



Sunday, November 1, 2026, 10 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: Deacons Jim and Lauretta Sauer / 10:00: Christine Eriksen

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 Song: All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in one
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O alleluia! Alleluia! O alleluia! Alleluia! (repeat)
Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

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.**

(Children come to the front of the Church)

Children's Message

Children's Song

Lord's Prayer

(Children leave for Sunday School during the Song of Praise)

Song of Praise: Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy, Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy, Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy, Holy forever

(repeat 2x)

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all, Jesus

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy, Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy, Holy forever

You will always be Holy
Holy forever

✠ 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.*

Anthem: Blest Are They (Festival Choir)

Crane/Klein

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.**

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.**

Sermon: How A Christian Should View Death

Reception of New Members

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P Do you hold the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Lutheran Church, drawn from it and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and even to suffer, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R *I do.*

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, grant that by Your Word and Spirit these brothers and sisters may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C **Amen.**

The new members return to their places.

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 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 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

 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 Song: The Table

I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table
(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Come all you weary; come and find
His yoke is easy; His burden light
He is able; He will restore
At the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore at His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord
There is healing at the table of the Lord
I won't suffer anymore at His table

Chorus

I know He has a place for me
Oh, what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of God

Chorus

At the table of the Lord

I'm invited to the table of the Lord
I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says, "Come just as you are" to His table

Benediction

Closing Song: How Great Thou Art (Until That Day)

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

(Refrain)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son, not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin (Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art"

Until that day when Heaven bids us welcome
And as we walk this broken, warring world
Your kingdom come, deliver us from evil
And we'll proclaim, "Our God, how great You are"
With hope, we'll sing, "Our God, how great You are" (Refrain)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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Please join us downstairs after the 10 a.m. Service in the Parish Hall for the SJ Cafe.

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)