



Saturday, October 31, 2026, 5:30 pm
Sunday, November 1, 2026, 8:30 am

ALL SAINTS' DAY



*Changing lives with the love of God
to the glory of God*

Welcome Guests!

We're glad you're with us today!

We hope you'll introduce yourself to the Pastor at the Church door after worship today.

Worship Schedule

Our regular worship times are:

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Sundays at 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Sunday School at 10:00 am September-June

Serving in the Lord's house today:

5:30 Carol Chirco / 8:30: Christine Eriksen / 10:00: Sharon Haase

Slide Operators:

5:30: Laura Merring / 8:30: Julie Rodriguez / 10:00: Tyler Ritchie

Altar Guild:

Julie Rodriguez / Connie Marohn

Altar flowers have been given- to the glory of God

Pastor: Neil Mittelstaedt

Pastor: Conner Forbes

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Ministers: All the people of St. James

Opening Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will



1. trod, With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er, Flow - ing
2. spray, We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the
3. down; Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro -
4. cease; Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the



1. by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The
2. hap - py gold - en day.
3. vide a robe and crown.
4. mel - o - dy of peace.



beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er, Gath - er with the



saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Welcome and Invocation

Opening Verses (from Psalm 116)

- L** I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- C** **He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

- L** The snares of death encompassed me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- C** **Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

- L** Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
- C** **our God is merciful!**

- L** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
- C** **For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Our God is gracious and merciful. He has delivered us from death through His own death on the cross. Therefore, with all confidence in our gracious and merciful God, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

-Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination-

- P** Gracious Father, have mercy on us.
- C** **In Your compassion, forgive us our many sins, known and unknown, wrong things done and good left undone. We are sorry and want now to serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God has had mercy on you, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, whom He sent to die for you, has forgiven ✠ all your sins.
Now, living in union with Christ, may He lead you in all good works and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Celebrating Our Saints ✠

L *Everyone breathing right now who trusts in Christ for the forgiveness of their sins is already a saint in God's eyes -redeemed and cleansed by Him -and already has eternal life. But today we remember with thanksgiving those who, during the past year, have entered before us into the Church Triumphant. These sisters and brothers of ours we entrust to the arms of our loving God through our Lord Jesus Christ, for He has provided victory over death. Even as we grieve their passing, we have bright hope, for we will be all together again.*

Hymn: For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The
 △ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 Thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

New Testament Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

A The New Testament Reading is from Revelation, chapter 7.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Prayer Of The Day

L Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of our loved ones who are resting with You and awaiting the great and final resurrection.

C **Help us to live our lives as they did, trusting and believing in the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ,**

L so that one day, like the saints,

C **we too may rest and await our resurrection safely in Your presence.**

L In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now

C **and forever. Amen.**

Hymn: We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar - tyr - s of Your king-dom, a great and no - ble throng,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
“O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
May we with saints be num - bered where prais-es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!”
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com-fort-er— for - ev - er Three in One!”
You o - pened heav-en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

Sermon: How A Christian Should View Death

The Apostles' Creed with Explanation

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 everlasting life. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Some time ago we stopped passing the offering plate. There is now a box in the Narthex in which you may place your offering. Even more helpful, you may give electronically either by using the QR code below or visiting stjlc.com/give. You may also give to God and the work of His Church by mailing your offering in.



Offering Prayer

- L** *O God, in You we have a thrilling hope-*
- C** **hope that wipes away tears... hope that sees beyond death.**
- L** *May this fill our hearts. Make us a people rich in hope.*
- C** **Then, O God, we will be generous with it.**
- L** *Accept our gifts this day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Holy Communion ✠

To Our Guests Regarding Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church.
In it, He offers His true Body and Blood in and with the bread and wine.

It is the gift of Himself!

When received in faith, Holy Communion gives forgiveness, new life & salvation.
Those who receive the Lord's Supper at St. James Lutheran Church are baptized Christians,
committed in their faith in Christ, who have been instructed in and believe these truths.

(We run classes both for young people and adults – everyone welcome.)

God bless you!

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God.*
- C** **In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son,**
- P** *You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses*
- C** **that encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship,**
- P** *we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us*
- C** **and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.**
- P** *Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

Sanctus

C 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.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

L 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.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more
lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
won - der full sur - surprise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen-dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the



Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__

Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

Benediction

Announcements

Closing Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
 2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
 3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!
 The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
 As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
 Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

Postlude: Finale on "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" *Jeffrey Blerch*

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES NIGHT: Join us for ladies night on November 6th at 7:30 in the parish hall! We will be painting holiday door mats. Cost is \$10. Bring a friend and your festive spirit!

HEALING SERVICES: Join us on Saturday, November 7th at 5:30pm and Sunday, November 8th at 8:30am/10am for special services of healing as we gather in prayer seeking the comfort, strength, and peace that only our Lord Jesus Christ can provide. Whether you are facing physical illness, emotional struggles, grief, or other burdens, we invite you to come and receive the assurance of God's love and grace through His Word and prayer.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Outreach Ministry is once again extending an invitation to all the families of our St. James Congregation, Pre-school, Sunday School, and Youth Groups, to join us in the "shoebox ministry" of Samaritan's Purse. By filling a shoe box with items for a child in need, we can help spread the love and good news of Jesus Christ. Shoeboxes will be in the Narthex and MUST be returned by Sunday November 15. Following the November 15th service, we will check and assemble all boxes for delivery to the appropriate Church so they can be loaded onto trucks for international delivery. Please include a check for \$10, absolutely no cash, along with your shoebox, and place it inside the shoebox. This money goes towards the cost of shipping the shoeboxes and should be made out to Samaritan's Purse. Thank you so much for your consideration and generosity! Any questions please call Angela Donohue 631-275-8886.

CRAFT FAIR: Our annual church craft fair will be held on Saturday, November 14th from 10am to 3pm. We need your help with making baked goods & soups that will be sold during this fair. If you would like to bake, please call Deb Whalen at 631-831-5874 or Durinda Dalton at 631-897-0307 & for soups call Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017. The baked goods should be packed ready to sell. Baked goods containing nuts or gluten free should be labeled. These items can be dropped off in the Parish Hall on Friday, November 13th from 5pm to 7pm.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Thanksgiving blessing boxes are here and available in the Narthex for pickup! If you are able to fill a box to help a family in need, the pantry will supply the turkey. Boxes when filled can be brought to the church and placed on the old stage in the Parish Hall. THE LAST DAY TO RETURN BOXES IS NOVEMBER 18TH. Thank you all donors and volunteers for all that you do. The month of September 183 families (510 adults, 173 children and 29 infants = 713 individuals) received food and essential products from the pantry. Nonperishable and hygiene products can be left in the Narthex RED bin. Any questions, call Jeanne Harmer @ 631-585-5631. "Lord help us to be your hands and feet in our community reflecting the love and compassion of Jesus Christ."

REMINDERS

TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: is happening most Tuesday nights at the Forbes' home! Come in your comfy clothes, enjoy snacks, and chat about all things faith and motherhood. Join the group me via the QR code on the poster in the narthex for more information and updates. Scheduled dates are 9/15, 10/6, 10/13, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Neil will be leading a new Bible study titled "Be Still". We will explore the simple, transformative practice of a daily quiet time with God. It will be held on Thursdays from 10am to 11:15am on 9/17, 10/8, 10/15, 10/29, and 11/5.

CHURCH OFFERINGS: If you do not use our electronic offering service, you may mail your church offering to the Church Office, 230 Second Ave, St. James, NY, 11780. Thank you for your continued support of our church!

TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS: Call Connie Marohn at 862-7123 after you have signed up for your requested date in the Altar Flower Book in the Narthex. Please use an Altar Guild envelope located in the Narthex to place your check for \$25.00 for *each* Bouquet payable to St. James Lutheran Church Flowers and the wording you wish printed in the bulletin. Place the envelope into the offering plate or mail to 230 Second Ave., NY 11780. Envelopes must be received by Monday for the subsequent weekend.

Peek at the Week

SUNDAY November 1

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship/New Member Sunday and Sunday School (Sanctuary)

MONDAY November 2

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

6:30pm Outreach Meeting (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY November 3

7:30pm Mom's Group (Forbes Home)

WEDNESDAY November 4

10am-12pm Griefshare (Youth Room)

6:30pm – 7:30pm Confirmation (Parish Hall)

6:30pm – 7:30pm Chancel Chimes Rehearsal (Balcony)

7:45pm – 9pm Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY November 5

10am-11:15am "Be Still" Bible Study (Youth Room)

7pm – 9pm Troop 301 Meeting (Parish Hall)

FRIDAY November 6

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

7:30pm – 11pm Ladies' Night Out (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY November 7

1pm – Baptism of Jack James Jungen and Rhys Peter Jungen (Sanctuary)

5:30pm Worship – Healing Service (Sanctuary)

Youth Special Event – The Great St. James Lock In (Parish Hall)

SUNDAY November 8

8:30am Worship- Healing Service (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship – Healing Service and Sunday School (Sanctuary)



St. James Moms Group invites you to...

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Join us to make a festive Thanksgiving or Christmas
painted door mat!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
AT 7:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Bring a friend & \$10 for your door mat!



RSVP Here:



THANKSGIVING

2026

AT SMITHTOWN FOOD PANTRY

~ADOPT A FAMILY~

**WE PROVIDE THE BOX – WE ASK YOU TO Fill IT with
all the fixings for a complete thanksgiving dinner**

4 cans vegetables	1 box instant potatoes
2 cans cranberry sauce	2 boxes stove top stuffing
1 large can yams (or 2 small)	3 cans fruit
1 juice (64 ounce) or juice boxes	2 turkey gravy
Cake mix / brownie mix /cookie mix	muffin mix

Add "Extras"

bag of candy, hot chocolate, marshmallows, cookies, icing, applesauce
shelf-stable milk, evaporated milk, pumpkin, can pie filling, pie crust
NO FRESH FRUIT OR VEGETABLES

The box can be decorated - Put a Prayer or Note in the box

*****The Pantry will provide the turkey *****

LAST DAY TO RETURN THE BOX - NOVEMBER 19

BLESSINGS TO YOU & YOUR FAMILY

631- 265-7676 (smithtownpantry@optonline.net)
90 Edgewater Avenue, Smithtown, NY 11787

PLEASE – USE PACKING TAPE ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BOX

Last year, between Thanksgiving and New Year's 573 Holiday Meals were provided for our neighbors