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**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023**

Divine Service (Setting One)

The Preservice Music, The Call to Worship & Welcome

The Hymn of Invocation: 464 “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

The Invocation, Confession & Absolution (p. 151)

A Song of Praise: Easter Song (AGPS #91)

The Prayer of the Day

The Scripture Readings

A The Old Testament Lesson appointed for this Sunday is Psalm 23.

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A The Epistle lesson appointed for this Sunday is from 1 Peter, chapter 2, verses 19-25.

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to

you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed (p. 158)

The Hymn of the Day: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd
Is

The Sermon (During the sermon, children who are ages 3 through grade 2 are invited to participate in KIDZ Time. Children can make their way to the back of the sanctuary where the KIDZ Time teacher is waiting. The children will return to the service following the sermon.)

The Offering (Choir Anthem “Dona Nobis Pacem”) (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

The Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

A Hymn: 490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

The Announcements & Dismissal for Online Worshippers

Preface

LSB 160

The Proper Preface & Sanctus

LSB 161

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

Distribution (Continuous Flow) During the Distribution you are invited to sing, LSB 462 “All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding.”

The Post-Communion Canticle *LSB 164*

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Benediction *LSB 166*

The Closing Hymn: "The Lord of the Dance" (AGPS #170)

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Events of the Week: May 1 – May 7, 2023

Monday	6:30 p.m. Evening Service Led by Deacons
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Darrell’s Bible Class
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Second Best Sale 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir
Friday	9:00 a.m. Second Best Sale
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Second Best Sale
Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible study

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: April 23, 2023

General Fund	\$4,146.00
Building Fund	\$0.00
ISJ Academy-(TAF)	\$100.00
Tessaro Ministry	\$0.00
Memorials	\$0.00
Donations for August Carnival	\$20.00
Bibles for Easter Event	\$297.92
Rwanda Mothers	\$1069.00
<u>Evangelism</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,632.92

Those Who Serve Today April. 30th.

Officiant: Pastor Glenn Schaeffer

Lector: Irene Talen

Organist: Beth McKay

Deacons: Dave Hood / Jerry Talen

Ushers: Dale and Grace Rosema / Derren Kippen

Video/Sound/Recording: Nathan Urbanski, John, and Marjie Weiss

April Altar Guild: Deb, Kelsey, and Lynelle Butler

Those Who are Serving Next Week: May 7th.

Officiant: Pastor Graves

Lector: Jim Spears

Organist: Beth McKay

Deacons: Bryan Ensing / Craig Popma

Ushers: Urbanski Family / Jim McKay

Video/Sound/Recording: Nathan Urbanski, John, and Marjie Weiss

May Altar Guild: Irene Talen

Announcements

Have you heard about King's Table Ministries? Would you like to learn about this ministry? Pastor Jim Richter invites you to join he and his wife at a Planting Seeds Luncheon coming up on Tuesday, May 16. At this event leaders from King's Table will share the many ways KTM connects families impacted by special needs to a network of support within our community. If you are interested, please let Pastor Schaeffer know ASAP and he will connect you to Pastor Richter.

ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE (2023): Would you like to go on a journey to Israel and haven't made plans yet? Pastor Frank Graves is planning on taking a 10-day pilgrimage to Israel (Oct.10-19, 2023). He has journeyed there 8 times prior. Cost is \$4992 (from Grand Rapids and Orlando). The cost includes entrance into all sacred sites, lodging (at least 4 star plus), air and ground transportation, full breakfast and dinner (lunch is at your expense), and all tips, etc. If you have an interest, please contact him at: revbev65@hotmail.com or 616-929-2267. Initial deposit is \$500 and can be paid by credit card. Trip details and itineraries are available on the table in the church lobby. We would love to have you experience the land where our Savior Jesus, grew up, ministered, suffered, died, and rose again for us. The journey is life changing and the Bible comes alive in a special new way when you visit personally.

New Member Welcome Sunday – May 21st! Mark this date on your calendar. We will have a special celebration following the service in the gathering room.

Lectors Needed: Sign up to read the Old Testament and Epistle Lessons during Sunday morning services. The sign-up sheet is on the table by the church office.

Help Stock NECM's Pantry with Meijer "Simply Give" Campaign: If you wish to help Meijer in their Simply Give

campaign, please grab a \$10 Food Pantry Donation Card on the table in the lobby. It is very easy to use and a simple to help NECM stock the pantry. Simply scan the card when you buy your groceries. Beginning April 2nd to July 1st at both Plainfield and Walker Meijer locations. On Saturday June 17th your \$10.00 becomes \$30.00 on “Double Match Day”.

ISJ Golf Outing: Please join us for the 15th Annual Golf Outing on June 3, 2023, at Arrowhead Golf Course in Lowell, MI. If you would like to play as an individual or as a team, please fill out the Registration Form found on the table in the lobby.

Second Best Sale Friends in Faith is having **DROP-OFF** dates of **Saturday April 22 and 29** at the church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are asking for all large items to be brought on April 29 due to the inability to store them. We cannot accept mattresses, box springs, analog (tube type TVs), nursery furniture, medical items or any items that are not usable and saleable. Members of Friends in Faith will be here to unload your car and take everything into church for you! How great is that!?! We also ask that clothing be clean and gently used. Smaller items can be brought to the church any time the church is open. Please call the Church Office before you come. If items need to be brought sooner or if you have any questions, please contact Walt at 970-7407 or Dale Rosema 262-1390 Set-up for the Sale will begin on Sunday, April 30. VOLUNTEERS are needed on Sunday after Church to set up tables and sorting the items for the sale. Volunteers are also needed on Monday and Tuesday for sorting and pricing. Volunteers are needed for Thursday through Saturday to assist customers and clean-up on Saturday. It's a great time to get to know each other and help support our Youth and Church functions. Work for an hour or enjoy the 9-4 day with everyone. A sign-up sheet will be at the entrance by the office. If you have any questions please see Walt Kryzanowski or Dale Rosema **(May 4th -6th is the sale)**

(Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm) (Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm)
(Saturday, 9:00am-12:00pm)

Pastor on Vacation: Pastor will be on vacation starting May 1st. If you have an emergency, please contact one of the Deacons. Craig Popma (616-531-6481) Bryan Ensing (616-447-8305) Jerry Talen (616-784-5488) David Hood (616-822-9650)

Dorcas Society May Gathering We invite all women of our congregation to gather on Thursday May 11 at 1:30 in the Gathering Room. We will take ANOTHER nostalgic look into the history of our congregation as we look at the member directories, church anniversary booklets, and special booklets of dedication of church and school that are part of our archives. We will continue to review some of the photographs with the hope of identifying more individuals. So come and enjoy a few hours of remembering and celebrating the history of St James. Please contact Rachel Palmer (616-883-6949), palmerrm@comcast.net with questions or if you need a ride. This is final meeting until September.

An EGGS-traordinary Easter Carnival!!



Thank you for your partnership in presenting An EGGS-traordinary Easter Carnival for the school, church, and neighborhood communities! Your enthusiasm for celebrating Jesus' resurrection

and your heartfelt desire to make a difference for families was a joy to witness.

Thank you ISJ Board for once again having a booth at St. James' Easter outreach. We are grateful for your participation and deeply appreciate the work you do as board members for the school. When the work is challenging, know that St. James is lifting you up in prayer

and when it is rewarding know we are celebrating with you! We pray each of you has a wonderful celebration of Earth Day this Saturday!

Also, I would like to recognize the incredible job ISJ staff and the ISJ PTL did to support this outreach event. Many community families participated and quite a few commented on how warm and inviting the event was. I am sure this



positive impression has built on the school's reputation in the community. We at St. James are praying those who came will consider ISJ for their children education in the coming year. Thank you, teachers, for the extra work you did to prepare your carnival booths and for dedicating Saturday afternoon to partner with St. James.

One final shout out! Thank you ISJ students for your impressive leadership in planning and executing your booths for the Carnival. While you had the guidance of your teachers in planning, you showed Christ-like character as you developed and manned your class booths. Each of displayed kindness, respect, and initiative as you volunteered to blow up balloons, paint faces, help at your booth, run the egg hunt, and encourage people at the Photo Booth.

In the name of our Risen Lord,

Sandra Schaeffer, on behalf of the congregation at St. James, Pastor Schaeffer, and the Easter Outreach Committee

A Statement on Holy Communion

We rejoice in the celebration of the LORD'S Supper as the Lord Jesus comes to us in a very personal manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, *"A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself."* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) It is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper.

Members of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations, who:

- Repent of their sin;
- Believe in Jesus as their Savior;
- Trust that they are receiving, not only bread and wine, but also the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of their sins; and
- Intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as forgiven sinners resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the newness of life;

are invited to partake of this Holy Meal with us. We request that ALL guests who desire to commune, kindly speak to the Pastor before the service.

If you prefer to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion, please do so. We ask that you cross your arms over your chest so that Pastor knows you want to receive a blessing.

NOTE: We provide gluten-free communion host and non-alcohol grape juice. Just let Pastor and/or the assistants know when you come for Holy Communion.