

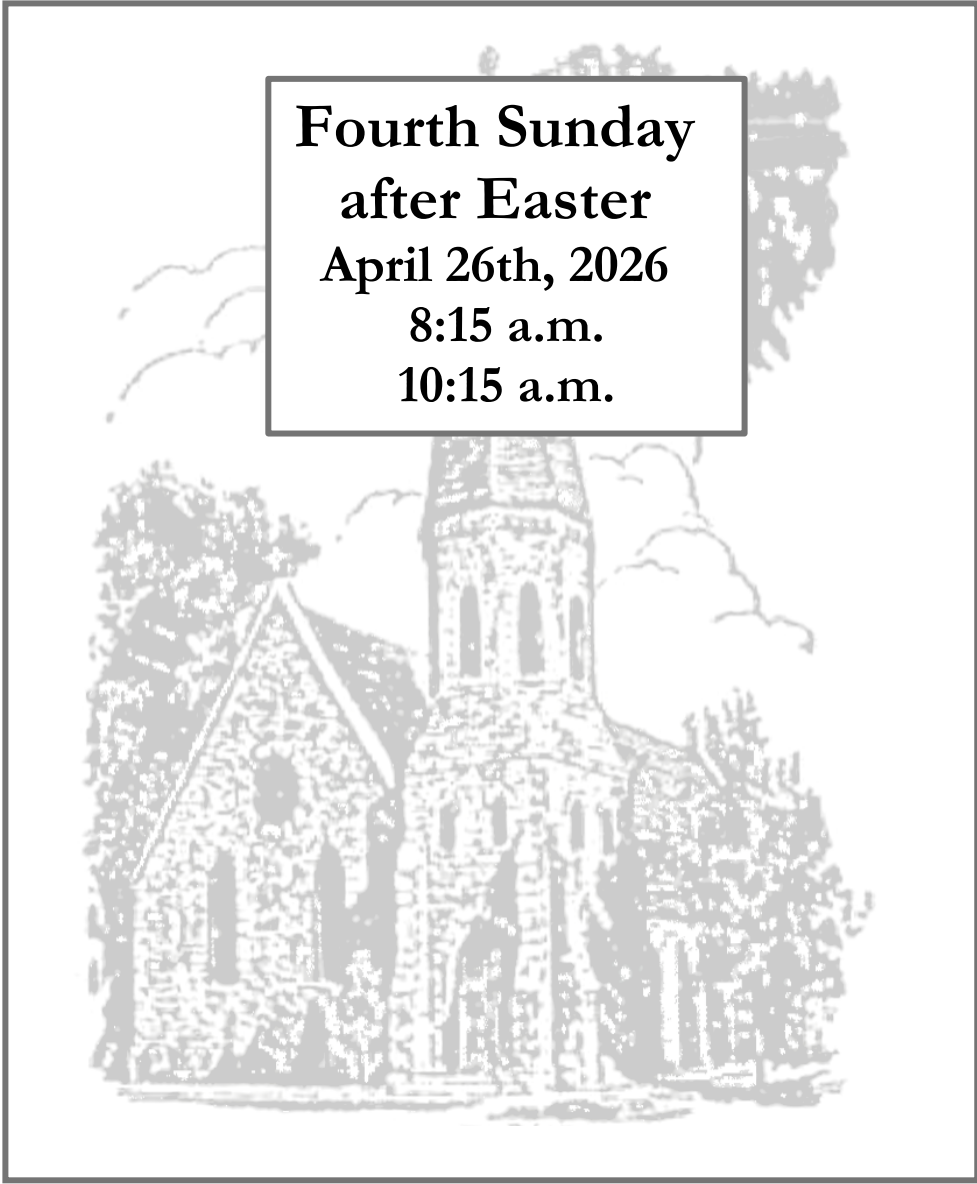


ST. JAMES

Episcopal
CHURCH

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We acknowledge that our church is on the historical Common Hunting Ground of the Pend d'Oreille, Salish, Blackfeet, Gros Ventre, Shoshone, Bannock, Nez Perce, Cheyenne, Arapahoe, and Crow Tribes.



**Fourth Sunday
after Easter
April 26th, 2026
8:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m.**

Wherever you are on your journey with God or towards God,
you are welcome here!



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES!

SERVICE TIMES

Our two services will be at 8:15 am and 10:15 am, both followed by Coffee Hour.

ARE YOU A NEWCOMER?

Welcome! If you're new to St. James, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card so we can get to know you a little better. Welcome Cards are located in the racks at the end of each pew and in our newly updated welcome folders! Please feel free to take a folder with more information about St. James and our ministries as well as some other goodies. Welcome Cards can be returned to an Usher, member of the Clergy, or put in the offering plate.

NEED A NAMETAG?

If you need a nametag made (or corrected or refreshed) you can either sign up on the clipboard in the entry way of the church or email the office at office@stjamesbozeman.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sundays at 10 am

Children from PreK-5th are welcome to join us for Sunday School each week (except the last Sunday of each month) in the lower level of the Todd Center, located next door at 111 S. Tracy. If your child is a little older or a little younger, check in with our Sunday School teachers first.

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a St. James prayer shawl, please feel free to take one from the rack at the front doors of the church.

PASTORAL CARE LINE

Please direct calls to our Pastoral Care Line at **(406) 586-9451** to be connected with the clergy person on call. Pastoral care includes hospital and home visits, eucharistic visitors, meal trains, and more.

PARKING

Sunday morning parking is available in the Canterbury Lot at 8 W. Olive from 8am – 1pm for free. Please reach out to office@stjamesbozeman.org to be added to our parking system and validated for the rest of the week.

BULLETIN FEEDBACK

The bulletin is a human-made document that sometimes contains typos and errors. Please be kind when giving feedback on the bulletin.

CLERGY, STAFF, & VESTRY

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Minnie Johnson; Acolyte
8:15 Reader: Vicki Van Rensselaer
10:15 Reader: Julia Shaida
8:15 LEM: Nancy Blake
10:15 LEM:
8:15 Ushers: Vicki Van Rensselaer, Stacy Quinn
10:15 Ushers:
Coffee Hour:
Altar Guild: Sharon Eversman, Pat Dunn
Counters:

PRELUDE

8:15am

“Partita on GELOBT SEI GOTT”

T. Ripper (1925-2009)

10:15am

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. F. D. Ashdown (1942-2023)

OPENING HYMN

“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing” (GELOBT SEI GOTT) (v.1, 3-5)

H82 205

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Let us pray together:

All: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORIA

8:15 *Spoken*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

“Gloria”

S280 | 10:15 *Sung*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

POWELL

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Jesus, our mighty Lord” (MONK'S GATE)

H82 478

THE GOSPEL

John 24:13-35

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Marty Stebbins

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenter: I present Darin Heitt-Rennie to be received into this Communion.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Darin in his life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: Let us now pray for Darin, who has renewed his commitment to Christ.

Intercessor: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant the covenant you made with him at his baptism. Send him forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before him; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

RECEPTION

Bishop: Darin, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over this your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with him; and so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that he may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS, TRAVELERS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

Lord God, our times are in your hand; look with favor we pray on your servants, surround them with your love and care, protect them from every danger, keep them safe in the knowledge of your love. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

8:15am

“The Strife is O’er”

arr. G. Winston Cassler (1906-1990)

10:15am

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”

arr. Simon Andrews (b. 1958)

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again.

Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green,

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

- John Crum (1872-1958)

DOXOLOGY

Sung by all to the tune of OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

While the table is being set, your financial gifts will be received by the ushers

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Please stand as the doxology begins and the monetary offering is brought forward

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

8:15 *Spoken*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

“Sanctus”

S129 | 10:15 *Sung*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. _____
POWELL

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children, that with St. James and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All:

Traditional

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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemporary

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.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

S163 | 10:15 *Sung*

“Agnus Dei”

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.
 POWELL

THE INVITATION

The Celebrant offers the consecrated bread with the following invitation:

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

We ask that you do not intinct (dip your wafer into the chalice).

Communion is full and complete in one kind if you prefer not to receive the chalice.

*If you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

10:15

“Gutes und Barmherzigkeit” from Cantata 112

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Gutes und die Barmherzigkeit
Folgen mir nach im Leben,
Und ich werd bleiben allezeit
Im Haus des Herren eben,
Auf Erd in christlicher Gemein
Und nach dem Tod da werd ich sein
Bei Christo meinem Herren.*

Goodness and compassion
follow after me in life,
and even I will stay for all time
in the house of the Lord,
on Earth in Christian fellowship
and after death I will go
to be with Christ, my Lord.

- Cornelius Becker (1561-1604)

- trans. Logan Henke

COMMUNION HYMN

“I come with joy to meet my Lord” (LAND OF REST)

H82 304

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray together:

All: **Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, like a shepherd lead us” (SICILIAN MARINERS)

H82 708

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People : **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

8:15am

“Sortie”

Clément Loret (1833-1909)

10:15am

“A Trumpet Alleluia”

Franklin D. Ashdown (1942-2023)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 26th, 2026)

ALTAR GUILD

If you have noticed that the clergy always have wine and wafers ready to serve you during services at St. James, and that the altar hangings change color with season of the liturgical year, you have observed the handiwork of the congenial team known as the Altar Guild. We work in teams of two to set up during the week for Sundays and clean up after each service. The time commitment is about one hour during the week and one hour on and after Sunday to clean the utensils and linens each month. We easily work around travel and other conflicts. The learning curve is gentle and forgiving, and the group is not restricted to women. If you are interested in this type of service to St. James, please contact Rev. Rowan or Sharon Eversman at steversman61@gmail.com or 406-570-3245.

SUMMER BOOK GROUPS

You are invited to join one or more St. James Summer 2026 Friday Dinner and Discussion Book Groups from 6:00-8:15 PM this summer at Pr. Valerie’s home:

- **June 5, *Theo Of Golden: A Novel*** by Allen Levi.
- **July 10, *Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times*** by Gregory Boyle.
- **August 14, *The Great Divorce*** by C.S. Lewis.

Please purchase the book on your own. However, if cost is an issue, please contact the office and we can connect you with our book scholarship program. Please RSVP for the June 5th, the July 10th, and/or the August 17th potluck dinners to the Rev. Valerie Webster at vwebster587@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Are you or do you know a high school senior? The Memorial Foundation of St. James offers a \$1000 scholarship for a high school senior. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please see the attached application form and return it by email to Sharon Eversman (steversman61@gmail.com) by June 1.

NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:15 Early Service

10:15 Late Service

Coffee Hour following both services

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Tues	Apr 28	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study (IHOP)
		7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Parish Hall)
Thurs	Apr 30	6:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Guild Room)
Sun	May 3		Fifth Sunday of Easter
		8:15 a.m.	Early Service
		9:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour Part 1 (Parish Hall)
		10:15 a.m.	Late Service
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Todd Center)
		11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour Part 2 (Parish Hall)