

St. James Lutheran Church

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

What Disciples Do

November 20, 2022



Meditation: Lord, Give us hearts that:
Reach up- in prayer and thanksgiving
Reach in- to seek You
Reach out- in service

Today's chancel flowers are given for the glory of God.



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Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

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Rev. Dr. Richard Blue Jr., Pastor

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 off all cell phones and electronic devices during the worship service.**
 - The service is streamed live and available online afterward on YouTube. Links can be found on the [St. James website \(www.stjamesnalc.org\)](http://www.stjamesnalc.org) 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. **If you require gluten free host, please let the servers know.**

- **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.

**PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please Stand

† We Lift Our Hearts in Worship †

INVOCATION AND PRAYER

P: In the name of the Father, the Son (+), and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19)

C: Amen.

P: Patient God, we seem to think that being people of faith is a campaign for Your favor. We posture and make gestures of holiness and grace, but then we easily slide back into habits of self-centeredness. Yet You have forgiven us, each time, calling us beloved children. Today we are about to complete the journey of this Christian year, during which we have learned of the witness of Jesus Christ, the birth and growth of the church, and the great lessons of the Hebrew Scriptures. This year has been an opportunity for us to renew our acquaintance with all those who have gone before, who have been faithful disciples. Help us take these lessons into our hearts and lives. Let the reign of Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, our Savior, be evident in all that we say, think, and do. Give us the confidence and courage to truly be your witnesses all the rest of our days. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

C: Forgiving God, how many times we have spoken words of commitment and faith and then turned our backs on these commitments to follow the temptations of the world. We wander after the false prophets of greed, selfishness, arrogance, ignorance, hatred, stubbornness, and then shout our displeasure at how we are being treated. We want you to come in and clean up all our messes, excusing us from any responsibility for them. Forgive us for such foolishness. Help us remember the power of your healing love, which has been given for us. Forgive us when we think we know everything and then discover that we have behaved and thought in ignorant ways. Teach us to listen and to place our trust in your abiding power. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

P: Even though we doubt God's faithfulness to us, yet God is steadfast in God's love for each one of us. Receive that love in your hearts this day. Know that you are healed and forgiven in God's sight. AMEN.

C: Amen

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne; Hark,
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born, Whose
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and side, Rich
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave And

how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. A -
 arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now his brow a - dorn; Fruit
 wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No
 rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save. His

wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And
 of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who

hail him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Great is the Lord!

C: God has redeemed God's people!

L: Let the heavens shout with joy!

C: Let all the people celebrate God's awesome love!

L: Shout and sing praise to God!

C: For God has healed and restored God's people.

L: Hallelujah!

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OPENING PRAYER

P: Lord of light and life, we come to You this day in celebration of the witness of Your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts, our spirits, and our lives to listen to His words for us. Help us to be faithful disciples for You; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Please be seated

† We Hear God's Word †

FIRST READING

Luke 1:68-79 (Page 879-880 in pew bible)

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.
69 He has raised up a horn^[a] of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David
70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),
71 salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us—
72 to show mercy to our ancestors
and to remember his holy covenant,
73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,
77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,

78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
79 to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

P: The Word of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

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Rev. E.A. Hoffman

A.J. Showalter

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has the lyrics: "Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;". The second system has the lyrics: "Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing, on the ev - er - last - ing arms." Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: A, D, A, E, A, E in the first system; A, D, A/E, E7, A in the second system.

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”^[a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Tracy Guffey

Please stand

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Please be seated

MESSAGE FOR OUR OLDER DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Richard Blue Jr.

Please Stand

† We Respond to God's Word †

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please be seated

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

Now we join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through our giving of our financial resources. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. Instead, we hope that we are able to give something to you. We welcome you to give only as your heart desires. For members and friends, the vision and ministry of St. James depends on your giving. We thank you in advance for your generosity. This time of offering is a significant act of worship, and we now offer our offerings and tithes.

Please Stand

THE OFFERING RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: Almighty, Creator God, we humbly bring our gifts to you this day. On Calvary's cross, your son redefined for the world what it meant to rule, what it meant to be a king. In his life, teaching and interacting with people, Jesus redefined what it means to give in a way that pleases God. May we in this season live and give in a way that reflects the reign over us and the one who lives within us. In the exalted name of Christ, we pray. Amen. (Luke 23:33-43)

† We Celebrate the Lord's Supper †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image, and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

All: 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.

P: Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight

to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

THE WORDS OF JESUS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. We believe as your word tells us that this is the body and blood of Christ, may we be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit makes us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father now and forever.

All: Amen.

P: All who would come to Christ are invited to come to His table.

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please Stand

COMMUNION HYMN

“Beautiful Savior” ELW 838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Remain Standing

THE BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL

P: Almighty Creator, you began a season of faith when you called us to be your beloved children. That season continues in the turning of the years that we spend serving our Lord Jesus Christ. Through this table may we be sanctified to continue to work in this world through a Spirit-filled life of growth and fulfillment until Christ comes again in his glory. Through every season of each year help us be your people, building your Kingdom.

All: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: Though the days increase in their darkness, the Lord of light and love reigns supreme. May the power of God's love be in your hearts and reflected in your lives now and always .Amen

All: Amen.

† We Depart in Peace †

END TIME

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Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon

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 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

THE DISMISSAL

P: Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ.

A: Thanks be to God.

Worship Volunteers

This Week, November 20	9:30 am Pastor Richard Blue	Next Week, November 27	9:30 a.m. Pastor Richard Blue
Assisting Minister	Christian Gries	Assisting Minister	Debbie Mowrey
Lector	Christian Gries	Lector	Dawn Hahm
Ushers	Tracy Guffey Neal Guffey	Ushers	Linda Hess Wanda Stephens-Wooten
Greeters	John Shaw Joan Shaw	Greeters	Liz Clark Terry Clark
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott
Communion Assistant	Tina Beck	Communion Assistant	Tina Beck
Acolyte	Eli Stearns	Acolyte	Darrel Turner
Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell	Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Neal Guffey	Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower
Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeier	Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeier
Women's Bible Study Snacks	Carol Hudson	Women's Bible Study Snacks	Sylvia
Slide Creators	Phil Miller & Terry Clark	Slide Creators	Richard
Children's Sermon	Tracey Guffey	Children's Sermon	John Browder
Counters (Monday)	Christian Gries Phil Miller	Counters (Monday)	Christian Gries Ron Westerfeld
This Week, November 20 Thanksgiving Service 6pm	6pm- Assembly of Hancock County Ministers		
Greeters	John & Joan Shaw		
Acolyte	Eli Stearns		
Sound Technician	Ronald Kissell		
Video Technician	Cindy Gregory		
Hospitality- monitor chairs	Jessie Stearns & Ron Westerfeld		
Slide Creators	Phil Miller & Terry Clark		