

*Jesus said...*  
I AM THE  
*resurrection,*  
AND THE *life:*

HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME,  
THOUGH HE WERE DEAD,  
YET SHALL HE LIVE.

JOHN 11:25

# "All Doors Are Open" The Stones Would Shout EASTER SUNDAY April 4, 2021

(Please turn off your wifi and wear your mask at all times.)

## Preservice music by the Bell Choir, Call to Worship and Welcome

### The Opening Hymn: LSB 457, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Invocation

**P:** In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**Duke Street, (LSB 461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"):** 1 Peter 2:4-9

1. What firm foundation undergirds  
All those who build on God's sure words.  
Says Christ, as children's praise rings out,  
"If these were still, the stones would shout!"
2. Built on the rock by Christ's own hand,  
The Church of God unmoved shall stand;  
For Christ, who is the cornerstone,  
Has claimed his children as his own.

P: Jesus is risen!

**C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**C: For it says in Scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."**

P: To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

**C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."**

P: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you might proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

3. The rock-hewn tomb behold today:  
Look now – the stone is rolled away!

And so a gleaming Paradise  
Awaits our faith-uplifted eyes!

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## **The Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Epistle Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**A Hymn:** “Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”  
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### **Verse 1**

How can it be the One who died  
Has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death  
Sing sing hallelujah

## **Verse 2**

For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes  
Alive He stands their Friend and King  
Christ Christ He is risen

## **Chorus**

***Christ is risen He is risen indeed  
Oh sing hallelujah  
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed  
Christ is risen He is risen indeed***

## **Verse 3**

Where doubt and darkness once had been  
They saw Him and their hearts believed  
But blessed are those who have not seen  
Yet sing hallelujah

## **Verse 4**

Once bound by fear now bold in faith  
They preached the truth and power of grace  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life life everlasting **(Chorus)**

## **Verse 5**

The power that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to powerfully save  
He frees our hearts to live His grace  
Go tell of His goodness **(Chorus 2Xs)**

## **Ending**

He's alive He's alive  
Heaven's gates are opened wide  
He's alive He's alive  
Now in heaven glorified **(2Xs)**

## The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 16:1–8*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

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

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

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



## A Hymn: LSB 478, "The Day of Resurrection"



Choir 2x 1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 Choir 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right  
 ALL 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,  
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!

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## The Easter Message: "Jesus Opens Sealed Tombs"

### A Hymn: LSB 480, "He's Risen, He's Risen"



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
 Δ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.  
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
 And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.  
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.  
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.





Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;  
 For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;  
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.  
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.  
 With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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## The Offering Prayer, the General Prayers, and 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.**

### A Hymn: LSB 482, "This Joyful Eastertide"



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

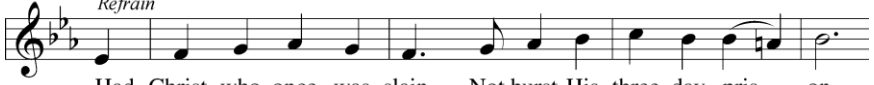


sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:  
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:  
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

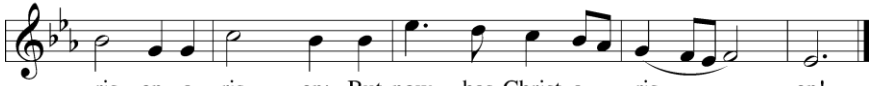
*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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## *Announcements and Blessing for Online Worshippers*

### **The Celebration of Holy Communion**

#### **A Hymn: LSB 633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"**



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, 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-phiant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - 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!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!

△ 8 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.  
Alleluia!

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## The Words of Institution

## The Distribution

### Distribution Hymn:

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" *LSB 461*



ALL	1	I	know	that	my	Re -	deem -	er	lives;	What	com -	fort
Men	2	He	lives	tri -	um -	phant	from	the	grave;	He	lives	e -
ALL	3	He	lives	to	bless	me	with	His	love;	He	lives	to
Choir	4	He	lives	to	grant	me	rich	sup -	ply;	He	lives	to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

**ALL** 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
 He lives to wipe away my tears;  
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
 He lives all blessings to impart.

**Women** 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 He lives and loves me to the end;  
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

**ALL** 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives to bring me safely there.

**ALL** 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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**The Post-Communion Prayer**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has

no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### The Benediction *LSB 166*

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

### The Closing Hymn: LSB 474, "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us  
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the  
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be  
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Worshippers will be ushered out.** Please wait for the usher to come to your pew. If you leave by the front entrance, please use the middle aisle. If you leave by the back entrance, please use the outside aisles. Please make every effort to maintain proper social distancing as you leave the church building. **Please put your kneeler down before exiting the pew.**

### Events of the Week: April 4 – April 11

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook
- Monday:** 10:00 a.m. Registration for **April 11**  
Worship begins  
6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Easter Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
- Wed:** 10:00 a.m. Darrell Pfannkuch's Bible Study in the church  
Noon: Devotional Boost with Pastor
- Thursday:** NO Bells or Choirs
- Saturday:** 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast at church  
1-3 p.m. **Easter Community Outreach**  
6:00 p.m. Registration is closed
- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on FB  
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at St. James (for registered members) and on Facebook Live  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

## FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP March 28, 2021

General Fund	\$3,410.00
Roof Repair Fund	20.00
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Total:	\$3,430.00

To **register for worship**, please go to **[bit.ly/stjamesgr](https://bit.ly/stjamesgr)** and follow the prompts. If you are unable to sign-up for worship, please contact the office at 363-7718.



St. James has connected with Church Extension Fund and Kindrid to offer an on-line giving option. You will find it on our website, **[stjamesgr.com](https://stjamesgr.com)** or go directly to **[stjamesgr.com/give](https://stjamesgr.com/give)**.

We offer credit/debit and ACH payments at this time. You have the option of making this a reoccurring donation and also generously accepting the small transaction fee to maximize your giving power.

**Today's Deacons:** Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing  
**Ushers:** Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski

### **Those who serve April 11:**

Deacon: Jerry Talen  
Ushers: Dale & Grace Rosema

**April Altar Guild:** Deb, Kelsey and Lynelle Butler



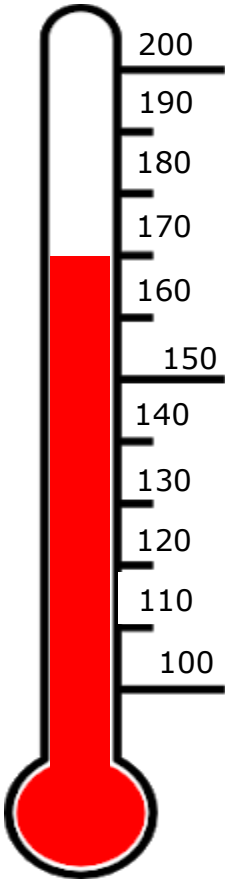
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have done  
it without  
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**B.Y.O.B. - Bring Your Own Basket  
Please, don't forget to wear a mask!  
Social distancing will be observed and hand sanitizer  
provided!**

*Thank you* to everyone who has volunteered to help on the Saturday after Easter April 10th from 1-4. Volunteers will receive an information letter in the near future!

**Everyone can get involved:**

- **Pray** for families in our school and community to participate
- **Pray** for the event organizing committee
- **Donate** individually wrapped candy
- **Donate** plastic Easter eggs
- **Donate** fun Easter trinkets (i.e. cross necklaces, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, pencils, gel pens, play dough, skipping ropes)
- **Donate** money to help us purchase supplies
- **Donate** new or used “fat” watercolor markers
- **Volunteer** for the event
- **Volunteer** to do some prep work



**ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH BY EASTER SUNDAY!**  
**We welcome plastic eggs that are already filled!**

*thank you!*

**Questions? Contact your Easter Outreach Committee!**

**Christina Shourds, Cindy McAuliffe, Marjie Weiss & Sandra Schaeffer**



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Dearly cherished friends at St. James.....

Thank you, more than words can say, for the many beautiful greeting cards with messages of love and caring. You warm my heart. I thank God daily for the blessings of St. James congregation members, Pastor Schaeffer and Sandra. I pray for His blessings upon all of you and America.

Always with Hugs, Luv, Prayers+++

Arlene Schwartz

