

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
April 14, 2024—9:45 AM
Third Sunday of Easter—Peter Heals in Jerusalem
We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love



GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have seen the Risen Lord!

We are witnesses to his promise.

He loves. He heals. He saves.

We are witnesses to his promise.

He is our hope and our life.

We are witnesses to his promise.

We gather to worship in his name.

With joyful hearts and songs of gratitude.

We gather this day in the name of our Risen Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING SONG *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow; Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness; Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, Still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be; Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, Still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name

Bridge: You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name
You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: **Lord Jesus, after your death and resurrection you sent your followers into the world to proclaim your resurrection to the entire world. Send us into the world to bear witness to all you have done in our lives. In your name we pray, Amen.**

FIRST READING

Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the Lord,

studied by all who delight in them.
³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
⁴ God's wonderful deeds are remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
⁵ God provides food for those who fear him;
and is ever mindful of his covenant.
⁶ God has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
⁷ The works of God's hands are faithful and just;
all God's teachings are trustworthy.
⁸ They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
⁹ God sent redemption to his people;
God has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is God's name.
¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever. Hallelujah!
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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

SONG *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching, we are marching, O-oh
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching, we are marching, O-oh
We are marching in the light of God

We are singing in the light of God
We are singing in the light of God
We are singing in the light of God
We are singing in the light of God
We are singing, singing, we are singing, O-oh
We are singing in the light of God
We are singing, singing, we are singing, O-oh
We are singing in the light of God
We are praying in the light of God
We are praying in the light of God
We are praying in the light of God
We are praying in the light of God
We are praying, praying, we are praying, O-oh
We are praying in the light of God
We are praying, praying ,we are praying, O-oh

We are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, O-oh
We are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, O-oh
We are dancing in the light of God

SERMON

SONG *Gratitude*

Verse 1: All my words fall short I got nothing new
How could I express All my gratitude

Verse 2: I could sing these songs As I often do
But every song must end And You never do

Chorus: So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah. Hallelujah

Verse 3

I've got one response. I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

Chorus: So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah. Hallelujah

LITANY OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

In our Easter joy, **we find a God of new starts and fresh growth.**
In our Easter grace, **we find a God of renewal and transformation.**
In our Easter faith, **we find a God to carry us from darkness and despair.**
In our Easter peace, **we find a God to nurture us in hope and love.**
In our Easter lives, **let us glorify God's name, now and forevermore.**

Energizing God,

On this new day, let us jump up to proclaim the splendor of your care for us. Fill us with wonder and guide us to walk forward with faith and gratitude. Renew us with your Easter love, so that our faith in your transforming power leaps from our hearts. Recharge us with the immensity of your mercy and grace, that we shout praise for your goodness, and whisper thanks for your gentleness. In the name of the risen Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, let our lives shout hallelujah. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us share words of peace with one another.

OFFERING

SONG *Because He Lives*

I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome By the power of His blood

Amen amen! I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen! Let my song join the one that never ends (Because He lives)

I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name; He rolled the stone away

Amen amen! I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen! Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives I can face tomorrow. Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life; My future in His hand...Because He lives

Amen amen! I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen! Let my song join the one that never ends (Because He lives)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Triumphant God, we bring before you now our gifts, perhaps not of silver or gold, but all that we have to share at this time. Bless our giving and inspire those who receive this offering to seek to redeem the suffering of your children, near and far. Bless our helping and inspire us to seek to transform the needs of our communities in your name. Grant that by faith in your name, we are made strong to share your love with those around us. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

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.

BLESSING

Go into this new week sustained by your faith in the risen Christ that will make you strong. Whatever troubles you face, let God's mercy lift you up. Whatever joy you are blessed with, let God's grace leap in your heart. And may you praise God and witness to God's love in each and every moment of your days. **Amen.**

CLOSING *Send Me Out*

Jesus Lord of my salvation, Savior of my soul
Send me out to the world to make You known
Jesus King of ev'ry nation, This world's only hope
Send me out to the world to make You known (Send me out to the world)

Chorus: I wanna be Your hands and feet
I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak
I wanna run to the ones in need In the name of Jesus
I wanna give my life away All for Your kingdom's sake
Shine a light in the darkest place In the name of Jesus (In the name of Jesus)

Carry to the broken-hearted, Mercy You have shown
Send me out to the world to make You known
To the ones in need of rescue, Lead me I will go
Send me out to the world to make You known (Send me out to the world)

Chorus

Chorus: I wanna be Your hands and feet
I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak
I wanna run to the ones in need In the name of Jesus
I wanna give my life away All for Your kingdom's sake
Shine a light in the darkest place In the name of Jesus (In the name of Jesus)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Announcements

2024 WELCA Salad Luncheon
at St. James Lutheran Church

SATURDAY,
APRIL 20TH
11AM-1PM

LUNCH
INCLUDES
SALADS,
CHICKEN
CROISSANT OR
HAM SANDWICH
& DESSERT

Bake Sale!

Basket Raffle
\$10 ADULTS
\$5 CHILDREN
UNDER 5 FREE

TICKET

The image features a wooden table with a rustic finish, set with a variety of food items. In the center is a large bouquet of pink tulips. To the left, there is a plate with a ham sandwich, a bowl of fruit salad, and a bowl of chicken salad. To the right, there is a plate with a croissant, a raffle basket filled with various items, and a glass of iced tea. The table is set against a white wall with a pink and white striped awning above it.

**GIFT BASKETS NEEDED FOR
WELCA SALAD LUNCHEON**

**PLEASE TRY TO KEEP THE VALUE OF
THE BASKET UNDER \$40**

**BASKETS NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF
AT THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN
APRIL 19TH**

THANK YOU!



Next Week

Wednesday Meal:

Sloppy Joes/Hot Dogs/Chips

Tuesday, April 16th: Do-Days 9 am

Wednesday, April 17th: Men's Breakfast 7 am, 5:30 Dinner, Confirmation at
6:30, Choir 7 pm

Thursday, April 18th: Council 5:30 pm

A NEW MEMBER meeting will be held on Sunday, April 21 for all those interested in joining St. James or learning more about St. James. We will meet at 6 PM. New members will be welcomed during worship on Sunday, April 28th. Please talk to one of the pastors to sign up or if you would like more information.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 9-12. First Communion instruction is for all those in 3rd grade or older who have not yet had the class. First Communion Sunday will be held on May 5th. Please contact Pastor Jeni to sign up for the class. If you would like to have First Communion, but can't join the class that day, please talk to Pastor

Jeni as well.