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4th Sunday after Easter

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The Flowers – To the glory of God by the Family of Lester Phillips in remembrance of Lester's birthday.

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TO OUR VISITORS - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bid you welcome. May the Holy Spirit bless you, together with us, as we give our attention to the Word of God this morning. *** Please sign the GUEST REGISTER [*please also include your address*] in the NARTHEX as you leave the church.

HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT AND POLICY: It is our expressed belief, confidence and joy that the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, present under the bread and wine, are distributed in the Lord's Supper. All who commune at His altar are to be in complete confessional agreement with the other communicants. This practice of Closed Communion is an evangelical expression of our love for the communicant and for Christ's Holy Supper. In accordance with the Word of God in 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:27-29, we only permit members of this congregation, as well as members of fellow Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregations, to commune today. If your membership is with a different faith group, so that you have a belief which differs from our belief and confession on Holy Communion, then we kindly ask you in love to refrain from communing today and first speak with Pastor or an Elder. Members of our congregation who wish to commune are asked to sign the communion registration sheet in the Narthex.

OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION - PAGE 15 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

(Our visitors are asked to please read and honor our communion statement above.)

SILENT PRAYER upon entering the nave: Loving heavenly Father! I have come to hear Your Holy Word that makes the soul righteous. So then, put Your Holy Spirit in my heart that I may accept Your Gospel with awe and truly believe it. Amen.

*****At Holy Trinity...** We welcome Johnnie and Lynn Cain into communicant membership this morning by Affirmation of Faith. We heartily and joyfully welcome them as fellow members in Christ into our Christian fellowship.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come. Though we are now God's children, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed. (1 John 3:1-3) So it is good for us to wait for the Lord. Jesus tells us that the wait is just for a little while: "A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me." (John 16:16) Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31) The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. "And no one will take your joy from you." (John 16:22) (*lcms.org/lectionary-summaries*)

READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

Summary: Just as our Lord's dear disciples had sorrow for a little while when He died and was buried for the sins of the world, so too do we – as our Lord's dear baptized believers – have sorrow for a little while over our own sins before the comfort and joy of the Gospel of forgiveness is revealed.

By His Law God strikes down both obvious sinners and false saints. He declares no one to be in the right, but drives them all together to terror and despair. As Jeremiah says, "Is not My Word like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" (23:29) This is true sorrow of heart, suffering, and the sensation of death. This is what true repentance means. Here a person needs to hear something like this, "You are all of no account, whether you are obvious sinners or saints in your own opinions. You have to become different from what you are now. You have to act differently than you are now acting." But to this office of the Law, the New Testament immediately adds the consoling promise of grace through the Gospel. This must be believed. As Christ declares, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." (Mark 1:15) That is, "become different, act differently, and believe My promise." The Law accuses all and convicts them of being sinners. This is so they can acknowledge before God that they are lost and can be prepared to receive grace and to expect and accept from the Lord the forgiveness of sins. This is what Christ Himself says, "Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in My Name to all nations." (Luke 24:47) Through sin the Law kills. On the other hand, the Gospel brings consolation and forgiveness. (*Smalcald Articles, Part 3, Repentance*)

† IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR RISEN SAVIOR AND KING †

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: ♪ 207

**PREPATORY SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION AND SERVICE OF THE WORD
[PAGE 15 TO 23, FRONT OF HYMNAL]**

INTROIT (ENTRANCE INTO THE SERVICE OF THE WORD)

PASTOR: Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Alleluia. Sing the glory of His Name; give Him glorious praise! Alleluia. When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb! Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him. (*Psalms 66; 126*)

CONGREGATION: ♪ Glory be to the Father....

COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

P: Merciful God, faithful Father, You discipline us, whom You love, so that we are not condemned with the wicked world. You also conform us to Your only-begotten Son, with Whom we suffer and with Whom we will also reign. Comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions with Your Word and Spirit, so that we would not despair, but trust continually in our Savior's promise that our trials will endure but a little while and then be followed by eternal joy. Grant that we would overcome all evil in patient hope and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – ISAIAH 40:25-31

P: ^{40:25} “To whom then will you compare Me, that I should be like him?” says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He Who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of His might and because He is strong in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God?” ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING OF THE SMALL CATECHISM (SEE HALF-PAGE INSERT)


EPISTLE LESSON – 1 JOHN 3:1-3

P: ^{3:1} See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.


P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – JOHN 16:16-22

C:  Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.


C:  Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

P: [Jesus said:] ^{16:16} “A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.”

¹⁷ Then some of His disciples said among themselves, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father?’” ¹⁸ They said therefore, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is saying.”

¹⁹ Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, “Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’? ²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. ²¹ A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:  Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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HYMN OF THE DAY:  188 [SUNG TO 20]

**SERMON: EASTER JOY IN JESUS FOREVER AFTER TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS –
JOHN 16:16-22**

*“You now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice,
and no one will take your joy from you.” (Jn. 16:22) Amen.*

Grace and peace to you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. When a mother’s time to give birth to her child has finally arrived, she’s suddenly faced with a time of trial. The trial won’t go on forever. When her son or daughter is born, relief and great joy quickly replace the agonizing pain of childbirth.

The pain of labor is different with different pregnancies. Some women give birth relatively easily. Others endure a longer, much more drawn out, painful birthing process. At times, serious complications or even death can follow for the mother.

There’s no use for one mother to compare her situation with another and say, “She’s so lucky! She’s having a quick and easy labor!” Comparing and measuring who has it worse can only help make a person miserable.

When the mother is in the middle of labor, she can’t just up-and-say, “I quit! Enough of this! I’m outta here!” Because the end will come. What may seem to take forever will come to its conclusion. And what a conclusion! A new life brought into the world, a beloved son or daughter, who’s been hidden, finally revealed.

There is a way to “escape” the pregnancy – having to deliver the child, but it’s so murderous, morally repugnant, evil as it ends the child’s life and very often deeply scars the mother for life.

Our beloved Lord Jesus uses the delivery of a baby as an analogy for the suffering a Christian must endure.

We may suddenly have to endure a time of trial. Compared to a mother, we might have very little warning, whereas she typically gets nine months. The trial of a Christian won’t go on forever. And when the trial’s concluded, great joy replaces the pain.

The pain of one Christian’s trials may be different than another Christian’s trials. Some trials pass relatively easily. Others may go for months, even years. Sometimes, trials may be especially intense; may even lead to death.

There’s no use for one Christian to compare his or her situation with another and say, “I wish I had it easier like he or she does!” Comparing and measuring who has worse trouble can only help make a person miserable. Besides, how can a person compare his or her afflictions with those of another person when it’s hard to know what the other person’s really going through?

When you’re in the middle of a trial, you ordinarily can’t get out of it. You must endure the trial for as long as God decides. God, in His wisdom and goodness, gives it to us. He’ll remove it in His time. As we believe, so we sing: *“Though a heavy cross I’m bearing and my heart feels the smart, shall I be despairing? God, my Helper, Who doth send it, well doth know all my woe and how best to end it.” (TLH 532:2)*

There’s a way to get out of our trials as Christians. And that’s to abandon our life in Christ. But this is a terrible, unthinkable way to go! If we, who carry Christ’s very life in us in our Baptism, decide to forgo our life in Him, we may very well escape trials. If we reject our faith in Christ, our life may very well get easier. The problem is, we are then working to destroy the new life inside us. By rejecting the wonderful gift that God has given us, we could save ourselves discomfort and pain now. But later?

You and all who gratefully receive and grow in the gift of faith that God has given you in His Son will endure the difficulties that come with faith and life in Christ. So always keep the life of Christ in you, and keep the end in sight.

Because the end will come. What may seem like it’s taking forever to end will come to its conclusion. And what a conclusion! A new life will be revealed to the world on the Last Day. The new person in us, which is the image of Jesus that has been nurtured in us by the Holy Spirit, will finally be revealed as we’re raised to immortality and glory!

In the short term, we may simply get through the trial and find relief as our Lord releases us from our suffering. Suffering can’t last forever. Since Christ died and rose for us, we know that all suffering ends sooner or later, and then finally forever!

We have a further example to apply to our suffering in the trial of the disciples. Jesus’ words in our Gospel are specifically spoken to them, and we learn from their suffering. The little time of trial that the disciples suffer is like the little or not so little times of suffering that we must endure.

The disciples are suddenly faced by a time of trial. The trial won't go on forever, but at the time they don't know this. As far as they can tell, with Jesus' unjust arrest, trial and execution, all the good things that the Lord has come to give them and has promised them are as dead and gone as He is.

Their pain lasts a fairly short amount of time. Three days until relief may not seem long to us if we compare our longer periods of affliction to theirs. But the intensity of their anguish is much greater than ours. The way they see it, the Lord Who's brought hope to mankind has failed in His death and burial. They're grief-stricken. All hope is lost.

Our suffering may lead us to think that our Lord is displeased with us, is punishing us or has rejected us. We might imagine that God couldn't possibly love us if He's allowing such difficult and painful things to happen to us. The loneliness and hopelessness of thinking that God has turned His back to us is one of the worst things we can experience.

At such times, we must hold on to our faith in Christ and say to Him, "I know that You love me, dear Lord, because You shed Your precious blood in unimaginable suffering for me. Right now, it doesn't look or feel like You love me. But I will hold fast to You and trust You until You show me Your loving face again."

The disciples do their best to escape their trials. For a time, this seems to work. In fleeing from Jesus at His arrest; in hiding behind locked doors, they don't face the same suffering and death that their Lord does. But they suffer nonetheless because He's put to death, and all their hope – so they think – dies with Him.

There's one way they can get rid of suffering for the Lord. They can deny Jesus and never be associated with Him again. Peter tries this, but Jesus later has mercy on Him and restored Peter to His side. The disciples abandon Jesus, yet He later commissions them to make disciples of all nations. From then on, they won't deny Him or abandon Him again. They'll face great trials, scarcity and pain, imprisonment and exile, martyrdom and death. But they'll be faithful to their Lord all the way! They'll suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from Him.

Once Jesus' disciples have been forgiven and restored by their Lord, why would they try to kill off the new life which He's put inside them? They might escape discomfort and pain in this life by leaving Jesus forever, but in the end they'll lose everything forever, as Judas Iscariot sadly loses it.

Instead, by God's grace they face suffering for the sake of their loving Lord and for the sake of the crown of eternal life which He's earned for them; which He promises them. They gratefully receive and grow in the gift of life which their Savior has given them. They endure the difficulty of trials and keep the end in sight.

Because the end will indeed come for them. They're faithful to the end. On the Last Day, their lives, like ours, will reach an amazing conclusion, which is also a beginning. The new life of the resurrection will be fully realized as we all receive new bodies – as perfect and unspoiled as an infant's body, yet fully mature and full of glory like our dear Lord's resurrected body. Our lives will emerge from this present life of preparation to the true life, the life that was our destiny all along. From this infancy, we will move to adulthood. Our lives will be new and full and complete as they never could be here. All trials will be left behind. All pain will be extinct. And our risen bodies, glorious like the sun and the stars, will be revealed in the perfect, endless new heaven-and-earth that our Lord has prepared for us. Amen. *The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

OFFERTORY (ANTHEM PRECEEDING THE OFFERING OF TITHES) [PAGES 22-23]

OFFERING

RECEPTION OF LYNN & JOHNNIE CAIN AS NEW MEMBERS BY PROFESSION OF FAITH (HOLY TRINITY)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

That the enemies of God may be brought to repentance and join the praises of the faithful, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For God's mercies, which are new every morning, that He would continually provide all we need to support this body and life; and that we would receive His gifts with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For the young, the aged and for all people in the various seasons of their lives, that we would always remain knit to

Christ and His Church; and that the wisdom and strength of the Lord would bless our way into His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For diligence in our own daily labors and holy devotion to observe the day of Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christian homes, that by good deeds the ignorance of foolish people may be put to silence before God's divine institution; for all married couples, that God would preserve them in love and faithfulness; for all parents, that God would strengthen them as teachers of the faith; and for the unmarried, that God would uphold them honorable and unashamed in their station, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For those in civil authority, that God would sustain them in their governance until, on the Last Day, this world's powers pass away, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

In supplication and intercession for every need, especially for _____, asking for everything in the Name of Christ, our Mediator, until the Last Day when we will ask for nothing, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For all who commune, that here in the Sacrament God would give us joy in the midst of sorrow, repentance, firm faith and honest fellowship in the blessings of Christ's testament; and that we would receive consciences cleansed from evil and renewed in Him in order that we may stand undaunted until the Day of Visitation, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from the assaults of the devil, and our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and need, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord have mercy.**

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church, that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR [PAGES 24-31]

PROPER PREFACE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should in all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb Who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world; Who by His death has destroyed death and by His rising to life again has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

COMMUNION HYMNS: ♪ 313, 659 & 193

CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 198

† **TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY** †

OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	18		9	\$840.00
St. James	42		6 12	\$3,319.00

Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	22,335.00				
Actual	26,132.87		2,370.00		15
Last Week	690.00		150.00		

Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	39,525.00			39,525.00	

Actual	33,023.25	20.00	50.00	23,093.25	15
Last Week	993.00			993.00	

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THIS WEEK

TODAY 2:30PM: Voters Meeting (Holy Trinity)...postponed due to Turkey Dinner last Sunday

MONDAY +Items for the Rummage Sale will be accepted today and through Friday!

WEDNESDAY 3:30PM: Week Day School...last class of the 2023-24 school year

THURSDAY 10:00AM: Joint Bible Study (at St. James)...last class until the fall

FRIDAY *Pastor's Day Off

SATURDAY 8:00AM: Youth Group/Week Day School Rummage Sale at the St. James parish hall

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

+++**We remember in our prayers:...**at Holy Trinity...*Eldor Brade, Dorothy Schimank, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche;*...at St. James...*Dolores Sullivan, Della Biehle, Bernice Lay, Lois Turner, Darvin Drosche, Lillie Mae Boettcher, Tom Kleinschmidt, Ronnie Iselt, Egor Raines, Genell Boettcher, David Roensch, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Ginger Clifford, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, Ruth Siegmund* [friend of St. James members], *JoAnne Meyer* [mother of Pastor Meyer], *Carole Heller* [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James)], *Amber Brockenbush* [friend and relative of St. James members], and *all of our Sick and shut-ins*.

*****Ingathering Collection:** As part of the Ingathering for the TX District LWML Convention in Corpus Christi this summer, St. James LWML will be collecting toiletries for Rainbow Rooms, an emergency resource center that helps CPS case workers meet the critical needs of abused and neglected children. We are collecting full-size body wash, shampoo, and toothpaste for this purpose. Please place your items in the box in the narthex beginning in May. Thank you for helping these children!

+++The *Fedor Ladies Aid* wishes to express their sincere appreciation to all those who helped in any way with our annual Turkey Dinner. We truly appreciate and are thankful for your assistance in making our dinner a **HUGE** success. God bless all!

*****Blessing of New Hymnals...**at St. James...new, blue Lutheran Hymnals have been very generously donated to the Church to match our new, blue carpet, we will be blessing those hymnals next Sunday, the 28th, during the service following the offering. Each hymnal will be blessed to the glory of God and for holy and faithful use in Divine Worship.

+++**Rummage sale**...a Youth Group/Week Day School rummage sale will be held on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 8am...we are asking for donations of rummage sale items and would appreciate your donations which you can bring to the parish hall starting tomorrow through Friday [April 22-26]. Thank you for your **HELP!!!**

+++St. James Noodle Making: St. James LWML will be making noodles on Tuesday, May 7, beginning at 8:30am. All volunteers are welcome to help! We are also in need of Gold Medal flour donations. Please drop them off at the church or parish hall before May 7. If anyone would like to pre-order noodles, we are selling them for \$10 a pound. Please place your order(s) with either Lynetta Latimer or Sandra Lay. Thank you for your support!

*****SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS & THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**...As God's Christians, we live by every Word that comes from the mouth of God. (*see Deut. 8:3; Mt. 4:4*) Since His Holy Word gives us saving faith in Christ; (*see Rom. 10:17*) since it strengthens our faith and services as a lamp unto our feet, a light unto our path and a great comfort to us, (*see Ps. 119:105; Rom. 15:4*), how good it is to hear, read, and study it! So by all means do so. In our Sunday morning Bible Class we're studying: **St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians**. In our Thursday morning Bible study we are studying: **St. Luke's Gospel account** through the end of April.

+++**Former Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home Assistant to Prepare For the Pastoral Ministry** ...Kurtis Hankemeier, who has served many in our community in his time at Phillip & Luckey, has received God's call to enter Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and to begin his studies toward becoming an ordained pastor in the LCMS. We wish Kurtis and his wife, Amanda, well as he begins his time at Concordia this summer, and we keep them both in our prayers.

*****St. James**...we have a variety of cards...check out our display of **Confirmation, Graduation and Mother's Day cards** on the table in the hallway by the offices...available individually or by the box...see either Ruth Meyer or Sandra Lay!

+++Devotional book available: Copies are available in the office of Ruth Meyer's new book, "**Truth Notes**." This devotional is based on her past blog post and point to God's timeless truths in a changing world. Books are \$15 each. See either Sandra Lay or Ruth Meyer to purchase yours!

*****QUILTING UPDATE**...St. James LWML will be quilting every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9-12!!!

+++**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Amy Corbitt, today; Scott Iselt, 24;...St. James-Michael Johnson, 22; Jeanette Stence, 22; Racheal Glover, 27.

*****ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...St. James-Nick & Brittany Shelly, today; David & Kellye Boettcher, 22; Kerry & Kim Bexley, 23.