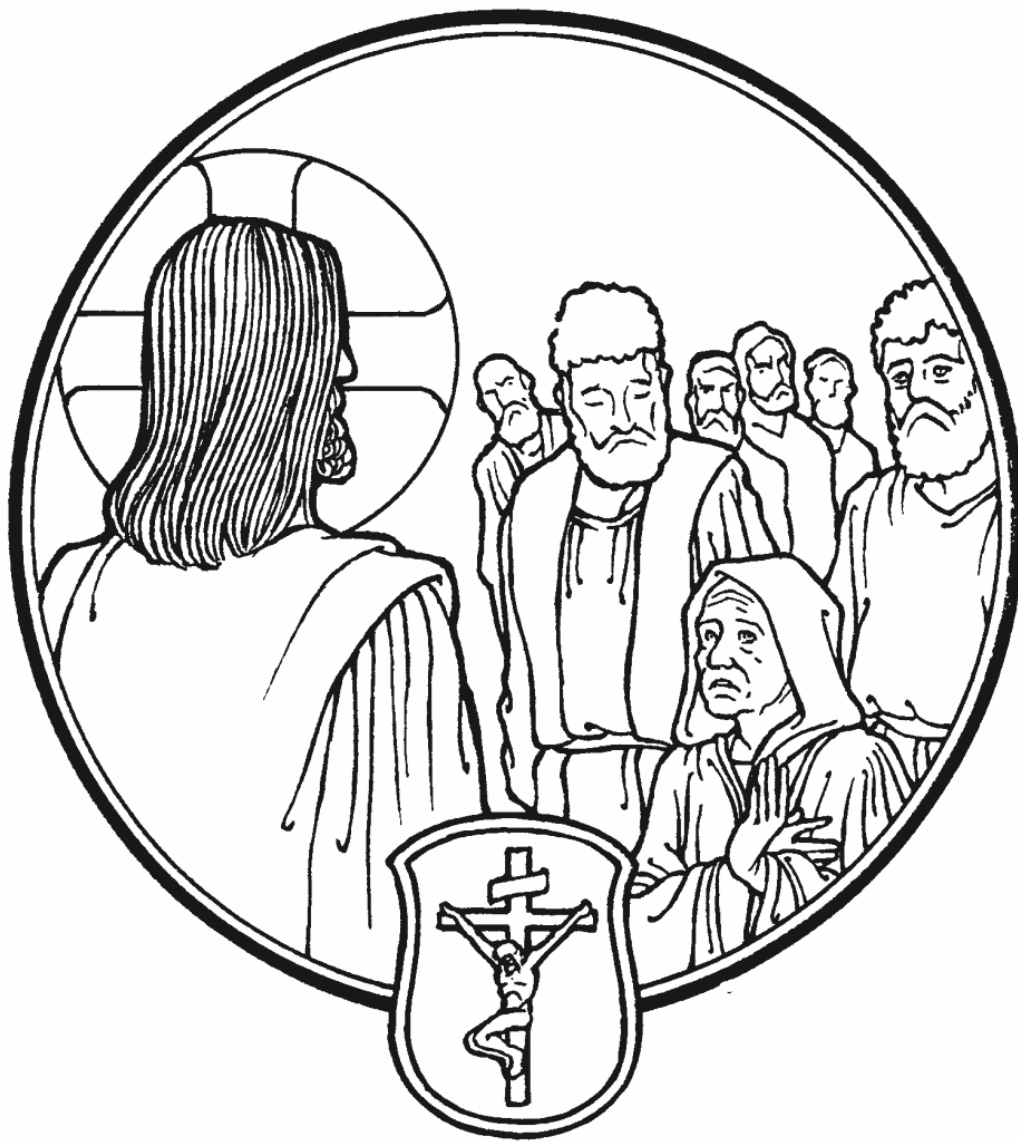


Festival of St. James the Elder, Apostle

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Riverview 
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL


136 W. Seymour Street, Appleton, WI 54915



Growing in Faith and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all People

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today, whether in person or online. What a blessing to gather as God's people around his Word and Sacraments. In these gifts, God promises that his Holy Spirit is at work to bless us.

- ✧ **Large Print Service Folders** are available. See an usher if this will aid in your worship.
- ✧ **Our ushers** are wearing name tags. If you have any questions, they are happy to help you find an answer. **Restrooms** are located off the church and school hallways and in the Church Library.
- ✧ **Worship Connection Cards:** We ask all who have joined us today, whether online or in person, to complete a card to leave a record of your worshipping with us. Complete a card located in your pew and drop it in the offering plate, or complete a Worship Connection Card online at tinyurl.com/RLCWorshipCard. Thank you!
- ✧ **The Offering** is an opportunity for us to thank the Lord for all his blessings to us by giving a portion of our income in support of his gospel ministry. If you are a guest today, you may participate in the offering. But please don't feel obligated. Worshippers may place their offering in one of the plates at the door or use the QR Code on the right to give a gift electronically (one-time or recurring).
- ✧ **Precautions:** Thank you for showing love to those worshipping with you today by:
 - ✧ Sitting only in the green-taped pews (8:00 service).
 - ✧ Refraining from shaking hands if you are not comfortable doing so or if you are not feeling well today.
 - ✧ Being respectful of those who may take a different approach than you do.
 - ✧ Visiting outside with other worshippers, when possible.
- ✧ **Prayer before Worship:** Dearest Savior, you carried your cross to save me. Through your Word today, give me strength and joy to follow in faith wherever you lead, no matter what the cost. Amen.



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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

✝ GATHERING ✝

OPENING HYMN

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

Christian Worship 238

Please stand.

GREETING¹

Minister: The grace of our Lord ✝ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

All Holy and merciful Father,
I confess that I am by nature sinful,
and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
But I am truly sorry for my sins,
and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray:
Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

¹ When the pastor faces the altar and cross, he is speaking as one of the people and/or representing the people. When he faces the people, he is speaking God's words as his representative.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C Christ, have mercy.

M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C Amen.

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD²



C O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

² This canticle gleams as a vibrant song of praise and provides an outlet of thanksgiving to God for all that he has accomplished for us through Christ: "O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth" (Psalm 8:1)

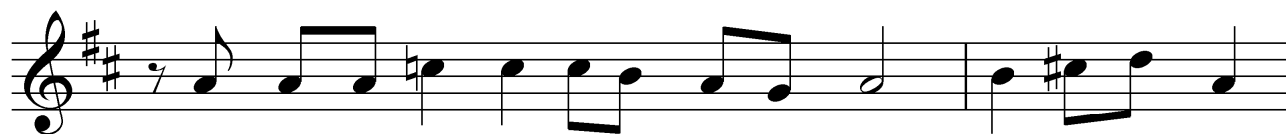
O Lord, Our Lord: Tune: © 1993 Kurt J. Eggert. Reprinted by permission under OneLicense #A-712433.



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life



with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;



you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare



your on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of



God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us;



you made your Fa-ther known; you washed us from our sins in



your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

✝ THE WORD ✝

PRAYER OF THE DAY³

M Let us pray.

O gracious God, we remember today your servant James, who readily followed the calling of your Son, Jesus Christ, and was first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for his name. Enable the leaders of your Church to forsake all false and passing allurements and follow him alone, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹¹ The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁴ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

³ Almost all of the Prayers of the Day end with the words “...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you [the Father] and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” These words refer to the resurrection of Christ, the reason for our worship and prayers.

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 5:10

M Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 11:27 – 12:3a

^{11:27} During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)

²⁹ The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. ³⁰ This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

^{12:1} It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. ² He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. ³ When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

By All Your Saints Still Striving⁴

Christian Worship 552, st. 1,15,3



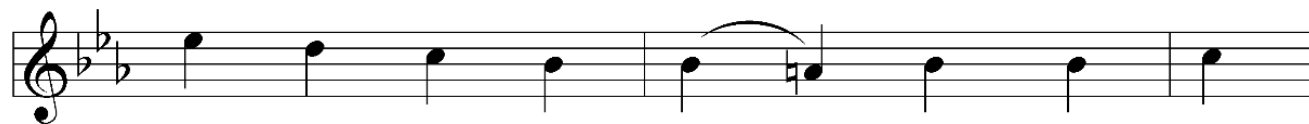
1 By all your saints still striv - ing, For
2 O Lord, for James we praise you, Who
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
fell to Her - od's sword. He drank the cup of
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blessed. You
suff - 'ring And thus ful - filled your Word. Lord,
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



rose, our King vic - to - rious, That they
curb our vain im - pa - tience For glo -
all the ran - somed num - ber Who stand



might wear the crown And ev - er shine in
ry and for fame; E - quip us for such
be - fore the throne As - cribe all pow'r and



splen - dor Re - flect - ed from your throne.
suff - 'rings As glo - ri - fy your name.
glo - ry And praise to God a - lone.

⁴ **By All Your Saints Still Striving**: Text: Horatio B. Nelson, 1823-1919, from *The Hymnal* 1982 © 1985 The Church Pension Fund, used by permission of Church Publishing, Inc., under OneLicense #A-712433.

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

³⁷ They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

³⁸ “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

³⁹ “We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Please stand.

NICENE CREED⁵

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

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.

⁵ The Nicene Creed is one of three “ecumenical creeds” professed by all Christian denominations. It was crafted to express the clear truths of Scripture in opposition to the Arian heresy, which denied that the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are God. The Nicene Creed originated at the First Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.) and was finalized at the First Council of Constantinople (381 A.D.).

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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. Amen.**

Please be seated.

✙ PRAYERS AND PRAISE ✙

OFFERING

Members of our congregation give offerings in thankful response to God's blessings and in support of our ministry and mission locally and around the world. Those who wish may place their offering in the plates near the exits or give using the alternate means described on page 1.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayers and petitions are spoken by the minister.

LORD'S PRAYER

Al Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Please stand.

✝ THE SACRAMENT ✝

PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By his saints and witnesses of the past he encourages us to run with perseverance the race marked out for us and to live in righteousness and peace. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)⁶

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

⁶ Christ has destroyed death and demolished the bonds of Satan. With this song, we join the thousands of angels and all Christians who have died in faith to sing a song of praise to God, who is worthy of our highest worship.

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You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A - - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)⁷

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

All confirmed members of Riverview or another WELS or ELS congregation are invited to approach the altar at the direction of the ushers to receive holy communion.

For those needing gluten-free wafers or preferring not to receive the bread directly from the communion assistant, trays of both are available in side aisles. Take one as you approach the altar, and receive it when directed by the communion assistant. White grape juice is also available in the center of each tray of wine.

Wine/juice cups and papers from individual wafers may be discarded in the wooden receptacle in the center aisle.

⁷ O Christ, Lamb of God: Music: © 1991 David Schack. Reprinted by permission under OneLicense #A-712433.

Please stand.

THANK THE LORD⁸

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. A square icon with a 'C' is placed below the first staff.

Thank the Lord and sing his praise.

Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord

re - jice and proud-ly bear his name. He re - news his

prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

⁸ This canticle soars with praise and shouts of thanksgiving. It leads believers from the hour of worship to the mission characteristic of their everyday lives, as we “tell everyone what he has done.”

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CLOSING PRAYER

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give
Christian Worship 542

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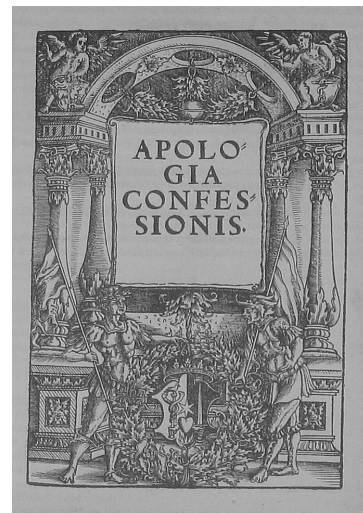
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Minister Pastor Timothy Wagner

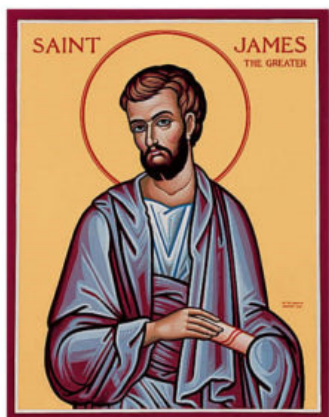
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MINOR FESTIVALS IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

In addition to major festivals (like Christmas and Easter) and seasons (like Advent and Lent), our Christian church calendar assigns specific calendar days to other “minor” festivals. The Lutheran reformers understood that there was great benefit in remembering the saints whom God has given to his church and in remembering their faith-filled deeds and words. The Apology (Defense) of the Augsburg Confession (Article XXI) gives three reasons to do so: (1) We thank God for giving faithful servants to his church and showing examples of his mercy. (2) Through such remembrance our faith is strengthened. When we see Peter’s denial of Christ forgiven, it teaches us that, where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more. (3) The saints are examples whose lives of faith we imitate in our own callings.



ABOUT ST. JAMES THE ELDER, APOSTLE



James, the Son of Zebedee and the brother of John, is called the Elder possibly because of his association with Peter and John as close associates of our Lord. James and his brother John were called Boanerges, “sons of thunder,” (Mark 3:17), presumably because of their impetuous spirit and flashing temper (Luke 9:49,54; Mark 10:37). James is the only apostle whose death is recorded in Scripture. Herod Agrippa in his attempt to please the Jews, had him beheaded in Jerusalem just before the Passover in 42 A.D. (Acts 12:1ff).

A somewhat garbled legend tells that when his accuser (or the executioner who led him before the judgment seat) saw how courageously he accepted death, he confessed the Christian faith and begged James’ forgiveness. The Apostle kissed him and said, “Peace be unto you.” Both were then beheaded.

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