



St. James Lutheran Church

*God calls us to follow Christ, make disciples,
and live the Gospel.*



Welcome
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
Holy Communion, ELW Setting Three
Sunday, April 21, 2024

Regular text – Pastor or Leader **Bold text – Congregation**
ELW - - - Hymn in Red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal
ELW pg. - - Liturgy in the front of the red book
Use the ribbons in the red book to mark hymns and liturgy pages.
ACS # - - - Hymn in Blue All Creation Sings Hymnal

INTRODUCTION

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

by JS Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

HOLY BAPTISM (ELW p. 227)

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Charlie, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Sponsor / Grandparents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your grandchild, Charlie baptized into Christ?

Grandparents / Sponsors: We do.

As you accompany Charlie as he receives the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Charlie may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

As Grandparents and Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Charlie in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Grandparents and Sponsors: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Charlie and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

(Please stand as you're able)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Candidate and Sponsor Grandparents: We renounce them.

People of God:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(please be seated)

BAPTISM

Charlie Paul, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.**

Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Charlie Paul with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Charlie Paul, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

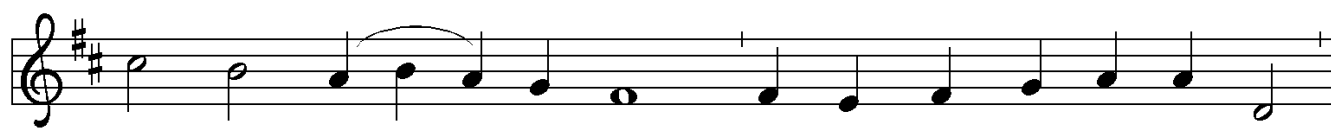
(please stand as you are able)

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Allelulia!

Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Allelulia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Bible Presentation

Pastor Amy Gillespie

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
 it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 23 *(sung responsively)*

¹The LORD [|] is my shepherd;

I shall not [|] be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down [|] in green pastures
and leads me be- [|] side still waters.

³You restore my [|] soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways [|] for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall [|] 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, and my cup is [|] running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days [|] of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the [|] LORD forever.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

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.

(please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(be seated)

SERMON

Pastor John Freidheim

(please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(ELW 502)

NICENE CREED (ELW p. 142)

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

*Prayers ** Each week throughout the year we pray for several St. James households by name. The congregation is welcome to pray for persons by their first names when invited to do so. You are encouraged to pray some of the names of those who are listed on the Prayer List. After each portion of the prayers:*

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 143)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
 you call us to believe and bear fruit.
 May the gifts that we offer here
 be signs of your abiding love.
 Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
 through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 144)

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

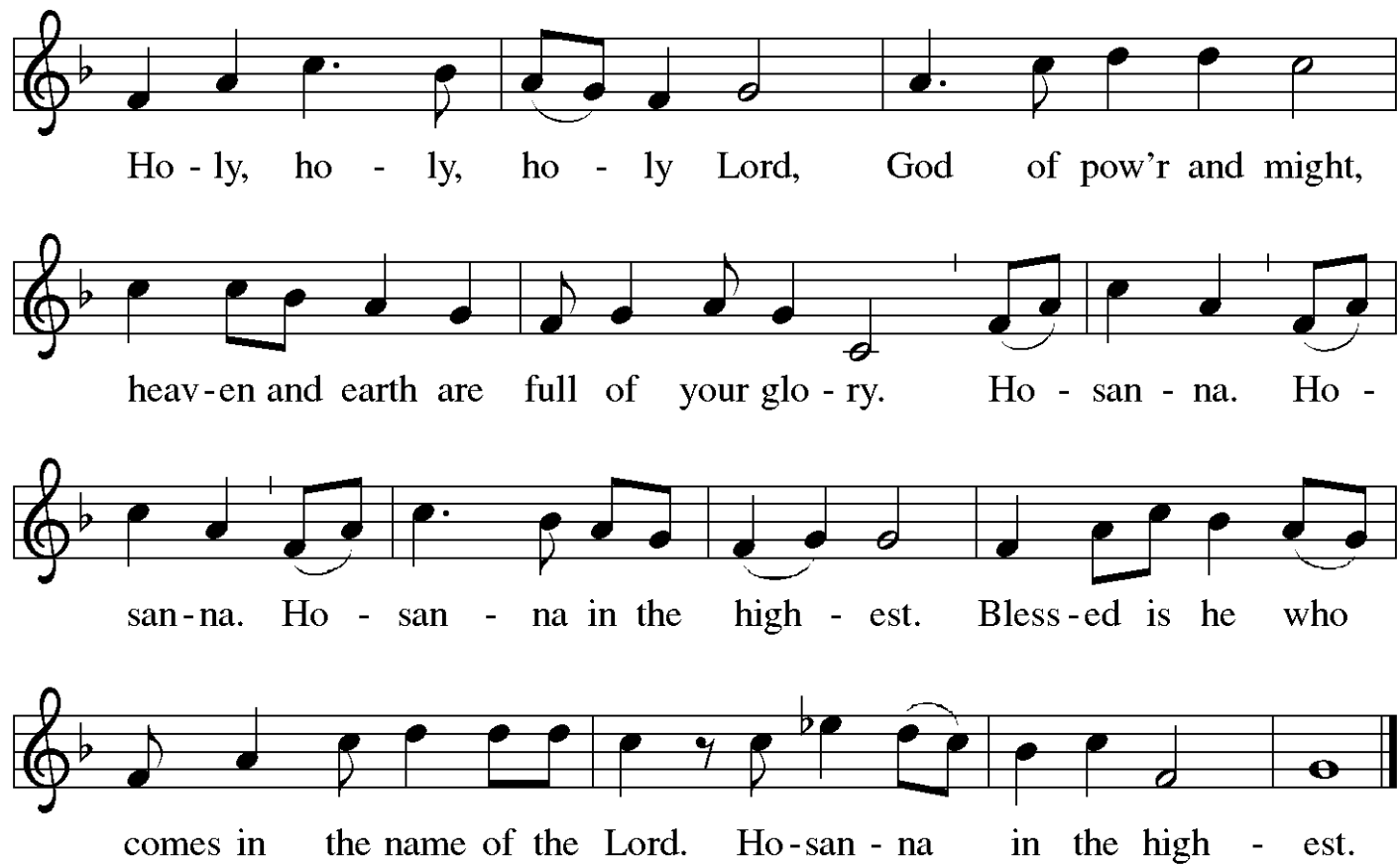
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,
 for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
 the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
 who in dying has destroyed death,
 and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
 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 (ELW p. 144)



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 145)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. . .

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 145)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

(be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink. Those who are not able to consume wine are able to commune fully by receiving only the wafer. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children may come and receive communion and/or a blessing. We commune by intinction. The wafer will be placed in your hand, then you will dip the wafer into the wine. Return to your seat using the side aisles.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (ELW p. 146)



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.

COMMUNION SONG

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr by Rae-Myra Hilliard, piano

(please stand as you are able)

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Have No Fear Little Flock

(ELW 764)

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resound

by Rudolph Moser

Baptism
Charlie Paul

Bible Presentation
Anna Arazan
Jocelyn Duncombe
Eva Larson
Vivian Larson
Graham Marsch
Charlie Paul

Sunday, April 28, 2024

**We welcome New Members into
Christ's body, St. James Lutheran Church**

Prayer List: we remember in our prayers

<p>Sandy Abby Eleanor Arneson (aunt - Nancy Clemens) Nancy Bensinger (friend - Marge Triplett) Warren Bjork (great uncle - Tom Bohac) Anna Braun (friend – Richard & Brigitte Kaeske) Donna & Don Cimorelli (friends - Carmen Montalbano) Emily Collins (friend - the Wanda family) Phyllis Dettmann (aunt - Nancy Clemens) Margie Elkins (friend - MaryBeth Buschmann) Bruce FaBrizio (friend – Carmen Montalbano) Family of Sondra Feldman (friend - Sue Thomas) Kristi Gerken (niece - MaryBeth Buschmann) Kathryn Gilbertson Alexis Gladstone (friend - Sue Thomas & Bob Hughes) Family of John Gugel (brother-in-law - Liz Behring) Daniel Heiman Mike Jarvi Sandy Jaeger (sister - Chary Voss) David Johnson (husband – Denise Norberg-Johnson) Family of Peter Jorgensen (son - Madeleine Jorgensen) Richard Kaeske Craig Larsen (friend - the Moore family) Rachel Larson (cousin – Nancy Clemens) Janis Leegaard (friend – the Montalbano family) Michael Lorenson (father – Choosri Goebel) Rohit Marwah (friend – Carole & John Tanner)</p>	<p>Roy Meyer (friend – Emily & Tom Bohacs) The Family of Sue Milligan (friend – Melissa & Detlef Koska) Phil Milligan (friend – Melissa & Detlef Koska) Molly Morris (friend - the Davoux family) Annie Moss Liz Neary (friend - Mark & Alane Wanda) The Family of Anita Norem (friends - Marge Triplett) Ryan Olliges (relative - Gina Husemoller) Carolyn Omietec (friend - the MacAyeal family) Peter O'Rourke (friend - Sue Thomas & Bob Hughes) Fred Radzialowski (friend – Detlef & Melissa Koska) Deb Russell (aunt - Emily Bohac) Jean Schmidt (grandmother - Kelly Duncombe) Jennifer Schlueter (cousin - Nancy Clemens) Susan Shipman (sister-in-law - Alane Wanda) Mary Ann Sopko (aunt - Mark Wanda) Margie Steinmetz (friend – Paula & David VanSingel) Debbie Stonich (friend - MaryBeth Buschmann) Zelmira Tomaska (mother - Paula Doyle) Jeff Turnbull (grandson – Bobbie Hildenbrand, son – Joyce Turnbull) Chary & Sieg Voss Nancy Wanda (mother - Mark Wanda) Joan & John Webster Matt Wetherbee (brother - Tiffany Alexander) Mary & Bill Wisecarver (friends – Montalbano family)</p>
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Worship Leaders for Sunday, April 21, 2024

Pastor	Reverend Amy Gillespie
Guest Preacher	Pastor John Freidheim
Assisting Minister	Tom Ebert
Reader	Sue Ebert
Cantor	Voices of St. James
Organist	Wendy Unrath
Communion Assistants	Lisa Kollmorgen & MaryAnne Larson
Usher	Liz Behring & Jim Davoux
Greeters	Ann & Tim Anderson
Altar Guild	Gail Morgan
Acolyte	Estevan Arazan
Coffee Host	Ron Koepke
Counter	Jim Davoux & Joe Voelcker
Open/Close Council Member	Ron Koepke
Musicians	Voices of St. James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st Thursdays	Sewing Group meets in Fellowship Hall, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Please bring a lunch. Quilts made for Lutheran World Relief. Teddy Bears made for local organizations. Join us as a Seamstress, Cutter, Coordinator for quilt blocks and someone to ‘stuff’ the teddy bears.
2nd Thursdays	God’s Work Our Hands Service Project 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
2nd Saturdays	Prayer Team meets in the Library 9:00 – 10:30 am
Saturdays	Music rehearsals for Voices of St. James & Handbells of St. James 9:00 am
Tuesdays	Confirmation Class 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm April 23th, 2024
Fridays	Adult Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 noon in the Common Room



READINGS to prepare for Sunday, April 28, 2024

First Reading	Acts 8:26-40
Psalm	Psalm 22:25-31
Second Reading	1 John 4:7-21
Gospel	John 15:1-8