

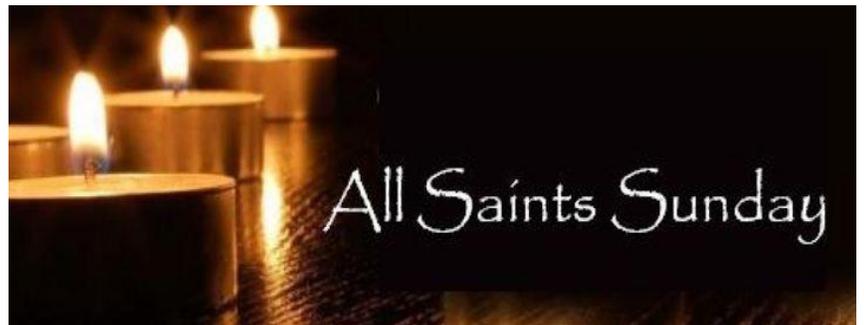
St. James Lutheran Church

1741 S State Street
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To bring people to Christ,
encouraging relationships with Him and others.*

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST What Disciples Do

November 6, 2022



Meditation: Jesus was well aware of the hardships that His disciples would face in their lifetime. He, too, faced ridicule, persecution, and violence. Jesus taught His listeners to reflect joy and gladness in the midst of persecution, for great was their reward in Heaven. Persecution for our faith will come one day, and we must stand strong in the Lord in the midst of trials and tribulation. We can rest in knowing that we are children of God, dearly loved, and not alone, and rejoice in the coming Kingdom reward!

Today's chancel flowers are given in honor of Cindy and Jerry Gregory's wedding anniversary.



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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: Lord, we are people who want instant answers to all our questions. We want to know how everything is going to work out throughout all of our lives. So, we pose questions in which we do not necessarily seek answers but rather entrap You into giving us what we want. Help us understand the broader picture--the scope of Your faithfulness and love for us. Remind us of all the times when You have lifted us and brought us to new opportunities for learning and growing. Let us place our trust in You totally, without reservation, for You are indeed faithful and just. As we have brought our prayers before You for our loved ones and for situations in the world in which pain and anger dominate, let us place our trust in Your response and Your healing love. Give us courage that our faith will be a witness to those who struggle; that our lives will bear the love You have lavished on us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

C: Faithful God, we come before You with many issues on our hearts. We get frustrated and angry at the way things are going in the world. We want Your immediate intervention; and when we don't see things happening the way we think they should be, we are quick to dismiss You and any thought of Your presence. Help us stop our selfishness and our quick anger. Remind us that You will work with us and through us for peace and hope. Release us from the traps of quick tests of Your faithfulness and help us see the "big picture" of Your awesome love that spans all of time. Forgive us for our pettiness and our stubbornness. Bring us back to You, O Lord. Help us shout your praises and live lives of joyful service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

P: Even though we get frustrated and angry, God still loves us and seeks to heal us. Open your hearts to receive God's blessings and to feel God's healing power in your lives. AMEN.

C: Amen

STIVALS, COMMEMORATIONS

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Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones,
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim,
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest,
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing,



bright ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the
 more glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their
 ye pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: “Al - le -
 su - per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: “Al - le -



glad strain: “Al - le - lu - ia!” Cry out, do -
 prais - es: “Al - le - lu - ia!” Thou bear - er
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!” Ye ho - ly
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!” To God the



min - ions, prince - doms, pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel
 of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs:
 Lord:
 song:
 One:

“Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!”

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

C: Each day God brings to us new opportunities to learn and grow.

L: God is near to all of us.

C: We will not fear to call upon the Lord.

L: Come, let us praise God who walks with us daily.

C: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God who loves and lives with us. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

P: Redeeming God, come and heal our lives this day. Open our hearts to receive your words of hope and joy that we may become faithful servants of Yours in this world which you have loaned to us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Please be seated



Presentation of the Saints

Reeta Jeanne Gast

Leonard Meyer

Daniel Gries

Lisa Koeppen

Terry Clark I

Joyce S. Petry

Millie Tillery

Tayler Helgason

Revelation 7:15-17

¹⁵ *Therefore, "they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.*

¹⁶ *'Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.*

*The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.*

¹⁷ *For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;*

'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.' ”

† We Hear God's Word †

FIRST READING

Haggai 1:15b–2:9 (Page 812 in pew bible)

¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month.

The Promised Glory of the New House

In the second year of King Darius, **2** ¹ on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: **2** "Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak,^[a] the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, **3** "Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? **4** But now be strong, Zerubbabel," declares the LORD. "Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land," declares the LORD, "and work. For I am with you," declares the LORD Almighty. **5** "This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear."

6 "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. **7** I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty. **8** 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty. **9** 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see!
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me."

The Resurrection and Marriage

²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’^[a] ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

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C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

June Gries

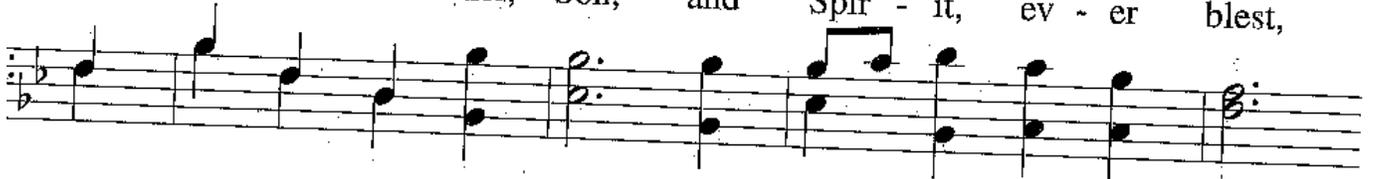
Please stand

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For All Your Saints, O Lord



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



FESTIVALS, COMMEMORATIONS



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
 who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
 learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
 that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
 the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.



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: God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near to us

and far from us; so that one day we may stand amidst the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen. ([Revelation 7:9-17](#))

† 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:

God of Abraham and Sarah,

God of Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah,

God of Ruth and David,

God of the priests and the prophets,

God of Mary and Joseph,

God of the apostles and the martyrs,

God of our mothers and our fathers,

God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.

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: Many of the Saints whom we honored today were people with whom we shared meals, family meals at the dinner table, holiday feasts in the dining room, picnic table barbecues, or church family meals. Jesus ate meals with saints and sinners. So powerful was his presence in life that even in death those who had shared meals with him sensed he was still present when they broke bread and shared cup. The love feast of the early church is repeated here today when we share the meal at this communion table and may we too sense his continued love in our lives. Amen!

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

"Amazing Grace" ELW 779

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Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

F C⁷ Dm B \flat F

1 A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound — that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

C C⁷ Am F

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

B \flat F Dm F C⁷ F

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Remain Standing

THE BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL

P: You have brought us close in this eucharist. to an uncountable number of angels and to the perfected spirits of the saints: as in our earthly pilgrimage's food We have participated in their fellowship. So may we come to heaven to share their joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

C: We have come as guests invited to His banquet, not because we are worthy, but because He is love. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace.

A: Amen.

† We Depart in Peace †

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms;
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms;
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms?

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.

Refrain

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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 6	9:30 am Pastor Richard Blue	Next Week, November 13	9:30 a.m. Pastor Richard Blue
Assisting Minister	Joan Shaw	Assisting Minister	Tracey Guffey
Lector	John Shaw	Lector	Dawn Hahm
Ushers	Jim Jackson Deb Jackson	Ushers	Linda Hess Wanda Stephens-Wooten
Greeters	Alan Berkshire Jeanette Berkshire	Greeters	June Gries Ron Westerfeld
Altar Guild	Diana Clements-Scott	Altar Guild	Karen Bell
Communion Assistant	June Gries	Communion Assistant	Karen Bell
Acolyte	Eli Stearns	Acolyte	Darrell Turner
Sound Technician	Dan Ivers	Sound Technician	Dan Ivers
Video Technician	Geoff LaFlower	Video Technician	Neal Guffey
Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeier	Bread Baker	Kenya Ostermeier
Women's Bible Study Snacks	No one assigned	Women's Bible Study Snacks	Diana Clements-Scott
Slide Creators	The Coomes	Slide Creators	Phil & Terry Clark
Children's Sermon	June Gries	Children's Sermon	Amanda Blue
Counters (Monday)	Christian Gries Phil Miller	Counters (Monday)	Cindy Gregory Carol Hudson