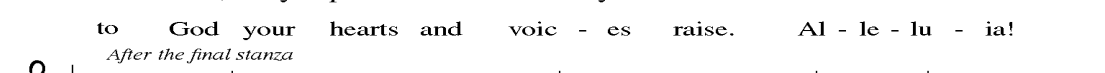
9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



After the final stanza



5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!

6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

***Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we pray for the church and its ministry to youth. Strengthen all those planning for the National Lutheran Youth Gathering. Prepare the hearts and minds of the youth and adults who will experience your love at this event this summer. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, you gave us dominion over every living creature. Grant us wisdom to use our power to develop constructive farming and housing practices. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, walk with all whose homes are ravaged by war and civil turmoil. Protect them and bring peace and good order to all places. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, you heal us. We pray for all who have not been granted the healing they desire and for all who cannot find the care they need. Inspire and raise up social workers, doctors, nurses, and other caregivers. Today we pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our provider, you call us to give generously. Make us joyful givers of the time, talents, and treasures you have first given us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of our ancestors, in you we have our beginning and our end. We remember all the faithful departed. Enfold in a shield of peace all those who mourn (*especially*). Hold them in your love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We Offer Our Gifts

Offertory: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice arr. Paul Manz

*Offertory Hymn: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take'. The third staff continues with the lyrics: 'not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of'. The fourth staff concludes the melody with the lyrics: 'your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of

your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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***Offering Prayer:**

P: Blessed are you, 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.

C: Amen.

Lord remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

***The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

We Are Sent

***Blessing**

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. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*Sending Song: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain ELW 363
(*next page*)

***Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Postlude: God of Grace arr. Paul Manz

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en,
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
 who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
 Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Announcements

IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY,

In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastors Scott & Carol Custead

Phone: 814-254-3072 Email: scustead@atlanticbb.net or ccustead@atlanticbb.net

The church office email is stjamesaltoona@gmail.com The church's
website is www.stjamesaltoona.org

On Facebook—St. James Lutheran Church—Altoona, PA

REMINDER AND IMPORTANT

***BULLETIN ADDITIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN
TUESDAY AT 10:30 AM.***

***For corrections, please contact the church
office secretary Tim Surkovich, I'm in the office
Monday-Thursday 9-1.***

******IF AN ARTICLE FOR THE KIRCHENBLATT CANNOT BE
SUBMITTED BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH, PLEASE CALL AND
RESERVE A SPACE FOR YOUR ARTICLE SO THAT THE
KIRCHENBLATT CAN BE FORMATTED AHEAD OF TIME TO
PROVIDE SPACE FOR ALL THE CONGREGATIONAL NEWS.******



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE	APR 15
BULLETIN DEADLINE	APR 17 10:30AM
WELCA SUNDAY	APR 22 10:45AM
* MEMBERS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN SUNDAY SERVICE	
POTLUCK DINNER	APR 22 12PM
BULLETIN DEADLINE	APR 24 10:45AM
ALLEGHENY CHORALE CONCERT	APR 29 3PM
CHOIR REHEARSAL	MAY 3 7PM
SWEETS AND TREATS	MAY 6 10AM
COUNCIL MEETING	MAY 8 6PM
CHOIR REHEARSAL	MAY 10 7PM
WELCA MEETING	MAY 12 10AM
SWEETS AND TREATS	JUN 3 10AM
CHURCH PICNIC	JUN 24

*** NO CHOIR REHEARSAL TILL MAY 3RD

Our Prayer List:

Tim Surkovich

Deborah Manbeck

Aubree Keller

(Names for inclusion on our parish prayer list can be submitted to the church office. The name will remain on the list for one month. At the end of that period please advise the church office, if you would like the name to be continue for another month.)

Those serving in our military

Graystone Manor//Bellmeade

Robert Civils

Presbyterian Village in Hollidaysburg:

Charlie Green

Patti Green

Allegheny Lutheran Home:

Janet Kauffman

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck

Glenn Dell

Marlene Leonard

John Wiederkehr



**SWEETS AND TREATS
THE FIRST
SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH.**

**OUR NEXT SWEETS AND TREATS WILL BE
MAY 6TH
SPONSORED BY
DANA AND DAVE DETWILER**



WELCA SUNDAY

April 22, 2018

10:45 AM

Members will be participating in the Sunday Service.

A Potluck Dinner will also be served that day at 12 PM

Please come and join us for the service and a meal!



POTLUCK DINNER

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Allegheny Chorale
presents

*Lift Every Voice
and Sing*



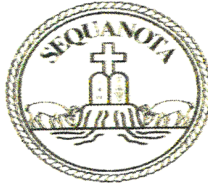
Sunday, April 29 at 3PM
*St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Altoona*

Tuesday, May 1 at 7PM
First Presbyterian Church, Tyrone

Deborah Estright, Director

Free to the Public

The congregation is asked to please help provide cookies for the social after the performance. Any questions can be directed to Donna Wilt or Evelyn Holsinger.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

*Sequanota Lutheran
Conference Center and Camp*

FOR OUR ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER
ON FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN
AT OUR MAIN CAMP DINING HALL

PHYSICAL ADDRESS
353 SEQUANOTA ROAD
BOSWELL, PA 15531

4:45 PM TOURS OF CAMP
5:00 PM APPETIZERS AND SOCIAL TIME
6:00 PM DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT

SUGGESTED \$55.00 DONATION PER PERSON

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING,
PLEASE SPEAK TO PASTOR CAROL.**



Church Picnic

June 24, 2018
Highland Park, Pavilion #1

11:00 AM Communion Worship Service

12:00 PM Meal

Name: _____

Plan to attend # _____

Plan to bring # _____

I can help. Sign me up to do:

Shopping _____

Set up the day of the picnic _____

Transporting Supplies _____

Plan bingo games _____

Cooking/Grilling _____

Clean Up _____

For details on any of these jobs,
please contact the church office.



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