

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 21, 2015

Welcome to St. James/Santiago Apóstol Lutheran Church

<u>We're glad you're here!</u> Our mission is to help you grow in your relationship with God and with all of God's people. Our worship services are designed to gather us as God's people, to hear God's Word, receive Jesus in bread and wine, and join us with God's people of all times and places. We pray that you will be blessed and encouraged by worshiping here. No matter who you are, God knows you and God loves you. If you are a visitor or guest, we warmly invite you to join our faith community. If you want to know more, please speak to our pastors or a member of our Steering Committee. Below is some information you may find helpful during and after worship.

<u>Children and their families</u> are vital to our life and ministry at St. James/Santiago Apóstol. Children are always welcome in worship. In the cry of a baby, or the fussiness of a toddler, we hear a new voice that speaks to God, reminding us that children are a blessing and a joy. If children ever need a break from worship, we have a nursery in the front hallway by the front doors.

<u>Holy Communion</u>. All God's children are welcome at the table of the Lord. God loves you, and welcomes you to the Lord's Supper, whether you are a new Christian, a returning one, or someone who is exploring who and what God might mean in your life. Please don't hesitate to come forward and share in the meal with us: there is room for everyone, especially for YOU.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. We serve it two ways, either by intinction or by individual cups. For Communion by intinction, you will receive a piece of bread or wafer, and dip the bread or wafer in a common cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white). Instead of dipping the bread, you also have the option to eat, and then drink from a common cup.

For individual cup Communion, you will receive a piece of bread to eat, and then choose a cup to drink containing wine (red) or grape juice (white). We offer the common cup as well. We also have gluten-free wafers for those with dietary restrictions. Children who do not yet commune and anyone who does not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire a blessing, please ask the pastor for one, or simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing instead of bread and wine. Please feel free to use the altar rail for prayer after receiving the blessing or Holy Communion.

<u>Offerings</u>. We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes ministry possible. The offering at this service will support St. James/Santiago Apóstol Lutheran Church and its outreach ministries in this neighborhood of Oak Forest/Garden Oaks/North Houston. A portion also goes to our national church body for mission and ministry around the world.

Restrooms are located in the front hallway by the front doors.

<u>Learning Hour/Fellowship Time</u>. During the time between our worship services, you are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, juice, hospitality and fellowship. We also offer Learning Groups for adults and children, so please ask anyone how to join a class or small group at any time.

<u>If you ever need a Pastor</u>, both Pastor Arthur (713.725.6760) and Pastora Adriana Johnson-Rivas (832.512.7652) prefer that you call them directly on their cell phones. If you know of someone who is scheduled for surgery or is in the hospital, please let us know. If there is an emergency, if you would like a pastoral visit at home, or if you simply have questions about life, faith, or getting more involved, calling us directly on our cell phones is always the best way to reach us.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **JUNE 21, 2015** 10:00 A.M.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) - Setting Three P = Presiding Minister, A = Assisting Minister, C = Congregation

INTRODUCTION

Now is the acceptable time: now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God.

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

C:

We Are All One in Christ

Somos uno en Cristo



GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

C:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements — surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb? —

when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors.

and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

C:



You stilled the storm and si - lenced the waves of the sea.

Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good, for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

gathering them in [|] from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and [|] from the south.

Some went down to the 'sea in ships, plying their trade 'in deep waters. R
They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.

Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.

Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD, and you delivered them from | their distress.

You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea. R

Then were they glad when [|] it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor [|] they desired.

Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your ¹ steadfast love and your wonderful works ¹ for all people.

Let them exalt you in the assembly | of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing | hallelujah! R



SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1–13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you. and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return — I speak as to children — open wide your hearts also.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The congregation sings the Gospel Acclamation during the Gospel Procession.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

C:





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Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. **GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41**

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

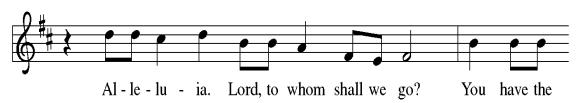
On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

C:





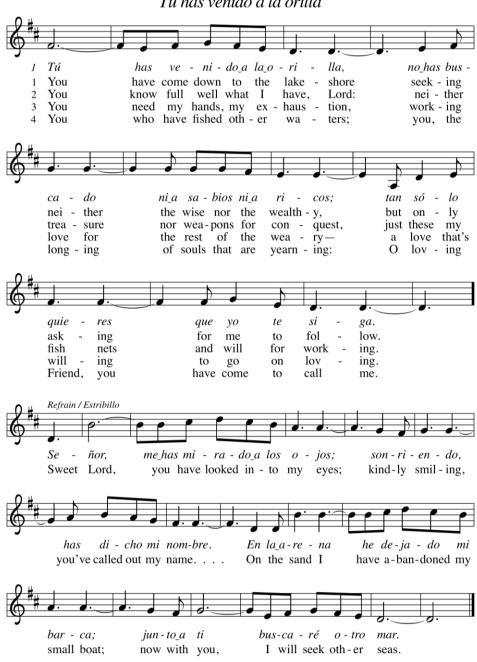
SERMON: Pastor Arthur Murphy

HYMN OF THE DAY:

ELW#817

C:

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore Tú has venido a la orilla



APOSTLES CREED:

P: Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we have been baptized:

C:

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

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.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: O God, you call your church through the waters of baptism. Give courage to those who lead us through word and sacrament, witness, service, and song. Strengthen all the baptized for lives of service in Christ's name. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You nourish the waters of creation. We pray for oceans and rivers, streams and lakes (*local water sources may be named*). Grant us wisdom as we care for life-giving waters. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You pilot the nations. Direct all leaders in the daily tasks of listening and speaking. Bring peace to all people and places afflicted by war, violence, disaster, and injustice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You soothe our fearful hearts. Comfort those who grieve, those who are lost, those who doubt, and those who are sick. Give faith in the midst of all that troubles your people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You protect and guide the human family. Supply wisdom and energy to those who nurture children, especially fathers and mentors. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We give thanks for the saints. Make us attentive to your voice in this life and grant us eternal peace in the life to come. Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and the congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you." After the peace is shared, the congregation sits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY:

C:

This is the Air I Breathe

(Verse 1)

This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread This is my daily bread Your very word spoken to me

(Chorus)

And I, I'm desperate for you And I, I'm lost without you

(Verse 2)

This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread This is my daily bread Your very word spoken to me

(Chorus)

And I, I'm desperate for you And I, I'm lost without you

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of ev'ry nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C:

United at the Table Unidos en la fiesta



Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers for communion.

All God's children are welcome at the table of the Lord. We serve communion two ways, either by intinction or by individual cups. For Communion by intinction, you will receive a piece of bread or wafer, and dip the bread or wafer in a common cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white). Instead of dipping the bread, you also have the option to eat, and then drink from a common cup. For individual cup Communion, you will receive a piece of bread to eat, and then choose a cup to drink containing wine (red) or grape juice (white). We offer the common cup as well. We also have gluten-free wafers for those with dietary restrictions. Children who do not yet commune and anyone who does not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son.
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace

C: Amen.



C:

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE WELCOME, EVERYONE!

We welcome all our guests today. Please speak to the pastor if you have special concerns or wish to discuss becoming a member of this community by baptism, affirmation of baptism, or transfer of membership from another Christian congregation.

KEEP OUR FRIENDS & RELATIVES IN PRAYER

Sally Burgess
Charles Cernik
Orie Clark III
Grady Green
FJ Hoffman
Pr. Fred de Oliveira
Charla Largent
John Largent
Margaret "Candy" Largent

Linda Bernice Martinez
Patricia Nash
Louise Richter
Herminia Rivera
Kelly Simmons
Kimberly Tessier
Mic Tessier
Terry White
Phyllis Zendejas

STEWARDSHIF	CORNER
ATTENDANCE AVERAGE	
FIRST SERVICE	
Average Total To Date	28
June 14, 2015	19
TOTAL TO DATE	23
SECOND SERVICE	
Average Total To Date	33
June 14, 2015	41
TOTAL TO DATE	37
WORSHIP TOTAL:	60
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Total to Date	\$68,537.51
June 14, 2015	\$4,778.00
Total to Date	\$73,315.51
2015 Budget	\$175,000.00
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Gap to Date	\$101,684.49
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Pledges / Donations	\$12,600.00
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ASSISTING IN MINISTRY

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister
Altar Care
Acolyte
Crucifer

Pastor Arthur Murphy

Orie Clark III Elizabeth Baber Eliseo Gonzalez Alexander Saavedra Cantors

Organist Usher Teller Meghan Garvin Kathy Patrick Leibe Almanza Elizabeth Baber Stephen Gould

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON., JUNE 15 – FRI., JULY 3

Three weeks of Camp Hope Rodeo!

Our second week of Camp Hope Rodeo Starts Tomorrow!! Please review our Rodeo supply list and donate if you can. Or, simply make a special money offering by cash or check, and write for "Rodeo supplies" on the check or offering envelope. Thank you!



Please check out our church website: www.stjames.ch



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