

**St. James Evangelical
Lutheran Church
May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Women of the
ELCA  **THANKOFFERING**

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: Fairest Lord Jesus Garth Edmundson

(We take this time to silently prepare our hearts and minds for worship)

PLEASE STAND

We Gather

*PROCESSIONAL SONG:

ELW 419

For All the Faithful Women



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,

Insert one or more of stanzas 3-11 or this general stanza 2:

2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known,

Last All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.

in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,

All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.

we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise

With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.

that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuenkel Jr., b. 1923

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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***LITANY FOR GATHERING AND CONFESSION**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

Almighty God, we come before you in humility and repentance, confessing that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

We ask that you would hear our confession, and that you would touch us with the promise of your grace, love, and forgiveness won for us through your son Jesus Christ.

Today brings all we need to praise our loving God.

Creator, you have made us in your image.

Today brings all we need to live in peace and purpose.

Redeemer, you have called us to new life.

Today brings all we need to live abundantly.

Renewer, you have brought us together to sing your praise.

Today brings people of many generations who grow together in faith and affirm and support one another.

Companion, you guide us to your beloved community.

Today brings a world in need of healing and wholeness.

Healer, you inspire us to ministry and action.

For the church, the society and the world,

Lord our God, we humbly enter into worship.

Prepare our hearts.

Amen.

*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.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.



I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth



to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,



from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

PM

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

***PSALM**

Psalm: 148

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
- ²**Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**
- ³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
- ⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**
- ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,
- ⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**
- ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
- ⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**
- ¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹²**young men and maidens, old and young together.**
- ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

ANTHEM: Love One Another

Second Reading:

Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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



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

*GOSPEL:

John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to John



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord



Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn of the Day: Children Of The Heavenly Father ELW 781
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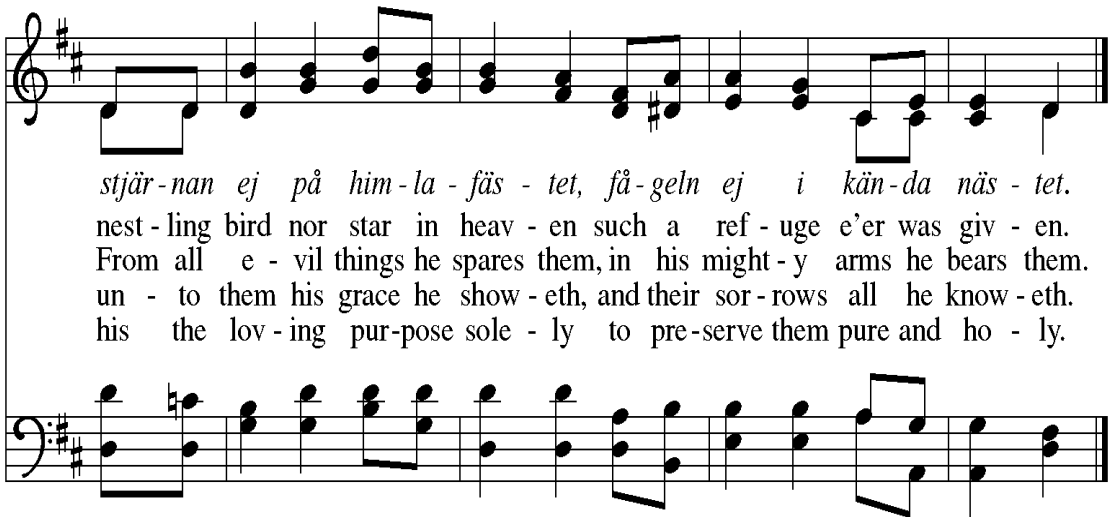
Note: Pastor Carol will sing the beginning Swedish verse.

Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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***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 THE CHURCH**

With the whole people of Christ Jesus, let us call upon God for the sake of the church, the world and all in need of prayer.

God who made all things good, you create us to be caretakers and stewards in your creation. You equip us to provide for the people, places and ministries that you have entrusted to our care. Draw us together in the light of faith and hope so that we may recognize our calling to this work. We pray in abundance,

Creator, draw us in.

God who blesses our labor, you light our paths with the histories of women and men who acted boldly on their faith to change the world. Bring their influence to our attention and their stories to our lips and ears. May we see in them our own potential to live boldly. We pray in abundance,

Creator, draw us in.

God who provides, you endow us with all we need to nurture, harvest and share the fruits of creation. In this abundance, direct our eyes and feet to our neighbors who are on the margins, both near and far. Give us the will and courage to live into the fullness of our communities. We pray in abundance,

Creator, draw us in.

God who was and is and will be, through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Allegheny Synod you have called us more deeply into relationship with you and the world. Bless every church, everywhere, that through our work, all may know your grace and accept your call to love one another. We pray in abundance,

Creator, draw us in.

God who reaches every people, turn our hearts to see those with us now, gathered at this service to give thanks and praise to you. Urge us on to the fullness of life, in the name of Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

(Your special Thankoffering may be placed in the plate at the back center aisle before or after the service today. Thank you for your support of the ministries of WELCA!)

We Offer Our Gifts

Offertory: Now the Woods Are Sleeping G. Edmunson

*Offertory Hymn: Sanctuary

Sanctuary

J. T. and R. S.

John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y.

pure and ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks-giv-ing,

I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

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***Offering Prayer:**

P: God of grace, You have showered us with abundance and entrusted to us the ministries of this congregation and of the Women of the ELCA. Accept these offerings to further your mission. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world. Accept these gifts and this prayer that, nurtured by your Word, and filled with your Spirit, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us until all creation is satisfied.

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

God bless you with courage, and with love, that you may freely live for God and freely give for others. 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: Beautiful Savior ELW 838
(*next page*)

*Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Postlude: In God's Namen arr. H. Walcha



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Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

SERVING TODAY:

GREETERS: Donna Wilt, Betty Boslet, Evelyn Holsinger,
Sharon Lightner

ELEVATOR OPERATOR: Donna Jean Foster

ACOLYTE: Sylvia Malsatzki

USHERS: Sylvia Malsatzki, Shirley Manbeck

READER: Dana Detwiler

ASSISTING/PREACHING MINISTER: Margaret Thatcher

PRESIDING MINISTER: Pastor Carol Custead

Your special Thankoffering may be placed in the plate at the back center aisle before or after the service today. As we give Thankofferings, we share in a tradition that goes back at least to the 1800s, when Christian women formed missionary societies to support the mission of the church. When the Women of the ELCA was formed 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA. Our Thankoffering special collection today will go towards the ministries of our St. James WELCA group, the Synod's WELCA, and the Churchwide WELCA.



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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**

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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.******



*The Altar Flowers are in memory of
David Manbeck given by his loving
wife Shirley Manbeck and friend.*



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

WELCA SUNDAY TODAY

MAY 19 10:45AM

*** MEMBERS ARE PARTICIPATING IN SUNDAY SERVICE**

BULLETIN DEADLINE

MAY 21ST 12 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL

MAY 23RD 7PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE

MAY 28TH 12 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL

MAY 30TH 7 PM

COUNCIL MEETING

JUN 11TH 7 PM

CHURCH PICNIC

JUN 23RD 11 AM

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CURVE

JUL 28TH 4 PM

NO COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JUNE AND JULY

NO SWEETS AND TREATS IN JULY AND AUGUST

NO POTLUCK IN JULY AND AUGUST



Our Prayer List:

Tim Surkovich

Joe Yanke

(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:

Patti Green

Allegheny Lutheran Home:

Janet Kauffman

In their own homes:

Deborah Manbeck

Hillview:

Marlene Leonard

Glenn Dell

John Wiederkehr



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

**OUR NEXT SWEETS AND
TREATS IS JUNE 2nd**

Sponsored by:

Michael and Lori Savino

* We are always looking for volunteers to sponsor Sweets and Treats. If you're interested there is a sign up sheet in the Sunday School Room. Your support is appreciated!



WELCA SUNDAY

Today May 19, 2019

10:45 AM

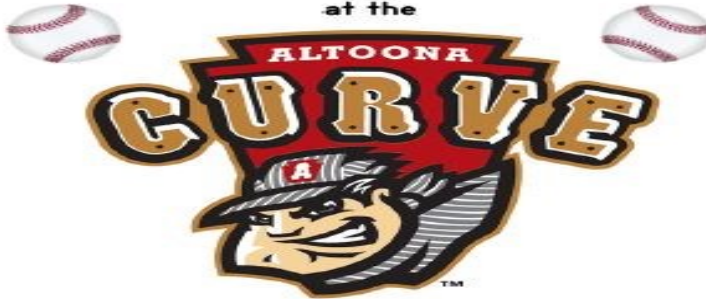
Members are participating in the Sunday Service.
Pastor Carol is providing music with her guitar.

A Catered Dinner will also be served today at 12 PM

Please come and join us for the service and a meal!
Everyone is invited!

LUTHERAN DAY

at the



and the

GREAT ALLEGHENY TAILGATE

Date: Sunday, July 28, 2019
Time: 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Location: Allegheny Synod Office
701 Quail Ave. Altoona

Hot dogs and drinks provided.
Bring a side or dessert to share.
Game begins at 6:00 pm at Peoples Natural Gas Field.

ORDERS DUE BY JULY 8TH



WELCA'S SUMMER LUNCHEON

June 8, 2019

Time: 12 PM

Place: Knickerbocker Tavern



Our Summer Luncheon is set. We are once again asking for children's swimsuits and beach towels so we can donate them to United Way / Family Services. We are asking members of the congregation to help us out by donating to this worthwhile cause. We have a set up in the vestibule of the church to place these items. We will continue this until our summer function which will take place June 8th. Remember everyone is invited to attend and to participate in this function.

CHURCH PICNIC

Planning for the church picnic has begun. You can use the sign up sheet on the stand in the narthex or on the foyer bulletin board. Or use the sheet on the next page.

Church Picnic will be held June 23, 2019 at Highland Park, Pavilion #1



The Allegheny Chorale expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude for the gracious reception and use of St James for their Spring Concert. We love your beautiful venue and your congregation is absolutely wonderful. We were so pleased with the wonderful turnout and beautiful reception following our concert.



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The symbol with the cross, water, and a white lily identifies the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God; baptized, forgiven, adopted into God's family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty, and vitality that rises out of the life-giving baptism water. It also is a reminder of the mission of the church to "go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)



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God's work. Our hands.

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