

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Today:</b>	5:00 PM	Trustees Meeting
<b>Mon:</b>	2:00 PM	LWML
<b>Wed:</b>	8:20 AM	Chapel
	5:30 PM	Catechesis Check-In
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
	8:00 PM	Worship Choir
<b>Thurs:</b>	9:00 AM	Bible Study
<b>Sun:</b>	8:00 AM	Divine Service
	9:15 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Divine Service

## SERVING TODAY

<b>ELDERS:</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Jeff Diers Joe Pehl	<b>10:30 AM</b> Tom Johnson Loren Wegner
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Dick Zander Roy Bakeberg John Zander Pete Zimmerman	<b>10:30AM</b> Mike Thorson



**Organist:** Nancy Butterfass  
**Choir:** 10:30 "Fairest Jesus, Precious Savior" Worship Choir

**Fifth Sunday of Easter** – The psalmist invites us to “Come and see what the Lord has done!” (Psalm 66:5). The works of the Lord are many, but the greatest of all is the redemption He has provided us through His Son. Because Jesus bore the cross for us, God’s anger “is turned away” (Isaiah 12:1). Whatever stain of sin haunts our past, including the sin of abortion, that stain can be washed clean by Christ’s blood. Thanks be to God for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation He gives us in Jesus Christ, our Savior! With joy we draw water from the well of salvation (Isaiah 12:3). Jesus not only sends us the Helper, the Holy Spirit (John 16:8-11), to nurture us in the faith, but also “every good and every perfect gift from above” (James 1:17), most notably, God’s holy Word and Sacraments.

Attendance Sunday, April 26: 98 & 119 Communion: 134



# St. James Lutheran Church

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**Worship Information: May 3, 2026, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Divine Service p. 184 Hymns: 528, 840 (625, 729, 635) 790

**IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY...** we remember Jim Ittel, Connie Koosman, Dave Lee, Mary Jo Painschab, Blake Peterson (Deployed on the USS Mason), Chris Yukel, Carolyn Wackler, Jim Wackler, protection of the blessing of all life from conception to grave that God has precious created. Missionaries: Rev. James May and Family, Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad; those serving in the Armed Forces: Isaac Cain, Christena Dickens, Justin Hassa, Kelsey Hasz, Alex Hennen, Andrew Horsch, Brandon Maas, Blake Peterson, Alex Pettit, and Jacob Young.

**TODAY'S SERMON...**can be found in the information cart in the choir room.

**CONGREGATION AT PRAYER...**daily devotion guide can be found next to the bulletins.

## ST. JAMES HAPPENINGS

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP...**The Lord's service to you through His gifts of Word and Sacrament are the means through which He offers the forgiveness of sin and nourishes your soul. Welcome! Thank you for being here. Please let us know how we may serve you. If you'd like to chat with Pastor Loder, consider giving him a call at 320-526-5245 or send him a message at revloder@gmail.com.

**HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS...**If you are a member of St. James, review p. 329 or the Ten Commandments in preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins. If you are a guest, welcome! Communion at St. James is reserved for members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with Pastor Loder about Communion before participating. If you know you will be visiting, it is best to call during the week before. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, come forward with your hands crossed on your chest. **Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?** If you're a member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor Loder know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail. Please fill out a communion registration card and hand it to an Usher or put in the offering plate..

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS...**today we joyfully celebrate the confirmation of our students Emma Cardinal, Lillian Doten, Logan Frich, Clayton Hendrickson, Olivia Koosman, Lane Sparkman, Carly Stueven and Waverly Stueven as they affirm their faith and commitment to Christ. May God bless each of them with wisdom, courage, and heart full of faith as they continue to grow in their walk with the Lord.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER...**in Diving Service Setting III is chanted by the Pastor. When the pastor faces the altar, he represents the people before God and speaks on behalf of the congregation. He prays the Collect, the Prayer of the Church, and the post-communion collect in this manner. He also faces the altar during elements of confession and praise such as the Introit, Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, and Nunc Dimittis. When the pastor faces the congregation, he speaks on behalf of the Lord, teaching and blessing the people, such as during the readings, sermon, and benediction. Just as the pastor prays the other liturgical prayers on behalf of the people and the people end the prayer by adding their "Amen," the pastor speaks or chants the Lord's Prayer, and the people bring the prayer to its termination with the doxology, offering God praise.

**SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE...**for May is to Read One Book of the Bible. Build on the Fundamentals. Just as athletes grow by mastering the basics, so the Christian grows by returning to the Word again and again. Reading one book of the Bible is not about doing something flashy—it is about strengthening the foundation. The more familiar you become with Scripture, the more naturally it shapes your thoughts, words, and life.

**COME CELEBRATE SPRING...**at the LWML meeting tomorrow at 2:00 PM in the church office conference room. Games of Flower Bingo will be played with flowering plants being given as prizes.

**PRAISE BE TO GOD...**for Alison Estrem, who received First Communion last Sunday after successfully professing her faith through pastoral examination. First Communion is offered to anyone who is catechized and meets with pastor for examination. If you are interested in exploring this with your family, let Pastor know.

**SUMMER SOFTBALL TEAM SIGN-UP...** Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking for some fun and fellowship, all are welcome to join. Please stop by the Narthex to add your name to the sign-up sheet. Games are held on Sunday afternoons at the Dassel- Cokato High School. Contact Jeff Diers with any questions.

**FAMILY POTLUCK...** Bring a dish to share on Sunday, May 24th for all church potluck "weather permitting outside" right after Bible Study (11ish). Please bring a dish to share and a chair, also any games you might want to play. We will play kickball, yard games, and eat great food. Contact Jeff Diers with any questions at 320-510-1407.