



Pentecost 3

June 14, 2026

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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 the Risen Lord 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 Pastor Grant (pastor@stjamesgp.org).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

WORSHIP & HOLY EUCHARIST

All of the materials needed for this liturgy can be found in this bulletin and in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) book found in the pew rack. The celebration of the sacrament, **Holy Eucharist** (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion), is central to our worship. As host of the meal, Jesus extends a wide welcome for all to participate. Distribution information is found on page 10. If you would prefer to commune in the pew, please alert an usher prior to the start of worship.

NEXT SUNDAY Worship at St. Paul at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord

Charles Callahan

GATHERING

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

STAND

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*The sign of the cross
is made in
remembrance
of Holy Baptism.*

Bathed with the waters of baptism and clothed with the assurance of God's grace, let us come before God to confess our sins.

silence for reflection and confession

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins; those things done, and those things left undone. The burden of sin is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*The ELW
(Evangelical
Lutheran Worship)
is the red worship
book in the pew
rack. In the ELW,
find hymns not
printed in the
bulletin and
harmony to those
printed.*

Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
and have received grace in which we stand.

Therefore, your sins + are forgiven;

By the power of Jesus death and resurrection

you are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE


Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.




1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

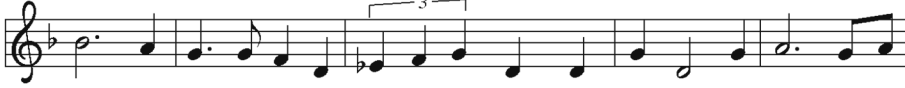
Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of




God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are




seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

Drawn from the hymns in the book of Revelation, the words of this hymn of praise joins Passover and Easter with a glimpse of the kingdom now, and reign of God yet to come.

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SIT

WORD

FIRST LESSON

see page 12 of this bulletin

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

ELW 883

SECOND LESSON

see page 12 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, al - le - lu - ia.

STAND & SING as the procession moves to the center of the sanctuary.

Verse: *The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.*
Mark 1:15

REPEAT ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL

see page 13 of this bulletin

before the Gospel
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel (God’s Word) is a reminder that our Lord is in our midst.

after the Gospel
The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
heav'n de-scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

The procession returns to the chancel as the Acclamation is sung by ALL.

chancel: *the front of the sanctuary (the entire worship space) where Word and Sacrament is celebrated. The Word is proclaimed in reading, preaching and singing.*

SIT **HOMILY**

STAND **HYMN OF THE DAY** *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate* **ELW 722**

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

*The Creed is a
statement of what
Christian people
believe about God.*

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

*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 or
hello.*

INTERCESSIONS

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

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

TABLE SETTING

In the Singing

ELW 466



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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REMAIN
STANDING & SING
*as the ushers bring
the gifts of bread
and wine forward
as the table is set.*

PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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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 his kindness and love.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God through our Savior Jesus Christ; who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join there unending hymn:

SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty, and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

The Words of Institution

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



Remembering, therefore, his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people.

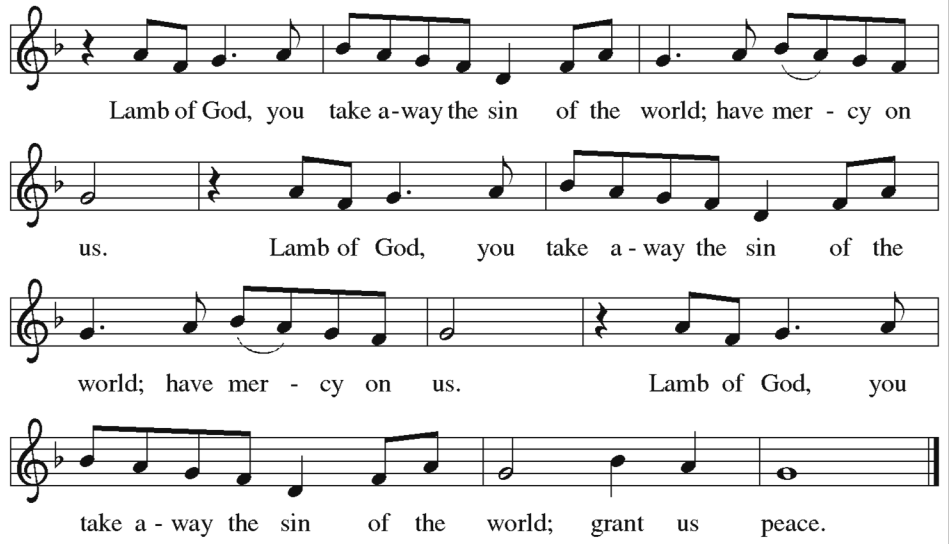
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



In the Eucharistic Prayer, the church gives thanks for God the Father and creator; for Jesus who saves and redeems us; and for the Holy Spirit that stirs and enlightens our faith that we might proclaim the mighty work of God in word and deed.

The word eucharist means 'thanksgiving.' When we use this term for the sacrament the emphasis is on the joy and celebration with which we thank the Risen Lord Jesus for his real presence as we receive his body and blood.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven...

SAINT JAMES COMMUNION PRACTICE

- Welcome** 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.
- Benefit** What is the benefit of sharing in the meal? The words “given for you” and “shed for you” show us that the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament. (Luther’s Small Catechism)
- Distribution** Come forward via the central aisle.
- Receive the host (bread/Jesus’ body) in the hand, 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.
- Return to your place via the outside aisles for private prayer.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.
Let us rejoice and be glad.

DISTRIBUTION

SIT

HYMN *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* **ELW 470**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

STAND

SENDING

SENDING PRAYER

O Lord, we thank you for your Spirit who calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies us by the means of grace. As we have received you in this meal, so send us out that we may faithfully feed others with the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The sign of the cross is made in remembrance of Holy Baptism

HYMN *In Christ Called to Baptize* **ELW 575:1-3**

DISMISSAL

Go forth in the name of the Triune God,
proclaim the gospel throughout the earth!
We are sent in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord* James Engel

FIRST LESSON**Exodus 19:2-8a**

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴ 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

ELW 883

SECOND LESSON**Romans 5:1-8**

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed,

rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35—10:8-23

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

before the Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay

there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

after the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Worship Leaders for June 14 (10 AM)

Assisting Minister: Susan Allison
Crucifer: Andrew Picek
Communion Assistant: Emily Richardson
Lector: Sammie Bessner
Altar Guild: Marcia & Mark Wilson
Livestream: Lena Picek
Ushers: Barb & Ray Radtke

June 21 — 10 AM at St. Paul

Worship Leaders for June 28 (10 AM)

Assisting Minister: Mary Moellering
Crucifer: Rich Moellering
Communion Assistant: Lena Picek
Lector: Jim Lingscheit
Altar Guild: Emily Richardson
Livestream: Sue Martin
Ushers: Arnold Brammeier & Ruth Richardson

Full June & July schedule available on the kiosk

Offering Plates

Saint James places offering plates at each entrance to the sanctuary. For more information about offerings, including electronic giving, see the bulletin. Thank you for your faithfulness in stewardship. Every contribution helps to support Saint James' mission and the proclamation of the gospel in the world. Find us on Zelle using: giving@stjamesgp.org

ALTAR FLOWERS Sign up now for altar flowers. The sign-up sheet is found on the kiosk in the Welcome Area. If you'd like to remember or honor someone for the altar flowers, please fill out a flower form or send an email to the office or to pastor by Tuesday of that week.



Coffee Hour Please join us each Sunday after service for Coffee Hour in the Welcome Area (beyond the municipal parking lot doors near the nursery.) Grab a cup of coffee or juice and a goodie and enjoy some Christian fellowship.

Got News? Please send items for inclusion in the Saturday email newsletter to Alicia Taub no later than Thursday at noon of that week. All items for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to Emily Richardson at office@stjamesgp.org no later than Tuesday.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, June 14

Pentecost 3

Flag Day

10am: Holy Eucharist (at Saint James)

Congregational Meeting immediately following worship

Fellowship immediately following the meeting

Monday, June 15

Office Closed on Mondays

Tuesday, June 16

8am: Men's Club Chorus (Undercroft)

9am-12pm: Office Hours

Wednesday, June 17

Pastor Grant's Office Day

9am-1pm: Office Hours

Thursday, June 18

9am-12pm: Office Hours

Friday, June 19

Juneteenth

Pastor's Day Off

Office Closed on Fridays

Sunday, June 21

Pentecost 4

Father's Day

10am: Holy Eucharist (at St. Paul)

Fellowship immediately following worship

Monday, June 22

Office Closed on Mondays

Tuesday, June 23

8am: Men's Club Chorus (Undercroft)

9am-12pm: Office Hours

1pm: Book Club (at Emily Moellering's home)

Wednesday, June 24

9am-1pm: Office Hours

Thursday, June 25

9am-12pm: Office Hours

10am: Prayer Shawls (Second Floor Conference Room)

Friday, June 26

Pastor's Day Off

Office Closed on Fridays

Sunday, June 28

Pentecost 5

10am: Holy Eucharist (at Saint James)

Fellowship immediately following worship

LOOKING AHEAD:


July 5 — Worship at St. Paul

*The Weekly Newsletter of Saint James Lutheran Church
For the Week of June 14, 2026*




SAINT JAMES would like to remind all to please ensure that your phones and other electronic devices are silenced, switched to vibrate or turned off before worship begins. Thank you for your cooperation!


SPRING MEETING the Spring Congregation Meeting is **today** immediately following worship. Please plan to attend this important meeting, the agenda includes a review of our year-to-date financials and electing Church Council members for the Council term beginning on July 1.

 **THANK YOU** Our annual jazz concert was a great success last week! A big thank you to **RJ Spangler, Ava Noecker** and **Planet D Nonet** for putting on another wonderful show for us! We would also like to thank **The Noecker Family, Susan Allison, Ruth & Emily Richardson, Sarah Sutherland, Sammie & Mark Bessner, Bill Korte, Mary & Rich Moellering, Mary Szelc, Gini Bunchek, Karol Evard, Emily Moellering, Perry Knight, Pastors Denise & Ken Grant** and everyone who helped make the event a success! We couldn't have done it without your support, time, talent and goodies!

BOOK CLUB meets next on **Tuesday, June 23** at Emily Moellering's home. Book club starts at **1:00 PM**. This month we will be discussing *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath. Anyone is welcome to join any month's discussion. Contact **Emily Moellering** with any questions.

 **REHEARSALS** a reminder that choir & handbells rehearsals are suspended for the summer. We will start back up again in September. Please contact **Kurt Heyer** if you are interested in singing or ringing in the fall!

CHURCH COUNCIL There will be **no** church council meeting in June, the next meeting will be set sometime after the new council term begins on July 1.

 **MEND ON THE MOVE** Thank you to all who donated to the Small Change Ministry in support of **Mend on the Move!** Together we raised \$382, which will help fuel their mission to employ and empower survivors of abuse throughout metro Detroit. A letter from them acknowledging our gift is on the kiosk.

SUMMER SCHEDULE our Summer Schedule continues next week **Sunday, June 21** at **St. Paul** at **10 AM**. Each week there will be one worship service at 10 AM, either at Saint James or St. Paul. St. Paul is located at 375 Lothrop Rd (at Chalfonte) in Grosse Pointe Farms. We will be alternating every other week between the two churches. The full schedule can be found on the kiosk and in your Saturday eNews. Copies are available to take with you on the front pews.

All services are at 10 AM

June 21 at St. Paul

June 28 at Saint James

July 5 at St. Paul

July 12 at Saint James

July 19 at St. Paul

The full schedule is available on the kiosk