



**Sunday, May 24, 2025, 10 am**

**PENTECOST  
AND NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**



*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: Sandra McIlveen / 10:00: Sandra McIlveen

Altar flowers have been given- to the Glory of God

Pastor: Neil Mittelstaedt

Pastor: Conner Forbes

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## **Opening Song: The River is Here**

Down the mountains the river flows,  
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes  
Through the valleys and over the fields  
The river is rushing and the river is here!

[Chorus]

The river of God sets our feet to dancing.  
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,  
And we rejoice for the river is here!

The river of God is teeming with life,  
And all who touch it can be revived;  
And those who linger on this river's shore,  
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord! [Chorus]

Up to the mountain, we love to go,  
To find the presence of the Lord.  
Along the banks of the river we run;  
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son! [Chorus 2x]

We rejoice for the river is here! [Repeat]

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Invocation**

#### **Call to Worship**

**P** *The Spirit of the living God has been poured out on Christ's people!*

**C** **He is poured out on us. Alleluia!**

**P** *The Word asks us: "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" [1 Corinthians 3:16]*

**C** **Welcome to this temple, Holy Spirit!**

**P** *You are welcome in this church.*

**C** **You are welcome in our hearts. Alleluia!**

*(Children come to the front of the Church)*

## **Children's Message**

## Lord's Prayer

*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

### Song of Praise: Holy Spirit

Verse

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope  
Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
Your presence, Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord

Verse

Chorus 2x

Bridge (repeat 3x)

Let us become more aware of Your presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

Chorus 2x

### New Testament Reading

*Acts 2:1-21*

**A** The New Testament Reading is from Acts, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

<sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>καὶ ἔσται ἐν ταῖς ἐσχάταις ἡμέραις λέγει ὁ θεός κχεῶ ἀπὸ τοῦ πνεύματός μου ἐπὶ πᾶσαν σάρκα

*(And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,)*

**וּבְנֵיכֶם וּבְנוֹתֵיכֶם**

*(and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,)*

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants

in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>Und ich will Wunder tun oben im Himmel und Zeichen unten auf Erden: Blut und Feuer und Rauchdampf;

*(And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;)*

<sup>20</sup>Le soleil se changera en ténèbres, Et la lune en sang, Avant l'arrivée du jour du Seigneur, De ce jour grand et glorieux.

*(the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.)*

**<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel Reading

*John 7:37–39*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

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

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup>Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Prayer of the Day

**L** Heavenly Father, in these last days, You have spoken to us by Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**C** **He came speaking the good news of the gospel, freedom for the captives, and liberty from our sins.**

**L** Now, on this day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on all the church,

**C** **we pray for the Spirit to be poured out on us too;**

**L** in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God,  
now

**C** **and forever, Amen.**

**Sermon:** Do You Want the Holy Spirit?

## 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 † 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](http://stjlc.com/give). You may also give to God and the work of His Church by mailing your offering in.*



### Offering Prayer

**L** You Have given us all good things, O God

**C** **you have enriched us and put your will in our hearts.**

**L** And so we come to you this day,

**C** **bearing gifts that express our worship.**

**L** Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** [John 1:8,9]

*-silence is kept for reflection and self-examination-*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God the Father.

**C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.**

**For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**

**But I am truly sorry for my sins,**

**and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray:**

**Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the † Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**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.**

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. 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 God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## The Words of Our Lord

### Agnus Dei



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

# Distribution

## Distribution Song: Living Waters



1. Are you thir- sty? Are you emp- ty? Come and drink these liv- ing  
 2. Christ is call- ing, find re- frsh- ing At the cross of liv- ing  
 3. Spir - it mov- ing, mer - cy wash- ing; Heal - ing in these liv- ing  
 4. Are you thir- sty? Are you emp- ty? Come and drink these liv- ing



wa - ters.\_\_\_\_ Tired and brok - en, peace un - spo - ken,  
 wa - ters.\_\_\_\_ Lay your life down, All the old gone,  
 wa - ters.\_\_\_\_ Lead your child - ren to the shore - line,  
 wa - ters.\_\_\_\_ Love, for - give - ness, vast and bound - less,



Rest be- side these liv- ing wa - ters.\_\_\_\_  
 Rise up in these liv- ing wa - ters. There's a  
 Life is in these liv- ing wa - ters.  
 Christ, He is our liv- ing wa - ters.



riv - er\_\_\_\_ that flows with mer - cy\_\_\_\_ and love, Bring - ing



joy to the ci - ty of our God;\_\_\_\_ There our hope is se - cure, do not



fear an - y - more, Praise the Lord of liv - ing wa - ters.\_\_\_\_  
 last time to TAG

## Prayer After Communion

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, may Your good and Holy Spirit fill us,
- C** **even as we are filled with the rich foods offered at Your table.**
- L** Empower us.
- C** **Unite us.**
- L** And lead us, at last, to Your heavenly courts. For You are the Lord forevermore.
- C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

### Closing Song: Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

[Chorus]

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth [Chorus]



Please join us downstairs after the 10 a.m. Service in the Parish Hall for the SJ Cafe.

### **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MAD MINISTRY REMINDER:** There will be no MAD meeting on Monday, 5/25 for Memorial Day

**THRIVENT CAUSE KITS:** **If you are a Thrivent member, please read and act right away!** There will be a meeting of all Thrivent members on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at St. James Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall from 9AM-10:30 AM. The purpose of this meeting is to assemble Thrivent Cause Kits, which are provided by Thrivent to you for free once you sign on to your Thrivent page and request one, or you can call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and order a kit. You will need to ask for FRATERNAL and then you will be connected to a live person to order your kit. The kit takes about 7-10 days to arrive at your house, so call NOW! You can order either the Water Kit or the Light Kit. Only 1 kit per person per year. We will meet on June 6<sup>th</sup> to assemble them and have breakfast. Please order your kit and then advise Donna Heiserer by email at [Donna.Heiserer@thrivent.com](mailto:Donna.Heiserer@thrivent.com) or by phone at 631-467-5640 that you ordered your kit and will be attending the June 6<sup>th</sup> event so there will be sufficient food.

**LAF:** Our next LAF Luncheon will be on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall. It will be Hawaiian themed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

**CALLING ALL COOKS, BAKERS, AND FAMILY RECIPE KEEPERS:** Our Church family is creating a Cookbook, and we would love for YOU to be part of it. Whether you're known for

your famous casserole, delicious desserts, hearty soups, quick midweek meals, or treasured family recipes, we invite you to share with us. Recipes from cooks, bakers, and kitchen experimenters of every kind are welcomed! Together we can create a cookbook filled with Faith, Fellowship, and flavors that bring people together! Please submit your favorite recipes to Angela Donohue, at Liangel5@aol.com, or drop your recipe in the Outreach mailbox outside of the pre-school office, by June 30, 2026. We can't wait to see the special dishes that make our Church family unique.

**TROOP 301 ANNIVERSARY:** St James Lutheran Church is celebrating our very own Scout Troop 301 -May 30th in the Parish Hall with a Dinner, Dance, auction fundraiser \$25 per person. Sign up poster is in the SJLC Use the QR code or contact Bill Irmscher or Leslie Eisen. Hope to see you all there with your dancing shoes! We are raising money for a new trailer, tents and tarps since it's been 60years!!

### **REMINDERS**

**VBS 2026:** "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God" will take place on Monday, August 3rd through Friday, August 7th. Registration started on Monday, May 4th and can be found at [stjlc.com/vbs-2026](http://stjlc.com/vbs-2026). Spaces are limited & the program fills up quickly. Please sign up as soon as possible. Any questions, please contact our VBS Director Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017.

**VBS SNACKS DONATIONS NEEDED:** We provide our campers with a daily snack and are looking for items to be brought to prepare these snacks. A list of these items is in the narthex. If you would like to contribute, please check out the list. Any questions, please contact Eve Miceli, snack leader at 631-862-1362.

**THANK YOU:** to everyone who came out to help load up the Orphan Grain Train trailer and truck on May 2nd! Scouts, Youth, Adults and Kids!!! In less than two hours all the clothing, shoes, bedding, and toys were on the road back to Pa. On the way also went our 100 school kits, 80 hygiene kits, 74 pillowcase dresses sewn by our own Jeri Monthie, 50 handmade Giving Dolls, crutches and diapers from Lending Comforts. Rob Hall, manager of the Mid-Atlantic Branch, will let us know where everything will be sent either here or abroad wherever needed. Thank you all for bringing hope and love to those in need by sharing the love of Christ throughout the world! Our next Outreach project will be making more school kits. Watch for the donation tree in the Narthex in July when school supplies are on sale! Outreach Ministry meets on the first Monday of every month at 6:30/7:00. Come join us!

**FARMER'S MARKET:** Hello St. James Lutheran Church! We are so happy to announce that the Farmers market is back! Beginning on Saturday, May 30th & continuing through to September 26th, our church will once again be participating with our own booth. We're

looking for volunteers to help join in and make balloon animals, play with the kids in our kids' corner and spread the word about Jesus! All are welcome and we would love to have you there! Come out and have fun with us any Saturday from 9am-1pm. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call Jim and Lauretta Sauer at 631-523-3118. If you're looking for a way that you can Make a Difference in our community, this is a great and fun way to do it and stretch your faith! All are welcome!! God Bless!

**FOOD PANTRY:** Our church is hosting the month of May at the food pantry. In the Narthex there is a sign-up calendar for volunteers on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 930AM – 12pm. We hope to have two volunteers each day to stock and hand out food. Current needs continue to be toilet paper, paper towels and laundry detergent. Pantry items can be dropped off at the food pantry during pantry hours or left in the Parish hall in the food pantry red bin. Monetary donations may be sent to: Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry, PO BOX 1663, Smithtown, NY 11787. 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."

**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 May 24**

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

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

11:30am – 12:15pm King's Kids Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### **MONDAY May 25**

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

### **TUESDAY May 26**

### **WEDNESDAY May 27**

12:30pm LAF Luncheon (Parish Hall)

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

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

7:45pm-9pm Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **THURSDAY May 28**

7pm Sunday School Teacher Meeting (Library)

7pm Troop 301 Meeting (Parish Hall)

### **FRIDAY May 29**

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

Wedding of John Aguanno and Allison Burnfeindt

### **SATURDAY May 30**

9am Farmer's Market Begins (Big Parking Lot)

5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

7pm Troop 301 Dinner/Dance Fundraiser (Parish Hall)

### **SUNDAY May 31**

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

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

11:30am – 12:15pm King's Kids Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)