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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 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Traditional Worship
September 26th, 2021

PRELUDE

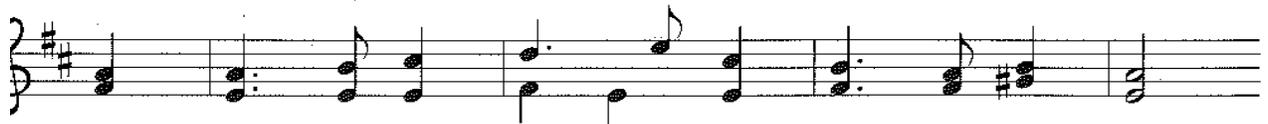
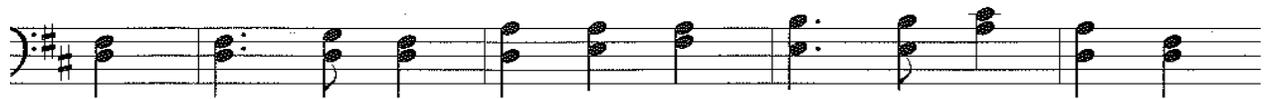
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – “We Praise You, O God”



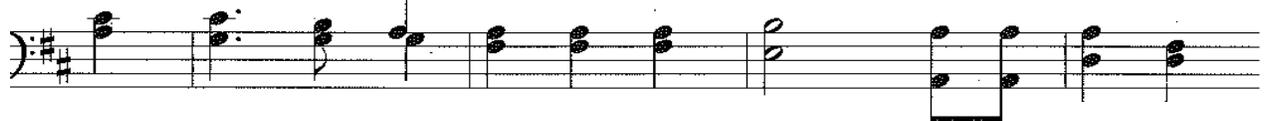
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be 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: All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

C: **When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.**

A: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

C: **When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.**

A: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—

C: **he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.**

A: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

C: **May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.**

A: But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise the LORD, my soul. Praise the LORD.

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. Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

After the prayer:

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON – James 5:1-20

New International Version

5 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.^[a] ⁶You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

⁷Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the

prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

¹² Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

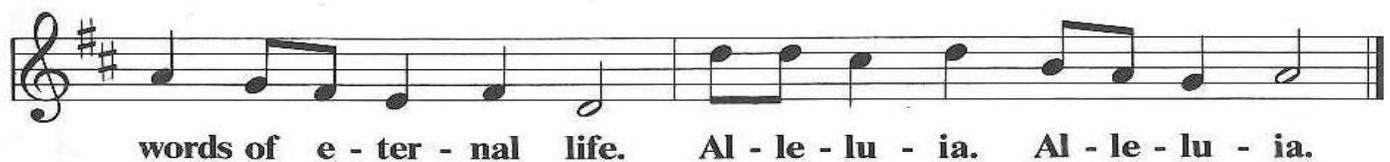
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ALLELUIA

Biblical Reference: John 6:68

Congregation sings:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.



Congregation sings:



THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 9:38-50

New International Version

³⁸ “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

⁴² “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ^[44] ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ^[46] ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where

“the worms that eat them do not die,
and the fire is not quenched.’

⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation sings:



Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Please Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY – "Praise Adonai"

Who is like Him, the Lion and the Lamb.

3 C G E⁷ Am

seated on the throne? Mountains bow down.

6 F C G

every ocean roars to the Lord of Hosts.

CHORUS

9 F Am G

Praise Adonai, from the rising of the sun 'til the

12 Dm⁷ F G F Am

end of every day; Praise Adonai, all the

15 G

1. 2.
Dm⁷ F G B^b2

nations of the earth, all the angels and the saints sing praise.

18

3.
Dm⁷ F G

angels and the saints sing

OUTRO

20 B^b2 Am⁷ B^b2

praise.

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

(Pastor Doug Gast consecrated the sacramental elements on Wednesday and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 is a reminder and a blessing on those consecrated elements.)

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:



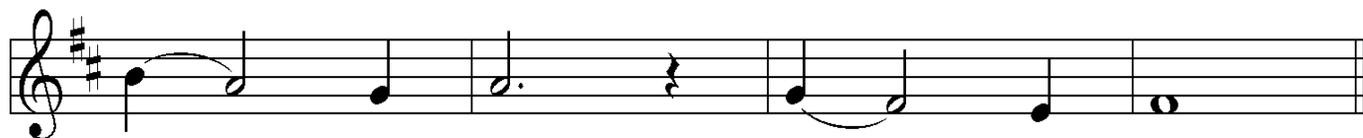
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



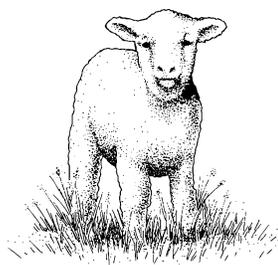
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 – “As the Deer (Hope in God)”

Verse

As the deer (as the deer)
Thirsts for the water Lord
(Thirsts for the water Lord)
So my soul (so my soul)
Longs for Thee (longs for Thee)

My soul (my soul)
Thirsts for the Living God
(Thirsts for the Living God)
Yes my soul (yes my soul)
Longs for Thee (longs for Thee)

Chorus

And I pour out my soul deep within me
Deep within me I pour out my soul
Take me deeper Lord
Deeper Lord in You
Take me deeper Lord
Deeper Lord in You

Verse

As the deer (as the deer)
Thirsts for the water Lord
(Thirsts for the water Lord)
So my soul (so my soul)
Longs for Thee (longs for Thee)

My soul (my soul)
Thirsts for the Living God
(Thirsts for the Living God)
Yes my soul (yes my soul)
Longs for Thee (longs for Thee)

Chorus

And I pour out my soul deep within
me
Deep within me I pour out my soul
Take me deeper Lord
Deeper Lord in You
Take me deeper Lord
Deeper Lord in You

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

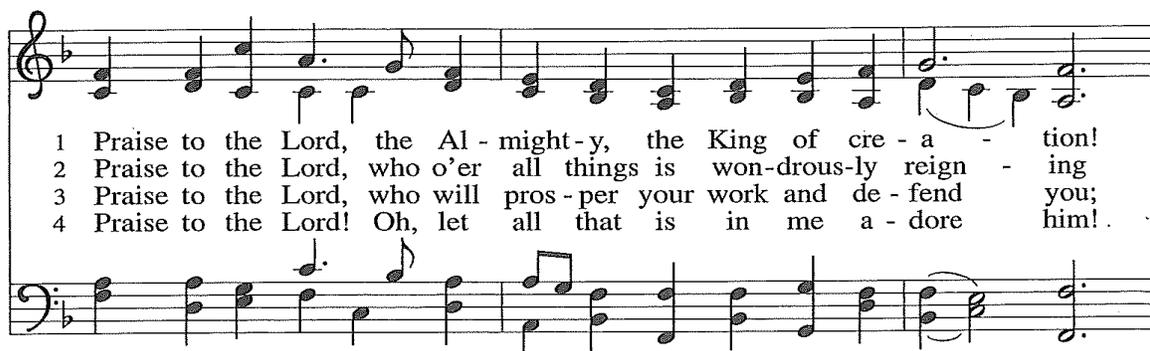
Biblical Reference: Numbers 6:23-27

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.

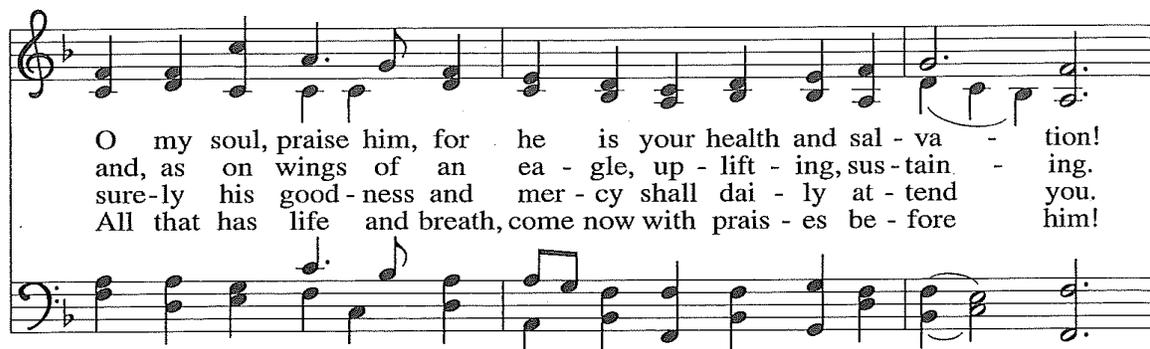
C: **Amen.**



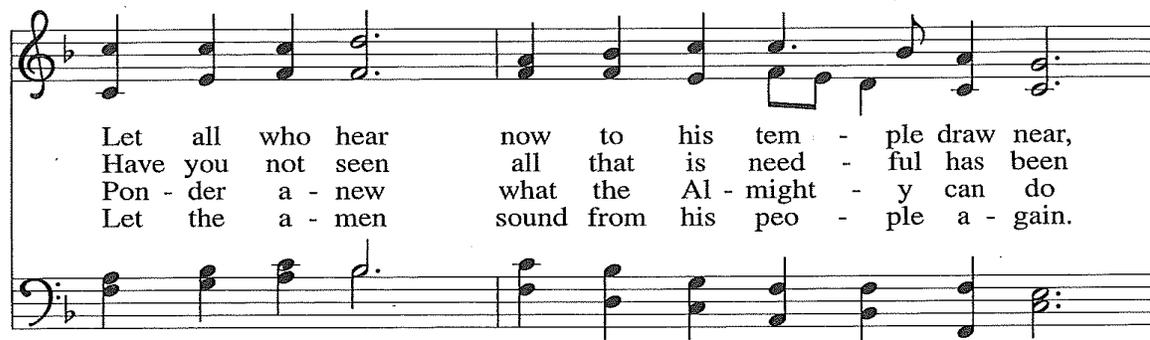
CLOSING HYMN – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”



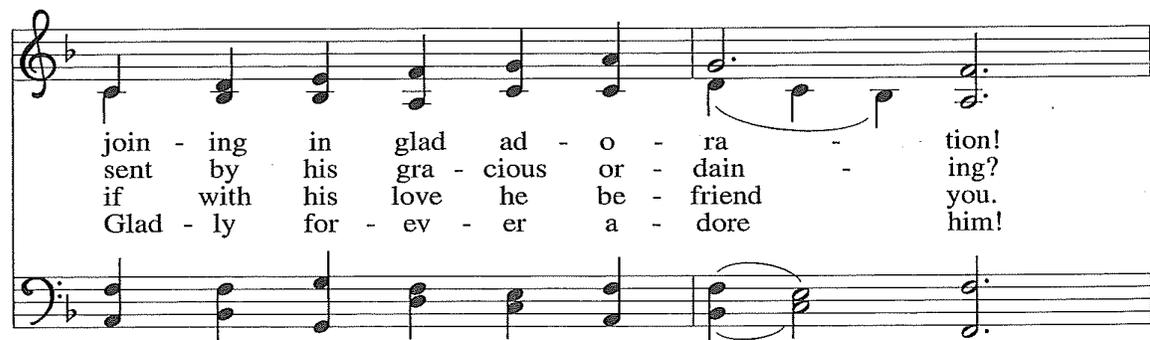
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you,
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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 Cindy Gregory in memory of Jerry's Birthday. Also presented by Chris and June Gries in honor of Karen Bell's birthday.



John Shaw

September 30

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.

BLOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 31ST

9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

[Click on this link to register online](#) or sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex.

Thank you to Joe Rudy for preaching today!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

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 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.



september



Calendar for this week:

Sunday, September 26th

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

Monday, September 27th

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Connection Bible Study

Tuesday, September 28th

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Greenfield Women's Connection Club Planning Team

Wednesday, September 29th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Mission Benevolence Outreach (MBO) Committee
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 30th

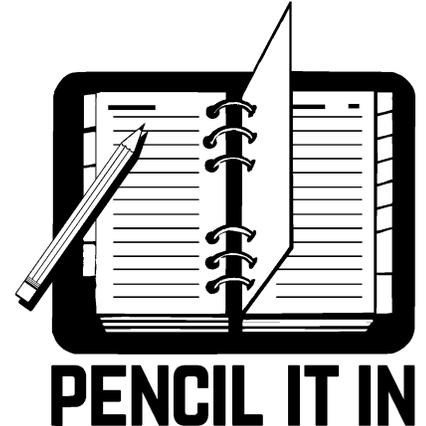
- 5:30 p.m. Council Team on the Constitution

Saturday, October 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. Heartland Mission District Convocation & Youth Gathering

Sunday, October 3rd

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



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

This Week, Sept 26th	9:30 a.m. Joe Rudy
Assisting Minister	Ron Westerfeld
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
Slides	Phil Miller
Bread Baker	Karen Bell
Children's Sermon	Joe Rudy
Counters (Monday) Wk4	Ron Westerfeld Marsha Westerfeld

Next Week, October 3rd	9:30 a.m. Pastor Martins Irbe
Assisting Minister	Tracy Guffey
Lector	Marieta Boone
Ushers	Linda Hess Wanda Stephens-Wooten
Greeters	Betty Perotti
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	Tina Beck
Acolyte	John Turner
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Neal Guffey
Bread Baker	Katie Ottinger
Children's Sermon	Tracy Guffey
Counters (Monday) Wk1	Maggie Bode Cindy Gregory