

EASTER

Preservice Music and the Call to Worship

The paschal candle is lit.

P May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

C **Banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.**

The Pascal candle is processed and placed in the chancel as we sing the Opening Hymn.

The Processional 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 en - dured, 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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P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P This is the day which the Lord has made.

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him forever.

A Hymn of Praise: Easter Song (AGPS #91)

Verse

Hear the bells ringing they're singing
That we can be born again.
Hear the bells ringing they're singing
Christ is risen from the dead

Chorus

The angel up on the tombstone said
He is risen just as He said
Quickly now go tell His disciples
That Jesus Christ is no longer dead
Joy to the world
He is risen alleluia
He's risen alleluia
He's risen alleluia alleluia
(Alleluia)

(sing song 2Xs)

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The Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same 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 65:17-25

¹⁷Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the

ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Choir Anthem: "Easter Alleluia Cannon" by Adult Choir

We rise out of respect for our Lord and Savior

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away

from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

P Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

C **Alleluia.**

P He has defeated the powers of death.

C **Alleluia.**

P Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

C **Alleluia.**

P He has the words of eternal life.

C **Alleluia.**

The Apostles' Creed (on the back cover of the hymnal)

The Sermon 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 Sermon: "Easter: A Time for Renewal of Hope"

The Offering Adult Bells

A Song: "Christ is Risen" (Matt Maher & Mia Fieldes)

Verse 1

Let no one caught in sin remain
 Inside the lie of inward shame
 But fix our eyes upon the cross
 And run to Him who showed great love
 And bled for us
 Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim **(Chorus)**

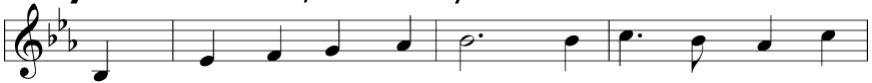
Bridge

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive **(Chorus
2Xs)**

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The Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

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

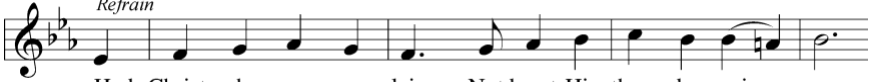


sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



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!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
 Tune: Davids Psalmen, 1684, Amsterdam
 Text and tune: Public domain

The Announcements and Blessing for the Online Worshippers

T The Service of Holy Communion T

C Pastor, please hear my confession and pronounce forgiveness in order to fulfill God's will.

P Proceed.

C I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I

have not honored as I should; My worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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-phant 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!
- D 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!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.
Tune: Kirchengeseng, 1566, Ivanceice
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The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Communion will be CONTINUOUS at the head of the center aisle. We will sing:

LSB 469, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" and
LSB 461, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" during
Distribution.

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'n's, 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!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.
 Tune: French, 13th cent.
 Text and tune: Public domain

Solo by Christina Shourds "Alleluja from Exsultate, Jubilate, K. 165"

I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Choir verse 4)



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

Choir



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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.
Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793
Text and tune: Public domain

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

P May God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

C Amen.

P May God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

C Amen.

P May God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace and hope.

C Amen.

P And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen. We are sent out with these words Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Recessional Hymn: LSB 478, "The Day of Resurrection"



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right,
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



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.
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



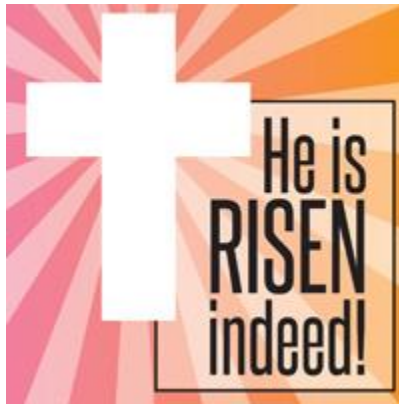
From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



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!
 And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79
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The Postlude



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: April 17 – April 24

- TODAY: EASTER COMMUNION WORSHIP**
He is risen! He is risen indeed!!
- Monday: 6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship
Service w/ Holy Communion
- Wed: 10:00 a.m.** Bible Study w/ Darrell
- Thursday: 1:00 p.m.** Dorcas at Russ' on Plainfield
- Friday:** Pastor's day off
- Saturday: 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Easter EGGS-
travaganza
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at St James & FBL.
KIDZ TIME during the sermon, Pre-2nd

Those who serve Today:

Deacons: Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

Ushers: Jim & Nancy Spears, Ben & Ashley Johnson

Lector: Pastor Schaeffer

Organist/pianist: Beth McKay

Video/Sound/Recording: Nathan Urbanski, John Weiss, Marjie Weiss

Those who serve next Sunday: April 24

Deacon: John Weiss

Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski

Lector: Nancy Spears

April Altar Guild: Deb, Kelsey and Lynelle Butler

May Altar Guild: Irene Talen

**Items for the May newsletter are needed by
Friday, April 22nd.**

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: April 10, 2022

General Fund		\$5,625.00
Future Building Expansion		40.00
Plate Collections		50.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria Mission		20.00
ISJ Academy		50.00
	Total:	\$5,785.00
On-line giving		361.10
	Total:	\$6,146.10

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are planning a new **VBS** concept this year. Our goal is to have a 1 or 2 night family oriented event with multiple stations for children and families to interact and receive the Word of God in a casual setting. If you would be interested in volunteering for any part of this, please attend an organizational meeting on **Tuesday, May 3rd**, at **6:30 p.m.** Any questions? Ask Cindy McAuliffe, Nancy Spears or Pastor Schaeffer.



An EGGS-traordinary Easter EGGS-perience is almost here!

Our outreach will take place next week on Saturday, **April 23rd**, from **1-3 p.m.** We have 7 exciting stations planned for our event. ISJ is partnering with us and will have their own Earth Day related booth as the event takes place on the day after Earth Day. Gather the children in your life and join in the fun!



There will be a special **Butler Cinnamon Roll Sunday** to help raise funds for the ISJ Academy fifth through seventh grade class to go to Camp Manitoulin. Join us **NEXT SUNDAY** after worship and help a kid go to camp. Questions? Please contact Kelsey Butler.

LWML COLLECTION for the month of **APRIL**:

A box is located in our church entryway for anyone who would like to donate to Phil's Friends. **Items needed:** *women's fuzzy socks, fragrance-free 5oz. or smaller lotion, puzzle books (word search), journals (not spiral bound) and decks of playing cards.*

Also offered on a table in our entryway are *cards to color and directions/examples of short messages of hope to write within.* Phil's Friends will include these cards, and the other items we collect, in care packages that will be sent to individuals battling cancer.



LWML Knit/Crochet is next **Sunday, April 24**, after worship. Bring your own lunch/snack, and knitting or crochet items. If you are starting out, we have needles and yarn you can use. Please contact Grace Rosema or review your April newsletter for full details.

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Time to join the women from the **Dorcas Society** for lunch! We will meet **Thursday, April 21**, at **1 pm** at **Russ' on Plainfield**. All women are welcome and bring a friend.

Friends in Faith is having a **2nd Best Sale Drop-Off Day** at St. James Lutheran Church **main entryway**.

Bring your clean and gently used donations for the Sale to the church bell tower entrance from **1-4pm**, on **Saturday April 30th**. Members of Friends in Faith will be here to unload your car and take everything into the church for you!

Please note we are unable to accept mattresses, box springs, tube TVs, baby furniture and medical equipment.

SALE DAYS AND TIMES:

May 5, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

May 6, Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

May 7, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon





St. James' LWML is hosting the LWML Spring Rally on Saturday, April 30th! The speaker for this event will be **Pastor David Fleming** from **Our Savior**

Lutheran Church. Pastor Fleming will present an overview of DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel and will also lead a Bible study on **"The Loneliness Epidemic: Helping Others and Ourselves"**.

Pastor Fleming's presentation promises to be a time of encouragement as so many of us have experienced loneliness and we know others who are struggling. Come and hear from God's Word.

Registration and a light breakfast will begin at **8:45** and the program will wrap up by noon. Please, **sign up by April 24th** on the sheet by the office door.

April showers ... lead to May showers! During the month of May ladies of St. James will shower Brianna (Popma) Esterle with love. Brianna and Adam are expecting a baby girl at the end of May.



Since they live in Washington where Adam is stationed with the Navy, the shower will be words of encouragement emailed each day of the month. If you would like to participate, please, message Sandra for further information.

What's your 80? The LWML is meeting at 6:30 on May 22nd to spend 80 minutes making comfort blankets for Phil's Friends. We hope you will join us.

Walk for Good Food

The North End Wellness Coalition has invited our church to participate in the **45th Annual Walk for Good Food** (formerly known as the **Hunger Walk**). By donating to support Access of West Michigan, you can help create a good food system for everyone in our community.

Our plan is to support this effort as a church. There will be **envelopes in the bulletin** during the month of **April** that you can use to make a donation. Once we have the donations, we will present them to NEWC at the kick-off event at **Briggs Park** on **May 1**. Please consider donating to this worthy event cause. If you have any questions, please see Dale Rosema.

Please make any **checks payable to Access of West Michigan**. Information on **electronic giving** is below. Thank You.

- 1) Go to www.accessofwestmichigan.org
- 2) Choose "EVENTS" then choose "Walk for Good Food"
- 3) Choose "Make a Donation"
- 4) Go to the lower right and look for "Fundraisers"
- 5) Enter "Dale Rosema" in the search box
- 6) You will see the St. James Lutheran Church Team
- 7) Then on the left is the Donate Box
- 8) You can donate through a bank account or by credit card

The Vine (A new Michigan District church start) continues to work hard in Jesus' mission on the NW side of Grand Rapids. The Vine is hosting an outreach family experience in the Zinser School gymnasium, **Wednesday, May 18 from 5-8 p.m.** Not only has Zinser opened the gym to the Vine for free – but they have also offered to promote the Gospel sharing event with the families of the school. The Vine is looking for volunteers to help with the event. If anyone at St. James wants to volunteer for this event, please email kaylynn@onthevinechurch.com. And please, keep this outreach venture in your prayers.



ISJ Academy

Coming Soon! The ISJ Walk-a-thon and Golf Outing!

ISJ will be holding the annual **Walk-a-thon/Trike-a-thon on Friday, May 13**. Students will be around the church collecting pledges. We also invite you to come and cheer on our students that afternoon as they complete their laps.

Our **14th annual golf outing** on Saturday, **June 4th** at Arrowhead Golf Course in Lowell. Sign your team up today to enjoy a day of golf, food, prizes, and fun!

There are different levels of sponsorship for one or both events ranging from \$100 to \$350.

Please contact the school office at isjoffice@mychristianschool.com or 616-363-0505 to sign up your team or with any questions you may have. All proceeds from these events will be used for student resources at ISJ.

**Lutherans For Life Presentations:
Sunday, April 24, 2022**

“What Should The Church Be Prepared To Do If The US Supreme Court Overturns Roe v. Wade?”

“We must not falter. The Lord is with us in this battle.”

Pastor Paul Clark, of St. Paul, Fowler, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan, Michigan District, Life Coordinator, is preaching at Divine Services 8:00 & 11:00am at:

Our Savior Lutheran Church
2900 Burton St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

He is leading Adult Bible Study at 9:40am at Our Savior School, 1916 Ridgewood Ave SE (one Block North of the Church). There will also be an afternoon presentation at 2:00pm in the Our Savior Church Fellowship Hall.

Lunch will be provided by the Our Savior Life Team at 1:00 – 2:00pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. Prior registration is not required but if you plan to attend the lunch, please notify Carla Niemeier at (586)383-5167 or carla32133@gmail.com.

COMMUNION

What do I do?



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. James Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who:

- trust His words,
- repent of all sin,
- and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their spiritual harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed in this church, ***any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, unrepentant of sin, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or deacon.***

If you are unsure about receiving Holy Communion but desire to receive a blessing, we invite you to come forward at the time of Holy Communion to receive a blessing from Pastor Schaeffer. We ask that you cross your arms over your chest so that he knows you are not partaking of Holy Communion but desirous of a blessing.

NOTE: For those whose diets restrict the intake of gluten or alcohol, gluten free wafers are available as well as non-alcoholic wine. As Pastor Schaeffer is distributing the wafer, let him know you prefer a gluten free wafer. For those who require non-alcoholic wine, please take the purple foil individual cup from the individual cup tray.