



St. James' Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Preacher: The Reverend Joseph Lutz
Celebrant: The Reverend Zachary Drennen
Deacon: The Reverend Amy McClure

May 5, 2024
10:30 AM

Office Administrator: Trish Parker
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Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday- 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Vestry Members

| 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
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| Emily Chittenden Laird (Sr) | Dave McClure | Dorothy Hunter |
| Jody Hammond | Jim Owens | Jake Neumann (Jr) |
| Greg Johnson (Jr) | Bitsy Shaw | Christine Pollard |

Chalicians:

Libby Johnson and Earl Haddad

Readers:

Old Testament—Dave Lumsden
Epistle & Prayers of the People—Victoria Benedict

Acolyte:

Austin Benedict

"The people of St. James' Church are called to love and serve God. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we carry out our ministries through worship, reaching out to those in need, and helping each other and our neighbors understand and live by Christ's commandments."

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church.

(Inspired by Coventry Cathedral in Coventry, England)

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, questioning, well-healed or down at the heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up, or just out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas 10 years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte sippers, vegans, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, or down in the dumps, or don't like organized religion (we're not that keen on it either!).

We offer a welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to look around. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both, or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids, or got lost off of Interstate 64 looking for the State Fair and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters - and especially you....

Please come in!

A note or two about our worship service:

All of our worship services are found in our red *Book of Common Prayer* or *BCP* for short.

Most of our music is found in the blue Hymnal. Service Music – specific music related to a part of the liturgy – is indicated in your bulletin with an ‘S’ and will be found in the front section of the blue Hymnal. Just to keep you on your toes, we sometimes sing from the green hymnal found in your pews, *Wonder, Love and Praise*, and that will be indicated in your bulletin with the abbreviation WLP.

About Holy Communion: You are invited to receive the blessed bread and wine. To receive the bread, hold out your hand and the priest will place the bread in it. Likewise with the wine, help the minister guide the chalice to your mouth and take a small sip, or, if you choose, dip the bread in the small ‘intinction’ cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest and the chalice bearer will pass by. Those not wishing to receive communion are encouraged come up and receive a blessing from the priest, and we hope you do – we love giving out blessings!

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Prelude "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"(Let Us Rejoice)arr. Niedmann

The Processional "We plow the fields, and scatter" Hymnal # 291

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria Hymnal # S278

*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.*

The Collect of the Day

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.**

First Reading: Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (chanted with the choir)



- 1 Sing to the LORD a / new song,*
for he has done / marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his / holy arm*
has he won for him/self the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his / victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight / of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victo/ry of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, / all you lands;*
lift up your / voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the / harp,*
with the harp / and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the / horn*
shout with joy be/fore the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is / in it,*
the lands and / those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers / clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he / comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he / judge the world*
and the peo/ples with equity.

The Epistle: 1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of

God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.
The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: *"Lord, make us servants of your peace"* Hymnal # 593

The Gospel: John 15: 9-17

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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| Sermon | The Rev. Joseph Lutz |
| The Nicene Creed | BCP 358 |
| The Prayers of the People –Form III | BCP 387 |
| The Confession and Absolution | BCP 360 |
| The Peace (standing) | |
| <i>Celebrant:</i> The peace of the Lord be always with you. | |
| People: And also with you. | |

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Special Music

“This is My Father’s World”

arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology: “Lasst uns erfreuen”

(standing)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus:

Hymnal #S128

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.

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem:

Hymnal #S155

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns:

“The tree of life my soul has seen”

WLP #749

“One Bread, One Body”

See insert

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

“Earth and all stars”

Hymnal # 412

The Dismissal

To submit a name for prayers, call or email the church at 304-645-2588 or trish@lewisburgstjames.org

We pray for our St. James' family: Frank, Rachel, Ron, Gary, John, Helen, Sally, Kay, Judy, Nicole, Cassie, Mark B., and David H.

And for friends and family of the parish— Earlene Woodman, Tim Lumsden, Wayne, Rhett, Lauryn, David, Ian, Larry B., Carolyn I., Natalie Walter, Erik, Arletta, Lynn, David, Carol Waple, Willie, Gerry, Christy, Tommy Sheppard, Karen, Herbert, Kate, Zach B., Sylvia, Hannah Toler, Ruth Williams, Oretha Morgan, Marshall, Dave, Dakota, Jeff Allen, Teayre K., Mike S., Bob C., Alice and the Roth family.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of their mothers Lois and Anna by Barbara and Joseph Lutz.*



Announcements

Upcoming Events at St. James'

May 11 @ 5 PM—Margy Bruns Memorial Service, reception following

May 31 @ 6 PM -Amy McClures Ordination, reception following

June 2 -Bishop's visit with confirmations at 10:30 AM with Coffee Hour to follow

June 9—Mass in the Grass at 10:30 AM

Attention Ushers-If you currently serve as a church usher or would like to do so please meet with Mary Lou Lumsden for a few minutes after today's service.

Church Directory-There are drafts of the new Church Directory placed in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall this Sunday. If your name is in red, something is missing, birthdate, phone #, etc.. Please write it in. If you are not in the directory and wish be to PLEASE write in your information in the back of the draft or email the church at trish@lewisburgstjames.org ASAP. Our plan is to have directory available June 2. Thank you one and all.

Announcements

Join us today for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 service.

Adult Forum continues at 9:15 am on Sundays with the study of “Short Stories by Jesus” by Amy Jill Levine

Midweek Service-Wednesday, May 8 at noon

Ascension Day

Celebrant: The Rev. Zach Drennen

Chalicerist: Lucie Refsland

Lector: Sally Lane

Meditation-The Reverent Joseph Lutz

Update on Spring Yard Sale—St. James’ Spring Yard Sale will be Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18. **Please do not bring items until after church on May 12 and on Monday and Tuesday of that week.** No electronics please. We will also need volunteers to set up, price, sell and clean up. Thank you.

Food Locker- Twice a year St. James' participates in the delivery to shut-ins or otherwise mobility challenged individuals for whom we have been collecting and blessing food all year long. Our turn is coming up on Saturday, May 18. If you are willing and able to help with this delivery, please let Sally Cooper know. We will meet at 7:45am at the Old Stone parish hall on that day. It takes about an hour and is so very appreciated by the recipients.

Peterkin Camps 2024- Peterkin is a Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia and hosts summer camps for all ages, including dedicated youth camps as well as intergenerational camps. For registration and more information visit the website at Peterkin.org
Summer schedule

- June 16-22: Senior Camp (entering 10th grade-graduated high school seniors)
- June 23-29: Junior Camp (entering 4th-6th grades)
- June 30-July 3: Alpha Camp (young children and their grown-ups)
- July 7-13: Intermediate Camp (entering 7th-9th grades)
- July 14-20: Music, Art, Drama Camp (entering 4th-12th grades)
- July 21-27: Family Camp (families of all ages and sizes)

Scholarships-at Peterkin we have had a long-standing commitment that no child should miss camp because of lack of funds. To that end we are utilizing our diocesan scholarship funds by establishing tiered rates for this summer; campers can choose to pay the full \$800 price, pay a lower rate of \$600, or the lowest rate of \$250. We are hoping this will take away most of the anxiety about cost. However, there are still campers who can't make the minimum payment, including campers who can't make any payment at all. Those campers may ask St. James' for scholarship funds.