

9:30 a.m. Service September 19th, 2021



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Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

The mission statement of our congregation is:

To bring people to Christ, encouraging relationships with Him and others.

Doug Gast, Interim Pastor

Joe Faith, Music Director

TO ALL GUESTS...

- **THANKS** for joining us for worship today. We hope your experience will be one of being touched by God and of being enriched through our experience of fellowship. **Please fill out the Connection Card found in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.** And please come again!!
- **PARTICIPATE**
 - The worship service is printed in the bulletin and can also be viewed on the video screen for your convenience. Bulletins are emailed to all members each week.
 - **Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off during the worship service.**
 - The service is streamed live and available online afterward on YouTube. Links can be found on the [St. James website](#) and [Facebook page](#).
- **COMMUNE** — All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is present with his body and blood in the bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. The ushers will direct those receiving the sacrament down the center aisle to the altar rail.
- **NEED ASSISTANCE?**
 - **Hearing devices** are available for those who have trouble hearing through the loudspeaker system.
 - Hand sanitizer is available on the tables in the Narthex and in the pews.
 - Please feel free to ask an Usher for assistance, they will be happy to help you.

THE 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Traditional Worship
September 19th, 2021

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – “O God Beyond All Praising”



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

WELCOME

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage 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 you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

At this time please greet your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in a handshake if you feel comfortable or however you feel comfortable.

After sharing the peace, please remain standing.

THE GREETING

Biblical Reference: 2 Corinthians 13:14

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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on the Psalm of the day)*

A: Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me by your might.

C: **Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth.**

A: Arrogant foes are attacking me; ruthless people are trying to kill me—people without regard for God.

C: **Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.**

A: Let evil recoil on those who slander me; in your faithfulness destroy them.

C: **I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you; I will praise your name, LORD, for it is good.**

A: You have delivered me from all my troubles, and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Biblical Reference: Revelation 5:8-14

Congregation sings portion marked



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu-ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

After the prayer:

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON – Jeremiah 11:18-20

New International Version

¹⁸ Because the LORD revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹ I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree and its fruit;
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰ But you, LORD Almighty, who judge righteously
and test the heart and mind,
let me see your vengeance on them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON – James 3:13-4:10

New International Version

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

4 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁴ You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? ⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

L: The Word of the Lord.

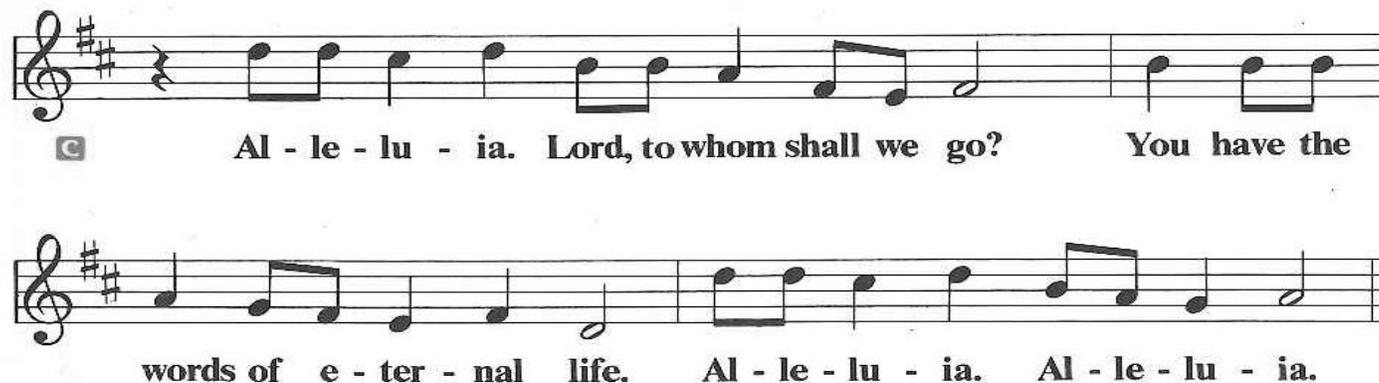
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand.

ALLELUIA

Biblical Reference: John 6:68

Congregation sings:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Congregation sings:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 9:30-37

New International Version

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation sings:



Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY – *“Jesus Loves the Little Children”*

Chorus 1

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red and yellow black and white
All are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world

Verse 1

Jesus calls the children dear
Come to me and never fear
I will take you by the hand
Lead you to a better land
For I love the little children of the world

Verse 2

Jesus is the Shepherd true
And He'll always stand by you
He's a Savior great and strong
And He'll shield you from the wrong
For He loves the little children of the world

Verse 3

I am coming Lord to Thee
And Your soldier I will be
And your cross I'll always bear
And for you I'll do and dare
For You love the little children of the world

Chorus 2

Jesus died for all the children
All the children of the world
Red and yellow black and white
All are precious in his sight
Jesus died for all the children of the world

THE MESSAGE

Please Stand.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Biblical Reference: 1 Corinthians 15:1ff; 1 Peter 3:18ff; 1 Timothy 3:16

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
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 into hell.
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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Biblical Reference: 1 Timothy 2:1-2

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your risen Son, our triumphant Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

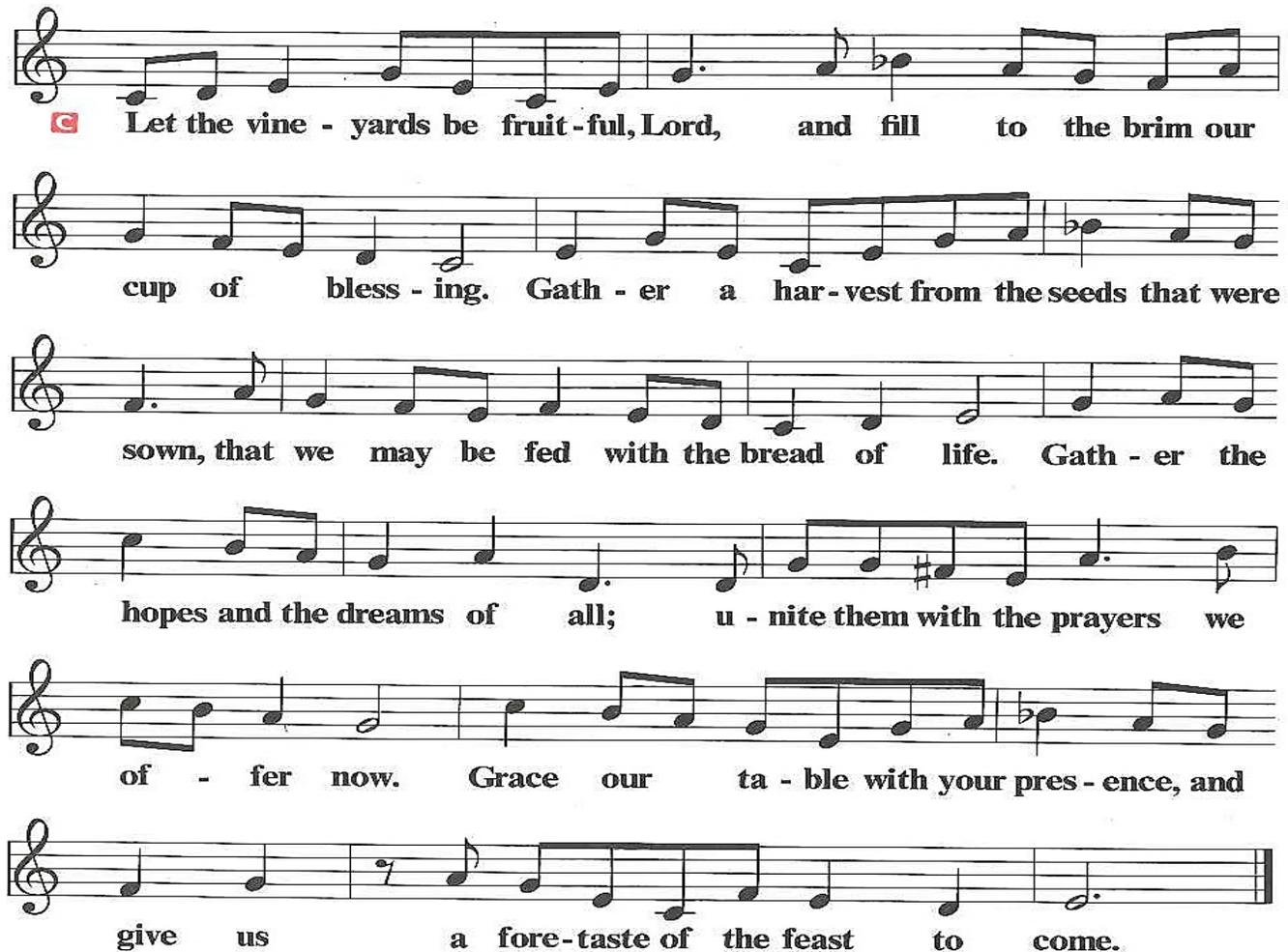
OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Biblical Reference: Psalm 104:14-15

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

Congregation sings:



C Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Biblical Reference: Psalm 100:4; Isaiah 6:1-3; Revelation 4:8

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 him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation sings:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Biblical Reference: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

P: In the night in which he was betrayed . . . Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Biblical Reference: Matthew 6:9-13

A: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hand sanitizer is provided in the pews and should be used before coming forward.

Ushers will escort individuals and family units from their seats.



LAMB OF GOD

Biblical Reference: John 1:29

Congregation sings:



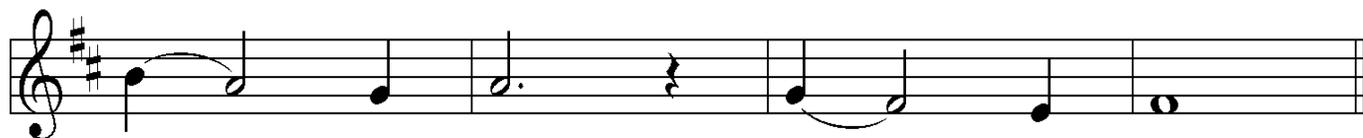
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



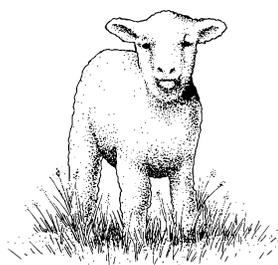
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.



Behold,
THE LAMB OF GOD,
who takes away
THE SIN
OF THE WORLD!"

JOHN 1:29, ESV

COMMUNION HYMN – *“I Give Myself Away”*

Chorus

I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me
(REPEAT)

Verse 1

Here I am
Here I stand
Lord my life is in Your hands
Lord I'm longing to see
Your desires revealed in me

Chorus

Verse 2

Take my heart
Take my life
As a living sacrifice
All my dreams
All my plans
Lord I place them in Your hands

Chorus

Bridge

My life is not my own
To You I belong
I give myself
I give myself to You
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2x

Please Stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

A: Let us pray,

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Biblical Reference: Numbers 6:23-27

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

C: **Amen.**



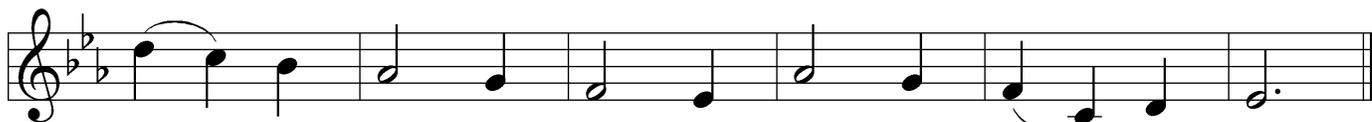
CLOSING HYMN – “O Master, Let Me Walk With You”



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

*We welcome everyone to this house of worship. We are one family, united in our heavenly Father and our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.
Everyone please complete the enclosed Connection Card
and place it in the offering plate.*

The chancel flowers for today are dedicated to the Glory of God and presented by Ron and Marsha Westerfeld in honor of their anniversary.



Amelia Stearns
Karen Bell

September 21
September 23

Ron & Marsha Westerfeld
September 22

BLESSING BOX

St James is committed to keeping it full through September.

Some of the more popular items that are frequently used first, include: cocktail franks, canned meats, crackers filled with cheese or peanut butter, cereal bars, & Raman noodles.

Other things that go well are apple sauce and canned fruits, peanut butter, name brand jelly, mac & cheese boxes, single toilet paper rolls, single paper towel rolls, name brand boxed sugary cereals (**not corn flakes**) ---either boxes or single servings, & tomato sauce.

Things that rarely get taken---bags of dried beans and rice, baby food and diapers, canned vegetables.

Thank you. Your efforts are appreciated.

ACOLYTES NEEDED!

If you or you have a son or daughter who would like to be in the acolyte rotation call the office or Pastor Doug. Training is provided.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study is now meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you to Pastor Doug Gast for preaching today!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study is now meeting on Monday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School is now meeting after the service today.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School is now meeting after the worship service.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Altar flowers are not included in our budget, and we can only continue to have them if members donate or purchase through the flower fund. Please contact Wendy or sign up on the flower chart outside her office.

CHOIR

Choir is now meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

DAYLIGHTERS

Daylighters are now meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 p.m.
Questions, please contact June Gries.

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare is meeting every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and continuing until November 3rd
..... If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Gregory.

SOUTHERN COMFORT CHRIST CARE GROUP

Southern Comfort Christ Care group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 9th. The group meets in the members' homes in the Shelbyville area. John Browder will lead this study on the gospel of John this fall.

Contact Joyce Kissel at 317.512.9561 if interested in the group.

Reminder...

Please continue your generous support for this ministry by clicking the "giving" tab on the St. James website at <http://www.stjamesnalc.org/> or send your contribution to the church at 1741 S. State Street, Greenfield, IN 46140.

Reward Cards

Purchase gift cards from the Rewards Table in the gathering area and St. James receives a percentage back at no extra cost to you. We keep a variety in stock, but if we don't have what you need, we can likely order it from our extensive list of suppliers.
Questions? See Cindy Gregory or Carol Hudson.

Worship Leaders & Congregational Care Schedule

September 19th – Pastor Doug Gast

September 26th – Joe Rudy

October 3rd - Pastor Martins Irbe

October 10th - Pastor Doug Gast

October 17th - Joe Rudy

October 24th - Mary Jo Mikulski

October 31st - Pastor Doug Gast

Pastor Doug will be in the office each Wednesday and Thursday and is available the rest of the week except for one week each month.

Pastor Doug's time off for September is September 20th - 24th

Pastor Doug can be reached at (317) 727-0612 (mobile), pastorstjamesnalc@gmail.com or by calling or emailing the church office.

During the week he is off Pastor Martins Irbe and Joyce Kissell has agreed to be the point of contact for any Pastoral Care needs that are needed.

Pastor Martins can be reached by calling or emailing the church office or by calling him at (317) 379-7526 and Joyce Kissell at (317) 512-9561.

Baptism, First Communion and New Member Classes

The Baptism class will prepare parents or individuals for the Holy Sacrament of Baptism.

The First Communion class is for any 4th or 5th grade students or adults who have been baptized and wish to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The New Member Class is for anyone wanting to learn know about St. James and the Lutheran and Christian faith. Joining St. James is not a requirement (but we'd love to have you!).

Pastor Doug will conduct all classes – for questions or to register contact the church office at: offcestjamesnalc@gmail.com or 317/462-7340 or Pastor Doug at pastorstjamesnalc@gmail.com or 317/ 317-727-0612.



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Calendar for this week:

Sunday, September 19th

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

Monday, September 20th

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 21st

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, September 22nd

- 6:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 23rd

- 5:30 p.m. Council Team on the Constitution
- 7:00 p.m. Southern Comfort Christ Care

Sunday, September 26th

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School



PENCIL IT IN

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, Sept 19th	9:30 a.m. Pastor Doug Gast
Assisting Minister	Tracy Guffey
Lector	Maggie Bode
Ushers	Jim Jackson Deb Jackson
Greeters	John Shaw Joan Shaw
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	Tina Beck
Acolyte	Darrel Turner
Sound Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Video Technician	Neal Guffey
Slides	Jim Farrow
Bread Baker	Karen Bell
Children's Sermon	Pastor Doug
Counters (Monday) Wk3	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory

Next Week, Sept 26th	9:30 a.m. Joe Rudy
Assisting Minister	Debbie Mowrey
Lector	Dawn Hahm
Ushers	John Browder Sheila Bryan
Greeters	June Gries Jo Cook
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	Jeanette Berkshire
Acolyte	Andrew Turner
Sound Technician	Christian Gries
Video Technician	Dan Ivers
Bread Baker	Karen Bell
Children's Sermon	Joe Rudy
Counters (Monday) Wk4	Ron Westerfeld Marsha Westerfeld