

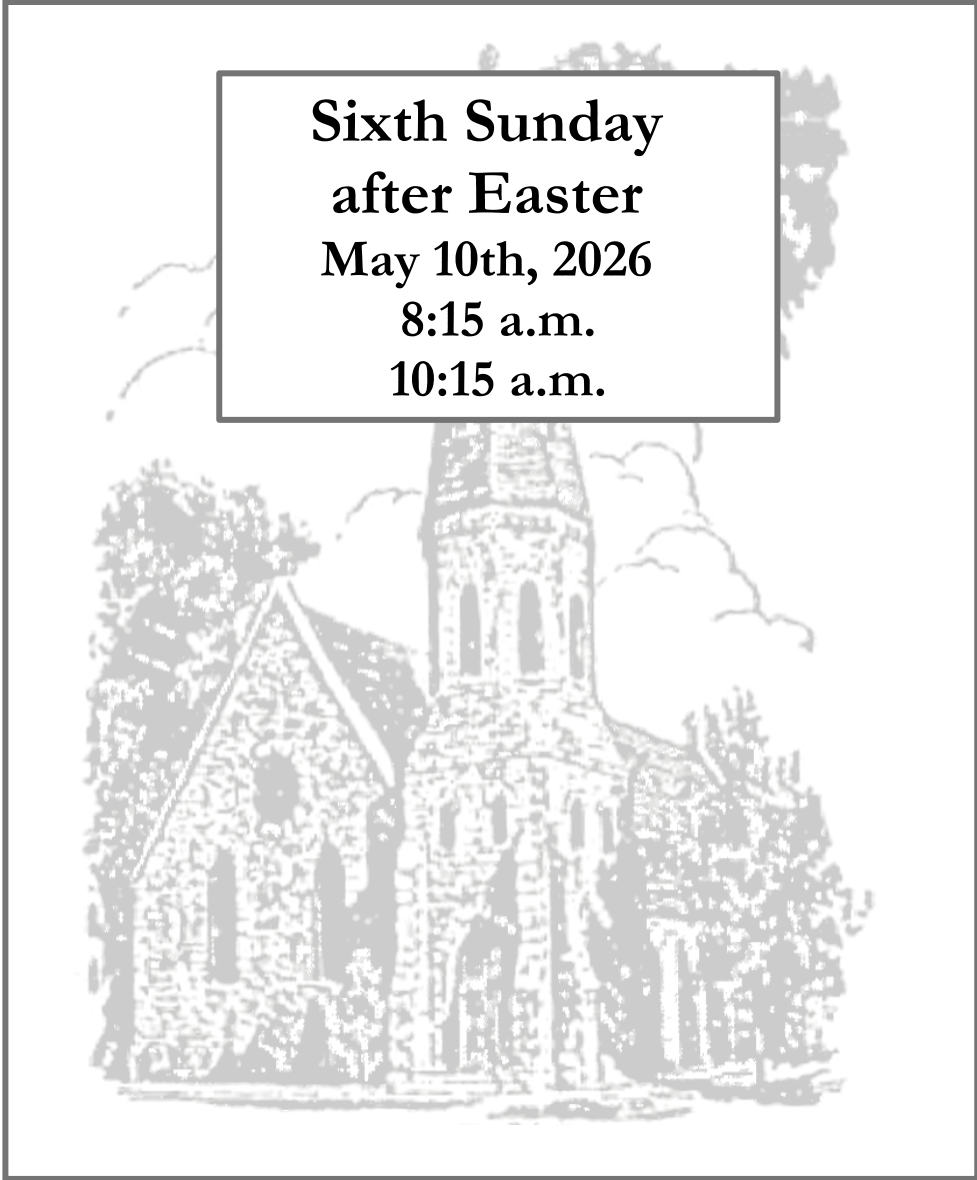


ST. JAMES

Episcopal
CHURCH

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We acknowledge that our church is on the historical Common Hunting Ground of the Pend d'Oreille, Salish, Blackfeet, Gros Ventre, Shoshone, Bannock, Nez Perce, Cheyenne, Arapahoe, and Crow Tribes.



**Sixth Sunday
after Easter
May 10th, 2026
8:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m.**

Wherever you are on your journey with God or towards God,
you are welcome here!



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES!

PLEASE READ - UPCOMING SERVICE TIME CHANGES!

Starting today, **April 19**, our two services will be at 8:15 am and 10:15 am, both followed by Coffee Hour.

ARE YOU A NEWCOMER?

Welcome! If you're new to St. James, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card so we can get to know you a little better. Welcome Cards are located in the racks at the end of each pew and in our newly updated welcome folders! Please feel free to take a folder with more information about St. James and our ministries as well as some other goodies. Welcome Cards can be returned to an Usher, member of the Clergy, or put in the offering plate.

NEED A NAMETAG?

If you need a nametag made (or corrected or refreshed) you can either sign up on the clipboard in the entry way of the church or email the office at office@stjamesbozeman.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sundays at 10 am (new time beginning today)

Children from PreK-5th are welcome to join us for Sunday School each week (except the last Sunday of each month) in the lower level of the Todd Center, located next door at 111 S. Tracy. If your child is a little older or a little younger, check in with our Sunday School teachers first.

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a St. James prayer shawl, please feel free to take one from the rack at the front doors of the church.

PASTORAL CARE LINE

Please direct calls to our Pastoral Care Line at **(406) 586-9451** to be connected with the clergy person on call. Pastoral care includes hospital and home visits, eucharistic visitors, meal trains, and more.

PARKING

Sunday morning parking is available in the Canterbury Lot at 8 W. Olive from 8am – 1pm for free. Please reach out to office@stjamesbozeman.org to be added to our parking system and validated for the rest of the week.

BULLETIN FEEDBACK

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CLERGY, STAFF, & VESTRY

Rector: The Rev. Rowan J. Larson
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The Rev. D Gregory Smith
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Susan Gregory, Darin Heitt-Rennie, Doug Campbell

THOSE IN SERVICE

Acolyte: Ty Sherwood; Senior Acolyte
Minnie Johnson; Acolyte
8:15 Reader: Vicki Van Rensselaer
10:15 Reader: Alison Counts
8:15 LEM: Stacy Quinn
10:15 LEM:
8:15 Ushers: Vicki Van Rensselaer
10:15 Ushers: Vicki Van Rensselaer, Lucy
Peterson
Coffee Hour:
Altar Guild: Nancy Blake, Julie Videon
Counters: Rusty Felton

PRELUDE

8:15 “Plainchant of the first and second Sanctus” from *Mass for the Parishes*

F. Couperin (1668-1733)

10:15 “Aria”

D. Ashley White (b. 1944)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Come, ye faithful, raise the strain” (GAUDEAMUS PARITER)

H82 200

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Let us pray together:

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

8:15 *Spoken*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

“Gloria”

S280 | 10:15 *Sung*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

POWELL

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands

all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18 *Jubilare Deo*

8:15 *Spoken* | 10:15 *Chanted by a cantor*

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be
heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of
refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was
in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for
me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my
prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my
prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 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, 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; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 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 persons, were saved through water. 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (ASSAM)

LEVAS 136

THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 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.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Rowan J. Larson

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand in body or in spirit

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear our Prayer

Let us pray for the world, saying **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, through the gift of your spirit we are given the ability to do what you ask of us and the desire to respond with our hearts and hands. Give each person who hears this prayer the ability to live a life of discipleship and the courage to make a difference in the world. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the health and welfare of our nation, for the health and security of all nations and for those who have the authority to bring your vision of peace, prosperity, and safety to fruition. Bless us with the will to solve problems, care for the marginalized and improve the lives of all people. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick and for those who work to heal, that the pain and suffering of this world might be diminished. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer from abuse, who are not safe at home. We pray for those who have no shelter, for the hungry, the oppressed, the downtrodden and the fearful. We pray for those without hope and who are alone. We pray for those who prey on the weak, for those who seek to do harm and for those who embrace evil – that they might turn away from the darkness inside them and embrace the light of God’s love. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, for those whom we remember and long to see. Give us hearts that rest in the hope of a future life lived in your presence. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Holy God, you are our strength and compass. Send us your spirit, your advocate to guide us in this life and strengthen us to love and serve you through service to your people. Be present to us this day and always, as creator, redeemer, and sustainer. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MOTHER’S DAY

On this Mother’s Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today, for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us, and for those who fell short of loving us fully; and for those who have been our substitute mothers. For all who hope to be mothers someday and those whose hope to have children have been frustrated. We thank you for how all of these mothers have shown us a glimpse of your steadfast love for us. We pray all this in the name of God, who is our mother and father. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS, TRAVELERS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

Lord God, our times are in your hand; look with favor we pray on your servants, surround them with your love and care, protect them from every danger, keep them safe in the knowledge of your love. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

8:15am

“Andante”

P. Rasmussen (1838-1913)

10:15am

“Ye servants of God” (PADERBORN)

H. Coleman (1888-1965)

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

- Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

DOXOLOGY

Sung by all to the tune of OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

While the table is being set, your financial gifts will be received by the ushers

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Please stand as the doxology begins and the monetary offering is brought forward

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

8:15 *Spoken*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

“Sanctus”

S129 | 10:15 *Sung*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____
 POWELL

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children, that with St. James and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All:

Traditional

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemporary

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 for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

8:15 *Spoken*

"Agnus Dei"

S163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.
POWELL

THE INVITATION

The Celebrant offers the consecrated bread with the following invitation:

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

We ask that you do not intinct (dip your wafer into the chalice).

Communion is full and complete in one kind if you prefer not to receive the chalice.

*If you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Creating God, your fingers trace” (WILDERNESS)
“More Love to Thee, O Christ” (MORE LOVE TO THEE)

H82 394
LEVAS 87

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray together:

All: **Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” (ROYAL OAK)

H82 405

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People : **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

8:15 “Concerto No 2 in G Major”

J. Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

10:15 “Postlude in G”

G. Merkel (1827-1885)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 10th, 2026)

FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY DEVOTIONALS

The delay is over! Our Day-By-Day Subscriptions have finally arrived. Stop by the church to pick one up!

PENTECOST EVENSONG

Join the St. James and Hope Lutheran Chancel Choirs on May 31st for a Pentecost Evensong. The concert will be held at Hope Lutheran and starts at 7pm.

SUMMER BOOK GROUPS

You are invited to join one or more St. James Summer 2026 Friday Dinner and Discussion Book Groups from 6:00-8:15 PM this summer at Pr. Valerie's home:

- **June 5, *Theo Of Golden: A Novel*** by Allen Levi.
- **July 10, *Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times*** by Gregory Boyle.
- **August 14, *The Great Divorce*** by C.S. Lewis.

Please purchase the book on your own. However, if cost is an issue, please contact the office and we can connect you with our book scholarship program. Please RSVP for the June 5th, the July 10th, and/or the August 17th potluck dinners to the Rev. Valerie Webster at vwebster587@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a high school senior or do you know someone who is? The Memorial Foundation of St. James offers a \$1000 scholarship for a high school senior. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please see the attached application form and return it by email to Sharon Eversman (stevensman61@gmail.com) **by June 1.**

NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:15 Early Service

10:15 Late Service

Coffee Hour following both services

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES – OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK

Tues	May 12	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (IHOP)
		7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Parish Hall)
Wed	May 13	7:30 p.m.	Venture Scouts (Scout Room)
Thurs	May 14	6:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Guild Room)
Sun	May 17		Seventh Sunday of Easter
		8:15 a.m.	Early Service
		9:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
		10:15 a.m.	Late Service
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Todd Center)
		11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)