

Grow ... Go ... Gather

May 9, 2021

Love one
♥ ANOTHER ♥
as I have
LOVED
you
-JOHN 15:12

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Order of Service (Responsive Prayer #1, 282ff.)

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

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 469, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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Opening Versicles

P Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
C have mercy and hear us.

The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

The Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven and
sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

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

A Hymn: LSB 933, "My Soul Rejoices"



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
 great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



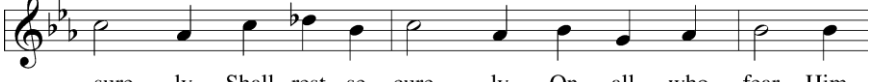
fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
 shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



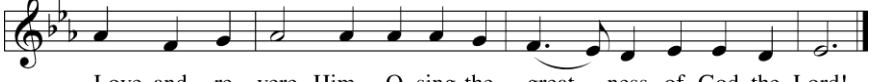
bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
 halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
 wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
 to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
 God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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The First Reading: Acts 10:34–38

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through

Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: LSB 483, "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord

ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed

Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His

free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set

ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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The Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father

loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: LSB 855, "For All the Faithful Women"

1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,
 3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known
 Δ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!

To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.
 In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone.
 All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in 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.

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The Gospel Reading: *John 15:9–17*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

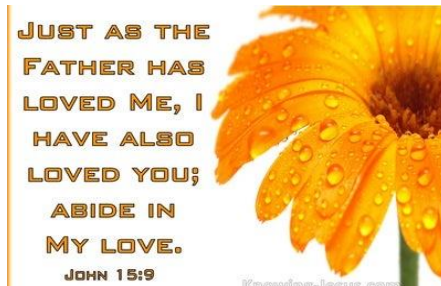
G **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**



The Sermon Hymn: LSB 864, "Shepherd of Tender Youth"



1 Shep-herd of ten-der youth, Guid-ing in
 2 You are the ho-ly Lord, O all-sub-
 3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre-
 4 O ev-er be our guide, Our shep-herd,
 5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de-vious ways; Christ, our tri-
 du-ing Word, Heal-er of strife. Your-self You
 pared the feast Of ho-ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je-sus, O
 prais-es high And joy-ful sing: In-fants and



um-phunt king, We come Your name to sing
 did a-base That from sin's deep dis-grace
 mor-tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en-dur-ing Word
 all the throng, Who to the Church be-long,



And here our chil-dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis-dain; Help from a-bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
 U-nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

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The Sermon

A Hymn: "God of the Living" (Kip Fox)

Verse 1

God of the living
 Give us this day
 A new beginning
 Covered in grace
 Fill us with kindness
 Patience and love
 Always remind us
 What you have done

Chorus

You have raised us up from death to life
By your Son our Savior Jesus Christ
Sending him to save
Vanquishing the grave
Worthy is your name
God of the Living

Verse 2

God of the living
Teach us your ways
So we can follow
Paths you have made
Give us the courage
When we're afraid
Give us endurance
When comforts fade **(Chorus)**

Bridge

Every heart a new creation
Every morning a new day **(Chorus)**

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The Morning Versicles

LSB 283

- P** I cry to You, O Lord;
C **in the morning my prayer comes before You.**
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- P** My mouth is filled with Your praise,
C **and with Your glory all the day.**
- P** Every day I will bless You
C **and praise Your name forever and ever.**

- P** By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,
- C** **O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**
- P** Bless the Lord, O my soul;
- C** **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**
- P** He redeems your life from the pit
- C** **and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**
- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C** **let my cry come to You.**

The Offering Prayer and General Prayers of the Church

Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Benedicamus and Blessing

LSB 284

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- C** **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: “The Blessing” (Jobe)

Verse

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen
(repeat Verse and Chorus)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: May 9 – May 16

TODAY: **11:00 a.m.** Bible study on Facebook
 11:00 a.m. Friends in Faith

Monday: **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship w/
 Holy Communion

Registration is open for May 16 Worship

Wed: **Noon:** Devotional Boost with Pastor
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell at
 Church

10:00 a.m. Pastor’s Ephesians Bible
Class on Zoom

7:30 p.m. Pastor’s Ephesians Bible
Class on Zoom

Friday: Pastor’s Day off

ISJ Academy Walk-A-Thon

Sunday: **9:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB

9:30 a.m. COMMUNION WORSHIP at
St. James (**please register**) and on FBL

11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

Those who serve Today:

Deacon: Jerry Talen

Ushers: Jim & Nancy Spears

Those who serve May 16:

Deacons: Bryan Ensing and John Weiss

Ushers: Dale & Grace Rosema

May Altar Guild: Rie Wiles

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



FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: May 2, 2021

General Fund	\$5,542.00
Future Building Expansion	50.00
Roof Repair Fund	30.00
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Total:	\$5,622.00



The ISJ Academy Walk-A-Thon fundraiser is Friday! EVERYONE can participate! Church members, friends, neighbors....

May 14th is the kickoff for the marathon at the school. You

can walk, run or bike your way to 26 miles over 20 days.

Simply sign-up on Eventbrite (below) and pay your registration fee (\$30/person or \$100/family of 4) directly to ISJ Academy. (2066 Oakwood Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505)

[ISJ ACADEMY 2021 MARATHON Tickets, Fri, May 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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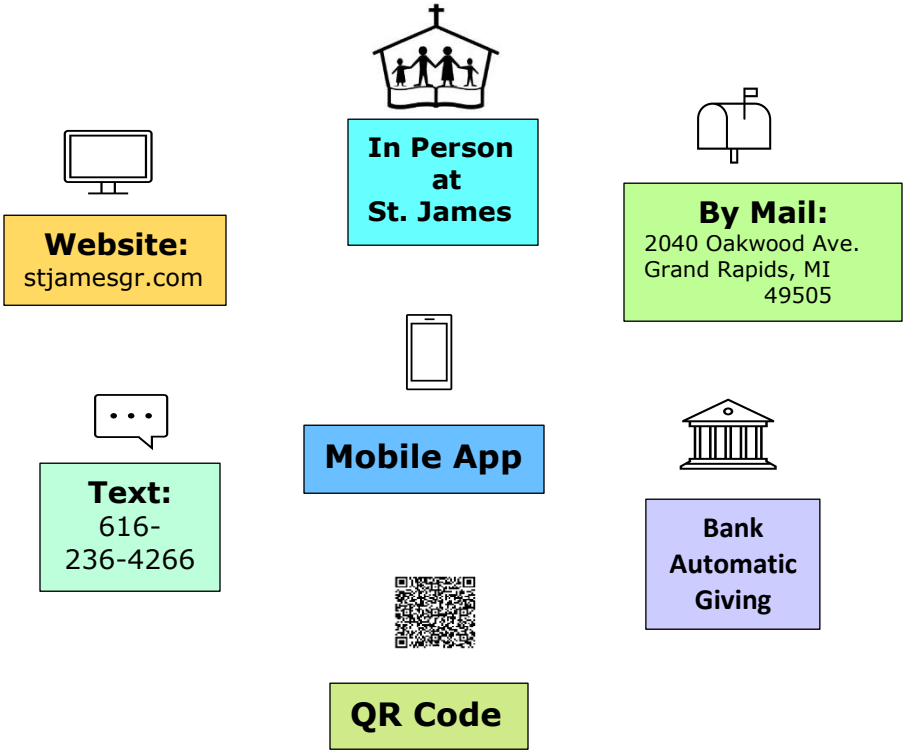


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2. **Locate the MinistryOne App on your phone.** Our church will appear within the MinistryOne app.
3. **Find St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church.** You can search by church name, city or zip code.

St. James Lutheran Church has 7 ways to Give.

Website: Look for the word **"Give"** on our website, **stjamesgr.com**, or go directly to:

stjamesgr.com/give.





Our **National LWML Convention** will take place **June 24-27** in **Lexington, KY**.

Cindy McAuliffe, Marjie Weiss and Grace Rosema are planning to attend the convention.

The 2021-2023 Mission Grant recipients will be selected during the convention.

There will be an ingathering taken at the convention. The recipients include Assurance for Life Ministry (Lexington), MOST Ministries, and Food Bank Support at Fort Wayne and St. Louis Concordia Seminaries.

Items Requested: (Items should be **new**)

Baby toiletries (shampoo, soap, lotion), *Baby bath towels*, Wash cloth, Burp cloths, *baby wipes*, Crib sheets, *Laundry baskets (small or collapsible)*, Disposable diapers size 3, *Clothing for sizes Newborn to 12 months*, Diaper bags, *Toys: teething rings, rattles*, Small first Christian books (board books, vinyl books),

Gift cards in denominations of \$10, \$20, and \$25 for Walmart or Target.



***If you would like to make a donation,** contact Cindy, Marjie or Grace by **June 10th** and arrangements will be made to get your donation from you or you can drop it off at church, on the table, by the office. **Thank you!**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Newly Elected LWML Officers:

President: Sandra Schaeffer

Secretary: Nancy Dome

Treasurer: Rie Wiles

Christian Growth: Marjie Weiss & Eunice Florip



Life Quote for Sunday, May 9: "Little though you can see it now, God intends to do wonderful things with you. If He is taking it slowly, that's no surprise; He did it the first time, too. Nothing the devil can do will stop the Lord from finishing His work in you. After all, He has already laid down His life to make you His own." *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries*

