



Easter 3

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WELCOME

Welcome to Saint James, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Southeast Michigan Synod. Thank you for being part of this gathered assembly as we worship God, and receive the sacrament. If this is your first time worshipping with Saint James, we extend a special greeting to you and invite you to introduce yourself to your neighbor in the pew. If you have questions about Saint James or are looking for a spiritual home, please reach out to the Pastor (pastor@stjamesgp.org).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

WORSHIP & HOLY EUCHARIST

All of the materials needed for this liturgy can be found in this bulletin and in the cranberry *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) found in the pew rack.

THE SACRAMENT

The celebration of the sacrament, **Holy Eucharist** (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion), is central to our worship. Saint James practices an open table for Holy Communion, which means that all people are invited to participate in the sacrament. Jesus is the host of the meal and extends a wide welcome. Children are welcome to participate, but may also come forward with folded arms to receive a blessing. If you prefer to receive the sacrament in the pew, please let an usher know before worship.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Day of Arising

David Cherwien

STAND and face the procession.

The sign of the cross is made in remembrance of our baptism.

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN

With High Delight Let Us Unite

ELW 368

INVOCATION & APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

Notice the use of the word 'us.' This indicates that the Kyrie is a corporate (common to everyone) prayer in which together we pray for God's mercy and peace to be upon us and all people: our community, the Church, and the world.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

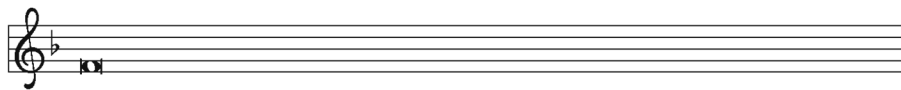
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

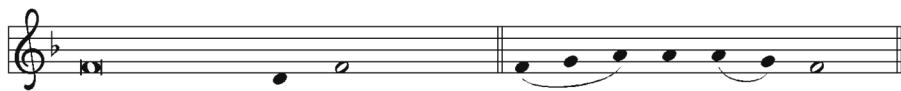
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

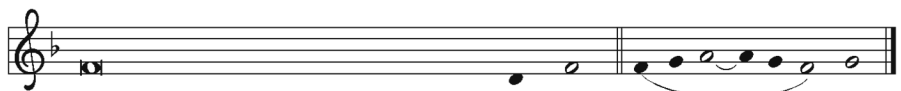
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

The Hymn of Praise celebrates and gives 'glory to God' for the gift of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*A silence of
5 to 10 seconds is
kept; we prepare
to speak and
listen to God
in prayer.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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WORD

SIT

FIRST LESSON

see page 13 of this bulletin

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The lessons appointed for today can be found in the latter part of this bulletin

PSALM

see page 14 of this bulletin

SECOND LESSON

see page 15 of this bulletin

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

STAND and SING

Verse: *Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures.* (Luke 24:32)

REPEAT ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL

see page 15 of this bulletin

before the Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

following the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Proper Verse, which is a single line of scripture that highlights the theme of the day's scriptures, is sung by the choir or cantor.

The Holy Gospel is read amidst the people as a sign that our Risen Lord, the Word made flesh, the Redeemer of the world, is in our midst.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* ELW 377:1

*The acclamation
is sung as
the procession
returns to
the chancel.*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight! Refrain Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise. Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!"

SIT

HOMILY

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY *Day of Arising*

ELW 374

NICENE CREED

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

*In the Nicene Creed
we speak aloud the
fundamental beliefs
of the Church.*

**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.**

*This creed was
written in 325 CE
and has been used
continuously since
that time.*

**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 and the Son,*
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.**

INTERCESSIONS

following each petition

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

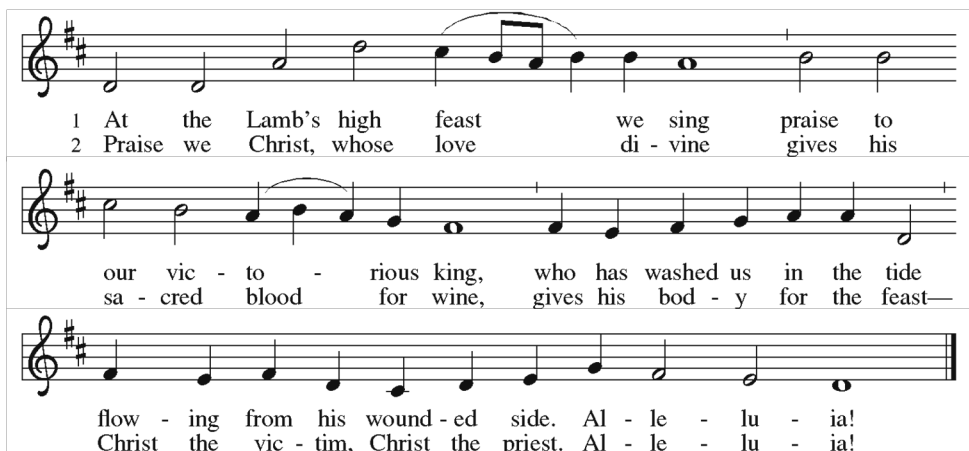
*The sign of peace
is a greeting
between
believers that
invites the peace
of God to dwell
within and
between each
person. This
means that
sharing the peace
is much more
than an act of
hospitality.*

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

TABLE SETTING

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing ELW 362:1-2



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to his
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his

our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—

flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim. Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER

Risen Lord, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Instead of 'passing the plate,' Saint James receives offerings in a) offering plates near each sanctuary entrance, b) via online giving at stjamesgp.org, and c) via Zelle app (QR code). Your gifts support the ministry of the church.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

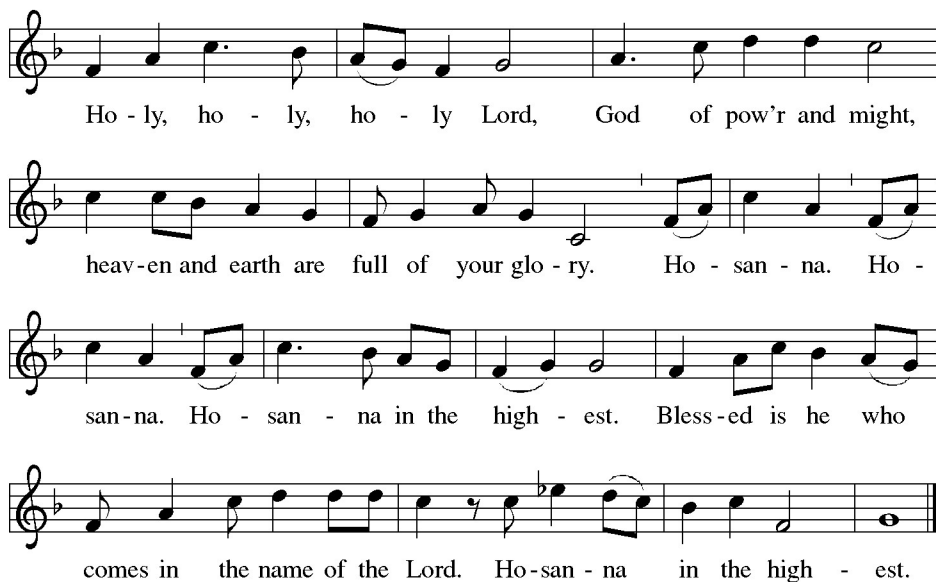
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

The Great Thanksgiving is understood as an act of praise and thanksgiving. Following Jewish customs, the emerging Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked God) for God's kindness and love.

The Sanctus is a series of angelic acclamations which accompanied Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3 also Psalm 118:26).

In the Eucharistic Prayer, the church gives thanks for God's mighty works in the past, in creation and redemption through Jesus Christ, and thereby proclaims its faith in the blessings that come in the future both in this life and in eternal life yet to come.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.

We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.

The prayer continues, including the Words of Institution

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This acclamation, Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again, summarizes our understanding of the redemptive work of Jesus.



Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us.

the prayer continues

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours Almighty Father, now and forever.

We pray with the words that Jesus first taught to his disciples when they asked him how to pray. Mt 6:9-13



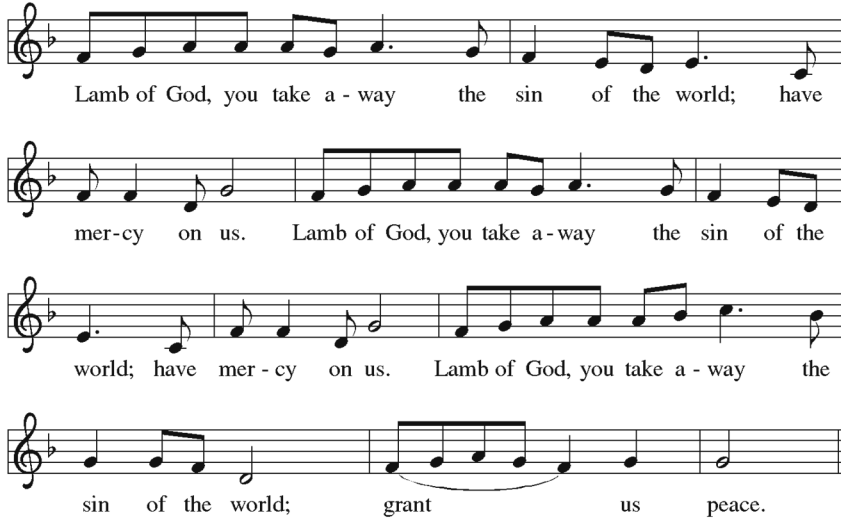
The bread is broken and distributed for all. We share in the body and blood of Jesus, whose real presence is with us in this sacred meal.

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia! The Lord has truly risen, and meets us in this holy meal. **Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!**

LAMB OF GOD



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.

*The Lamb of God
is drawn from the
Gospel of John;
John 1:29*

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

SIT

*After all have
communed STAND
as indicated by the
Presider.*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SAINT JAMES COMMUNION PRACTICE

Distribution

Come forward via the central aisle.

Communion Distribution is offered by **intinction**.

Receive the host (bread/Jesus' body) in the hand, hold it and then **dip it** into the cup with wine (Jesus' blood). Or consume it and take an individual cup of wine (purple) or juice (golden).

A gluten free host is offered by saying "gluten free" to the pastor.

If you prefer to receive the sacrament in the pew please let an usher know before worship that this is your preference.

Return to your place via the outside aisles for private prayer.

SENDING

Having been strengthened in body, mind, and spirit by Jesus' body and blood, we are sent into the world to proclaim the power and the presence of the Risen Jesus.

SENDING PRAYER

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* ELW 362:7-8

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Risen Lord!

Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* Theodore Beck

FIRST LESSON**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

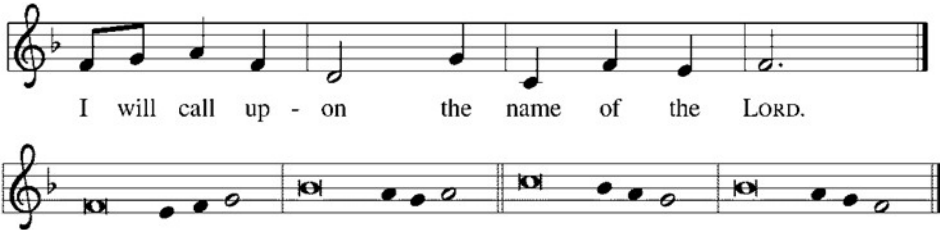
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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19



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I love the LORD, who has¹ heard my voice,

and listened to my¹ supplication,

²for the LORD has given¹ ear to me
whenever I called.

³**The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave¹ came upon me;
I came to¹ grief and sorrow.**

⁴**Then I called upon the name¹ of the LORD:**

"O LORD, I pray you,¹ save my life." Refrain

¹²How shall I re-¹pay the LORD
for all the good things God has¹ done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup¹ of salvation
and call on the name¹ of the LORD.

¹⁴**I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people.**

¹⁵**Precious in your¹ sight, O LORD,
is the death¹ of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me¹ from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name¹ of the LORD. **Refrain**

¹⁸**I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people,**

¹⁹**in the courts of¹ the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.¹ Hallelujah! Refrain**

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THE SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

before the Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is Read.

following the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Return to page 6 for the Gospel Acclamation

*The Weekly Newsletter of Saint James Lutheran Church
For the Week of April 19 2026*



WELCOME back to Licensed Lay Minister Bill Wrobel who is filling in this morning while Pastor Grant is taking vacation time. Thank you Bill for leading us in worship today!



HUMBLE DESIGN DETROIT will be hosting a free community presentation about their mission to end homelessness in Detroit on **Wednesday, April 22** at **10 AM**. All Saint James & St. Paul members are invited to attend! RSVPs are encouraged, please contact **Sue Martin**, 313-613-0062 or smartin967@gmail.com.

PASTOR'S VACATION Pastor Grant will be taking vacation time from **today, April 19** through **Wednesday, April 29**. Please contact the office or Council President **Andrew Picek** if you have any pastoral needs while she is away. She can be reached via phone, text & email when she returns on **April 30**.



LUTHER LEAGUE The St. Paul Luther League Youth Group has their next outing today **Sunday, April 19**. All Saint James youth & their friends, grades 5-12 are welcome to attend! The group will be going to mini golf at the **Royal Oak Golf Center** from **2-4 PM**. Friends are welcome to join, but all youth will need a signed transportation and medical waiver. Please contact the office for Suzanne's contact information. The final Luther League event of this school year will be an End of Year Party at **CJ Barrymore's** in Clinton Township on Saturday **May 16** from **10 AM** to **2 PM**.

PRAYER SHAWLS meets next on **Thursday, April 23** at **10 AM** at Saint James in the small conference room on the second floor. All knitters and crocheters are welcome!



BOOK CLUB meets next on **Tuesday, April 28** at **1 PM** at Gini Bunchek's home (see your directory or contact the office for the address). We will be reading *None of This is True* by Lisa Jewell. All are welcome to join for any month's discussion!

CHURCH COUNCIL The next church council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 19** at **6:30 PM** in the second floor lounge. All members are welcome to attend any council meeting.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY The annual Synod Assembly will take place on **May 29-30** at St. John's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Saint James needs to send 2 representatives from our congregation. Please contact the Office or Pastor Grant by **May 7** if you are interested in attending.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS the Spring Congregation Meeting will be held on **June 14th** immediately following worship. Please plan to attend this important meeting, the agenda includes a review of our year-to-date financials and approving the Council slate for the new council term beginning on July 1. If you are interested in serving on Council, please contact **Andrew Picek**.