

# **St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church June 8, 2025**

Penetcost

Worship every Sunday 10:45 AM Communion

# 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 vou please sign our quest book.

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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: Basse et Dessus de Trompette Louis Clerambault (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 holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

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

#### An extended silence may be kept.

Most 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called 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 the Son, and of the Holy Sprit. **Amen.** 

## We Gather

\*GATHERING SONG: *NEXT PAGE*  O Spirit of Life



Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, alt. Music: O HEILIGER GEIST, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

\*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.

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#### \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE





#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

#### P: Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through 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 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

## PSALM

## Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

# <sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

## <sup>27</sup> All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

# <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

# <sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

## <sup>35b</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

## Second Reading:

#### Romans 8:14-17

A reading from Romans.

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

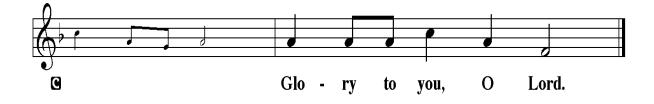
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

**\*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:

The Holy Gospel according to John.



<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with

you, and he will be in you. [ <sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will

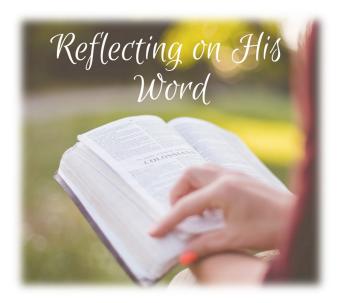
teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as

the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

#### The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon



#### \*Hymn of the Day:

#### ELW 804

#### Come Down, O Love Divine



Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890 Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 Outside USA: Music from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

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# \*Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

#### A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation (*especially those affirming their baptism this day*). Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.** 

\*Sharing of the Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

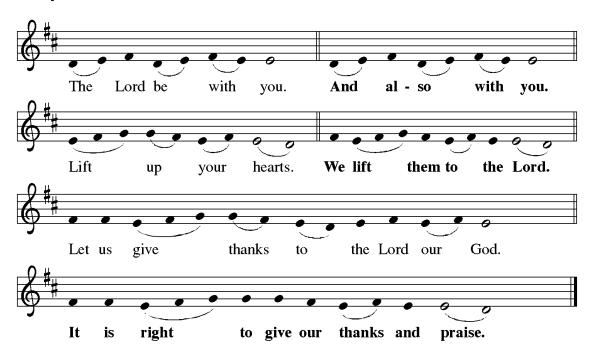
# We Offer Our Gifts

\*Offering Prayer:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the One who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

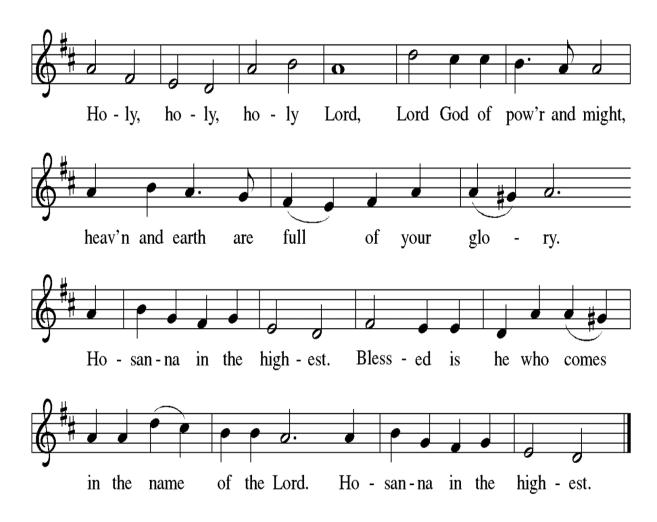
We Share the Feast



\*Holy Communion

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# Holy, Holy, Holy



\*Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we might receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after the supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

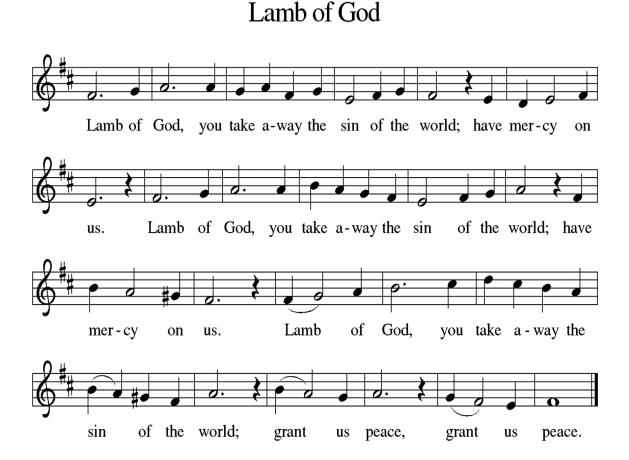
For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

\*The Lord's Prayer

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

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. \*Invitation to Communion

P: Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you once revealed yourself to your disciples.



Communion Distribution — please come to the step before altar as led by the Spirit to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

\*Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

#### C: Amen

\*Song after Communion:



#### \*Prayer after Communion

**P:** Let us pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

## We Are Sent

\*Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. 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.** 

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\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

#### C: Thanks be to God!

Recessional:

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Dale Wood

#### Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt. Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932



#### IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY, In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastor Eli Hess Work: 814-943-3972

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#### **Our Prayer List:**

Tim SurkovichJeff BickelBill WiltBob Holsinger SrStaff Sgt John HilesDonna FosterDonna WiltBob HolsingerCarolyn FeatherBill DambeckJudy DambeckEvelyn HolsingerThe soul and family of Debbie ThomasThe soul and family of Debra MorganThe soul and family of Debra MorganThe soul Marian HolsingerThe soul of Deborah ManbeckStaff Staff Staff

(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.

Homewood: Sylvia Malsatzki



# **UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES:**

St Lukes Community Lunch Jun 11 12 PM **Church Service and Picinic** Jun 22 10 AM Sweets and Treats Jul 6 10 AM \*Highland Park Pavillion #2 with Bethany **Church Service and Picinic** Jul 27 10 AM \*Highland Park Pavillion #1 with Bethany **ST James Church Picnic** Aug 10 11 AM \*Highland Park Pavillion #1 \*Please note date change **Church Service and Picinic** Aug 24 10 AM \*Highland Park Pavillion #2 with Bethany **Church Council Meeting** Sep 9 5:30 PM





Thank You to Carol and Tina for providing Sweets and Treats.



SWEETS

NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING September 9, 2025

5:30 PM



## OUR NEXT SWEETS AND TREATS WILL BE: TODAY July 6, 2025 Provided By: Bob and Evelyn Holsinger

**TREAT Frovided By: Bob and Evelyn Holsinger** \* 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!



# ST LUKES COMMUNITY LUNCH

June 11th 12 PM

 Hosted by St James Lutheran Held 2nd Wednesday of each month in the St James Social Hall

# **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 August 10, 2025 at Highland Park, Pavilion #1

# PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!









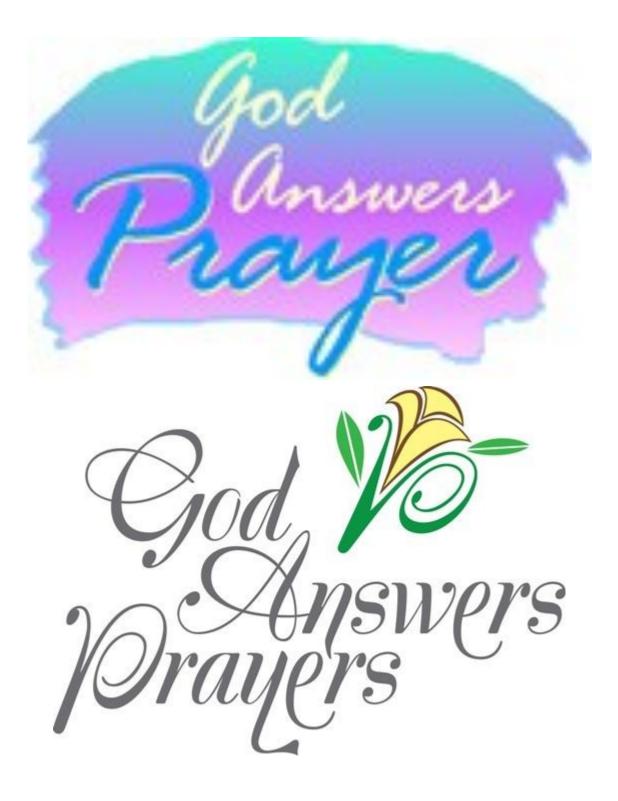
Please plan to atthend our outdoor worships & outdoor worships & picnics on the Ath Sunday of June, July, and August.

WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:00 AM, FOLLOWED BY PICNIC LUNCH. MAIN DISH WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH, SALAD OR DESSERT TO SHARE.



Location: Highland Park, Altoona June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Pavillion #2 July 27<sup>th</sup> - Pavillion #1 August 24<sup>th</sup> - Pavillion #2





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