



**Twenty-Sixth Sunday
After Pentecost
Christ the King
November 21, 2021**

“Jesus said,” However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. ³³ And since you don't know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert!” (Mark 13:32-33)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We spend most of the liturgical year in Ordinary Time. A strange phrase, but also quite apt. We are in fact ordinary people living ordinary lives as Christians, citizens, family members, workers or bosses; retired, or too ill to do much, or too young to have much expected of us. We are a community of very ordinary people.

What do ordinary people do to respond to the call of Jesus, “Come, follow me.” In our baptism and in Scripture we all hear that invitation. What does it ask of us? To be sure, not world-shaking sanctity, or public manifestations of special grace. That is for the heroes of faith. No, we are called to be fully ourselves, as God created and gifted us, for others.



Join us this Sunday, Invite a Friend to Worship Service . . . 9:30 A.M.

Scripture Readings

Revelation 1:4b-8
Mark 13:24-37

• **Happening Around St. James**

**Children Sunday School invites and welcomes all our young disciples
Adult Forum in Fireside Room (see details below) All are welcome.**

Women's Bible Study Mondays at 11 A.M.

Men's Bible Study Gathers . . .at 9 A.M. on Tuesdays.

Additional Bible Study Opportunity. . . included with this weekly update is a bible study for you to use in the comfort of your home.

Adult Bible Study lead by Tracy Guffey. The title is *“Waiting . . . a study on patience, hope, and trust as the Spirit works in our lives.”* This is a timely topic that all of us will benefit from. Join us following worship.

- **Advent Coming Soon . . .** Advent begins November 28th. Join us not only on Sunday s but also on Wednesday s. We will be sharing a meal and devotions on December 1, 8, and 15th. Meal at 6 PM. And a 45 minute devotion service follows. The theme is Signs of God's mark it on your calendars now.
- **St. James will be sponsoring a family for Christmas.** Wish list items for the children in the family may be found on a tree in the gathering area beginning next week. PLEASE take a tag or two, purchase the items requested, wrap, and return them to the church by Dec. 12. Cash donations may be given to Terry Miller.

- **Annual Feast of Plenty Community Outreach . . .** Bring your ***filled grocery bag*** to the church by **Sunday, November 21st** and will be delivered to the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, November 24th. The following items should be placed in each grocery bag: 1-jar of jelly, 1-jar of peanut butter, 1- jar of pasta sauce, 1-box of pasta, 1-bag of beans, 1-bag of rice, 4-cans of vegetables/fruit, 1-box of granola bars, 2-bar of soap, 4 pack of toilet paper, Bottle of liquid dish detergent. Any “extras” that will fit in the bag are always greatly appreciated
- **Looking for Volunteers . . .** As part of Care & Prayer ministry we have been thinking there may be a need to offer transportation to and from church to local residents in the Greenfield area. If you would be willing to serve in this way contact the church office or Linda Hess.
- **Afghani Refugees Need our Help . . .** clothing donations are needed for the refugees from Afghanistan who are now temporarily housed at Camp Atterbury. We are collecting new men’s and women’s clothes, socks and shoes, children and newborn clothes as well underwear, and coats for the winter season. Bring whatever you get here to church, and we will get them to the local Armory
- **Adoption of New Constitution.....**At our congregational meeting in January. We will be voting on adopting an updated version of our constitution. All members will receive a newly revised constitution in December to prepare you for voting in our Congregational meeting in January. Details will be forthcoming.
- **Ben Black’s Address.** Most of us know Ben is spending time now at Fort Jackson in SC. He is in Chaplin Officer Training. Many have asked for his address so you can send a card at Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving and perhaps Christmas. A card from home when he is so far from home would be much appreciated for sure. Here is his address for now:
 Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course (Class # 21-003)
 2LT Black, Benjamin L
 USACHCS
 10100 Lee Road
 Fort Jackson, SC 29207-7090
- **Continue to Hold our Church in Prayer** as we await someone who can be a pastoral candidate. May the Holy Spirit move strong in our midst & in the heart of the person who will take the reins of pastoral leadership of St James. In the near future we will be sharing in a Bible Study on the Biblical understanding on the blessing and use of times of waiting.

Greetings from the HMD Council Here are prayer concerns to lift up to the throne of God as we join in prayer both individually and as a church family

- Pray for the Ethiopian Mekane Yesus Evangelical Church and Seminary and the North American Lutheran Church's disaster relief effort for the flooding and devastation that has impacted the area, church and seminary. Pray that the people there feel the Lord's presence, as they go through these troubled times and that peace and healing is sent to all.
- Pray for blessings for the Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation and call committee of First United Lutheran Church - Hammond Indiana and for the mission of Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Inc. - Ft. Wayne Indiana including Executive Director Pastor Leslie Haines.
- Pray that the HMD's new disaster relief warehouse under construction at Peace Lutheran Church in Connersville Indiana is built quickly and before the cold weather comes.
- Pray for guidance, support and strength from the Holy Spirit for Pastor Doug Gast, the newly elected Dean of the HMD as well as seminarian Ben Black and Pastor Chris Wendel who are both currently at Ft. Jackson in Chaplain Officers Training.

Thank you all for your prayers. I can be contacted at pastorstjamesnalc@gmail.com, or by phone 317 727-0612, or calling the St James office.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug