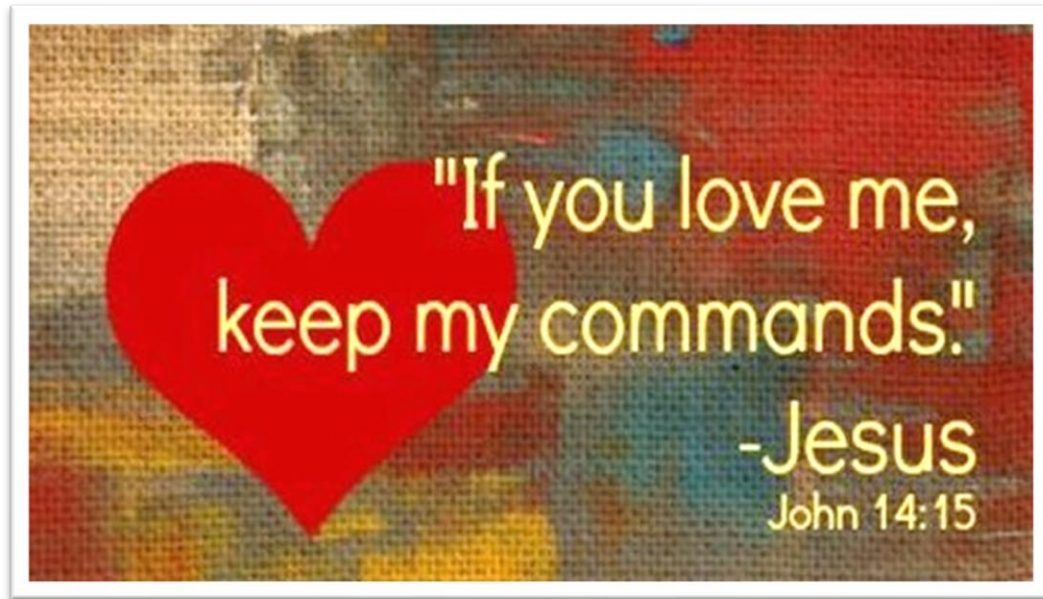


# Saint James Lutheran Church

May 10, 2026

## Sixth Sunday of Easter



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	<b>May 10 Mothers Day Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>May 17 Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
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Rover	Edward Samuelian	Paula Burns
Worship Nursery	Amber Habermehl, Jennifer Linkous	Verena Min, Patsy Linkous

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### WORSHIP VOLUNTARY

*We stand*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*We sit.*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*Following Children's Time, children are invited to go downstairs for an adult supervised activity time. They will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of The Day.*

**PSALM Psalm 66:8-20**

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup> **I called out to God with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup> **but in truth God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

**SECOND READING      1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Setting 8)**



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

**GOSPEL** The Holy Gospel according to John **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 14:15-21**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

Pastor John

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Come Down, O Love Divine*

ELW 804

**APOSTLES CREED**

We join with the Great Communion of Saints in confessing our faith, using the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Names of those on the congregation’s prayer list are listed in the back of the bulletin)*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

## PEACE

The peace of God be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We share this peace as a sign of our baptismal unity as children of God. The “exchange of peace” (also commonly called “sharing the peace” or “passing the peace”) is an act of reconciliation that serves as a transition point between the Word and Meal portions of the liturgy.*

*We sit.*

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*



Support of the ministries of St. James, as well as the wider church, is appreciated. To donate with cash or check use an envelope from the back of the pew or scan the QR code to donate digitally. Thank you for your generosity.



**ANTHEM** *If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments*

*We stand.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

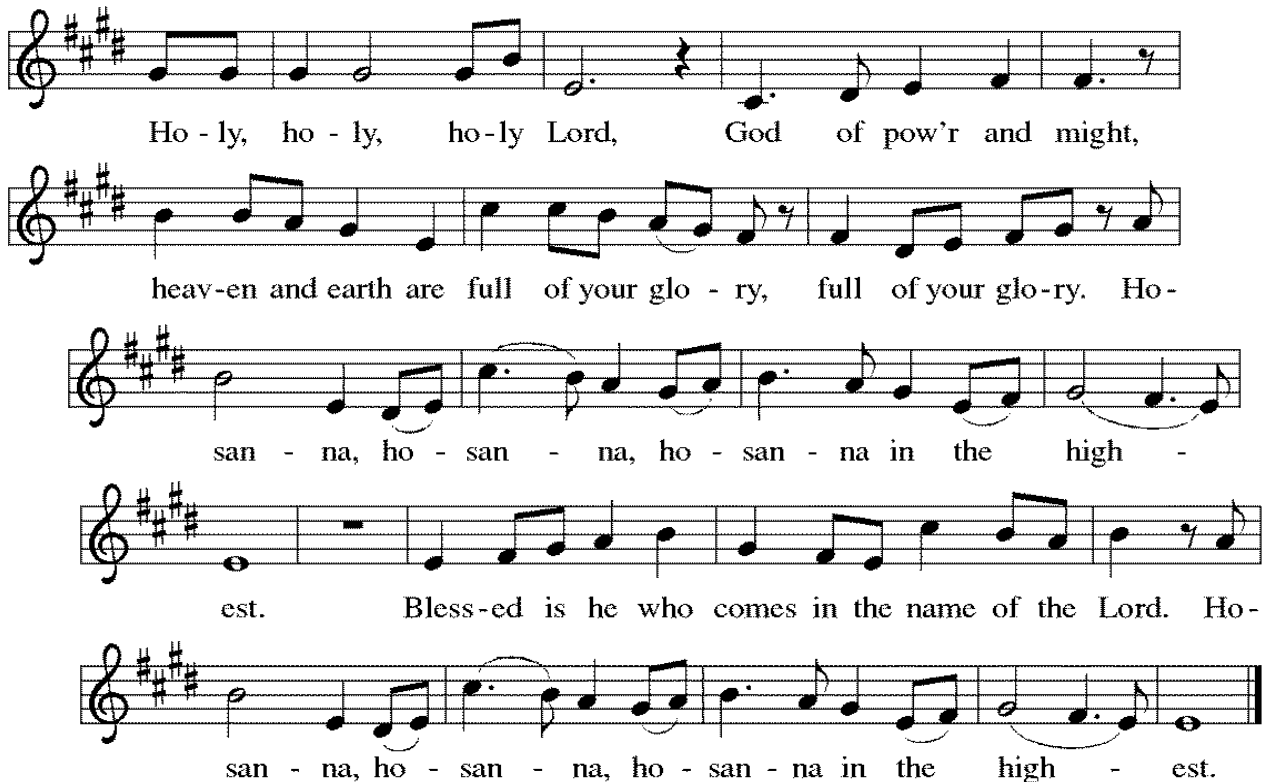
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### PREFACE

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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW setting 8)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER *(Modern Version)*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

*All are welcome at Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that Jesus' real presence is in, under, and through the bread and wine. The sacrament is effective in either bread or wine, so if you have an issue with either bread or wine, you may commune with one element. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available for those who prefer. We will distribute bread and wine by individual cup. Children and others not communing may fold arms across their chest, and they will receive a blessing from the communion minister.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

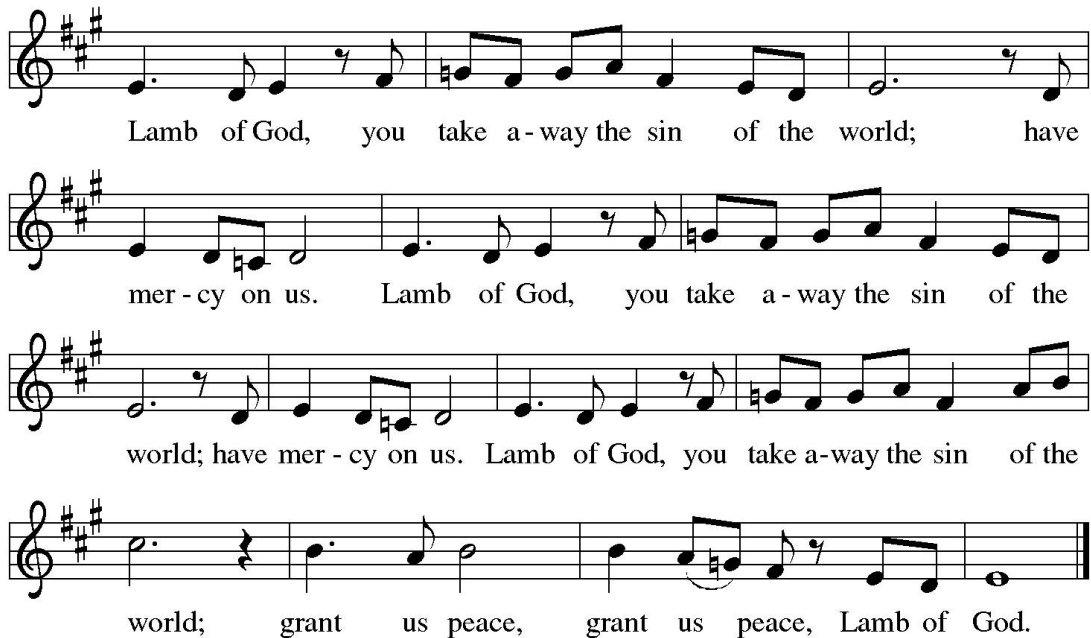
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond* **Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONGS

*Lamb of God (Setting 8)*



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Leader All

1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O  
 2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with  
 3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and  
 4 Come, O God of snow and rain: show - er down up -  
 5 Come, O Jus - tice, come, O Peace: come and shape our

Leader

Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:  
 righ - teous - ness; teach us all to sing your name:  
 burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:  
 on the earth; come, O God of joy and pain:  
 hearts a - new; come and make op - pres - sion cease:

All

in the glo - ry in of your Son.  
 may our lives your love con - fess.  
 in your light we all are one.  
 God of sor - row, God of mirth.  
 bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who

loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!

Dance to the life a - round you!

*Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized* ELW 304

*We remain seated.*

**TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*We stand.*

### BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *Oh Sing to the Lord* ELW 822

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE



## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

May 10, 2026

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally, those names will be moved to the newsletter after 3 weeks. The newsletter has our long-term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

**Members** · Beth Sessoms · Stella San Miguel · Larry Schiebe · Philip Williams  
· Anna Lena Andersen · Gary Eissinger · Brenda Killett · Betty Kern · Cayla Chaplin

### Friends & Family

· Simone Ryan · Diane Stultz · Peter Lundell · Chrissy Tyndall · Gregg Nazario · Sandy Pangle · Stasha  
· Alan Carlson · Katie Maxwell · Darcey Beale · Wes Davis · Charlotte Choice and family · Sara Brown  
· Mary Quinby · The family of Doran May · The family of Julie Lehner

**People at Home or in Care facilities:** · Charlotte Davis · Brenda Killett · Carolyn Uchtorff

### Our military members (\*deployed)

· Earl Stockham · Dan Gibson · Joshua Trogdon\* · Bella Fish · Hochang Min  
· Alex Habermehl · Robert James · Matthew Porter\* · Derek Carlson · Howard Hogan\*  
· Justyce Crecelius\*

## Ministry at St. James ... May 10 - 17, 2026

### Sun May 10

Mothers Day

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

- 9:00 am Sunday Morning Faith Formation (Sunday School)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:30 am Choir Practice

### Mon. May 11

- 9:00 am Quilters (Annex Building)
- 10:00 am Finance Meeting (Office Conference Room)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting

### Tue. May 12

- 6:00 pm Property Team (Office Conference Room)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 747 Meeting
- 7:00 pm Fellowship on Zoom

### Thu. May 14

- 9:00 am Women's Breakfast Meeting at **Eggs up Grill**  
2951 Town Center Dr, Hope Mills, NC 28348



### Sat. May 16

- 8:30 am Property Work Day (Saint James campus)
- 2:00 pm Cub Scouts Cross Over

### Sun May 17

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

- 9:00 am Sunday Morning Faith Formation (Sunday School)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:30 am Choir Practice
- 11:30 am Congregation Council



**Saint James is celebrating it's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

We need your stories and photographs!

Please record your retelling of fond memories on your phone and email it to [saintjameslutheran@gmail.com](mailto:saintjameslutheran@gmail.com) or contact Rick Boelke (612-386-0293) and he'll be glad can help! We will have a video reel on June 28<sup>th</sup> for us all to enjoy



**We need an event photographer for June 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 1:00**

If you consider yourself a photographer or know a good event photographer, please contact the office.