



**Saturday, May 30, 2026, 5:30 pm**  
**Sunday, May 31, 2026, 8:30 am**

## **THE HOLY TRINITY**



*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: Pete Campisi / 8:30: Carol Chirco / 10:00: Carol Chirco

Altar flowers have been given- to the Glory of God

Pastor: Neil Mittelstaedt

Pastor: Conner Forbes

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## Prelude 8:30am: All Things Bright and Beautiful (Chancel Chimes) *Barbara Kinyon*

### Opening Hymn: Father Most Holy



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good - ness un -  
△ 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,  
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;  
joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,  
praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

### Welcome and Invocation

#### 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**

### Hymn of Praise: Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

### Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter 6.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

*2 Corinthians 13:11–14*

**A** The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians, chapter 13.

<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup>All the saints greet you.

<sup>14</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

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

## Alleluia



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 28:16–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

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

## Prayer of the Day

**L** Almighty God, our hearts are filled, brimful, with Your love. Our minds are opened by Your grace.

**C** **We confess You:**

**L** glorious, eternal Trinity.

**C** **We worship You:**

**L** divine, majestic Unity. Against all who would oppose it,

**C** **defend us in our faith,**

**L** until that day when we will see You face to face, knowing,

**C** **even as we, ourselves are known.**

**L** You live and reign, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God now...

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

## Hymn: Alleluia! Let Praises Ring



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.  
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.  
ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.  
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -  
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in  
The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to  
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.  
that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.  
the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.  
es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;  
Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.  
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;  
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.  
His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.  
There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.  
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

## Sermon: The Holy Trinity

### Athanasian Creed (excerpts)

Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the Christian faith.

**Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

And the Christian faith is this:

We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,  
neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

**For the Father is one person, the Son is another,  
and the Holy Spirit is another.**

But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one:  
the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

**Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:**

the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

**the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;**

the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

**And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,**

Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities,  
but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

**In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty,  
the Holy Spirit almighty;**

And yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.

**So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;  
and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the Christian religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

**The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

**The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son,  
neither made nor created nor begotten but proceeding.**

Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;  
one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**And in this Trinity none is before or after another;  
none is greater or less than another;**

but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal,  
so that in all things, as has been stated above,

**the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.**

**Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think this way about the Trinity.**

## 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** It is our faith that brings us here, O God.
- C** **It is our faith that leads us to offer these things.**
- L** Accept them, O God, not because you need them...
- C** **...but because You desire us.**
- L** 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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. 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!

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Agnus Dei**

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 Hymn: How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

## Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Benediction

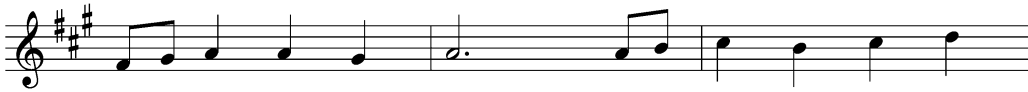
## Announcements

### Closing Hymn: Go Make of All Disciples



1. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples." We hear the call, O  
2. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples," Bap - tiz - ing in the  
3. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples." We at your feet would  
4. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples." We wel - come your com -

Lord, That comes from you, our Fa - ther, In  
name Of Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it— From  
stay Un - til each life's vo - ca - tion Shows  
mand. "Lo, I am with you al - ways." We



your e - ter - nal Word. In - spire our ways of  
 age to age the same. We call each new dis -  
 forth your ho - ly way. We cul - ti - vate the  
 take your guid - ing hand. The task looms large be -



learn - ing Through earn - est, fer - vent prayer, And  
 ci - ple To fol - low you, O Lord, Re -  
 na - ture God plants in ev - 'ry heart, Re -  
 fore us— We fol - low with - out fear. In



let our dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal you ev - 'ry - where.  
 deem - ing soul and bod - y By wa - ter and the Word.  
 veal - ing in our wit - ness The Mas - ter Teach - er's art.  
 heav'n and earth your pow - er Shall bring God's king - dom here.

**Postlude 8:30am: Festive Voluntary on "Ellacombe"**

*Michael Joseph*

**NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOMING OUR NEW PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:** We are pleased to announce that Christie Geary has accepted the call to serve as the new Director of St. James Lutheran Preschool. We thank God for providing faithful leadership for this important ministry and pray that He would richly bless Christie as she begins this new role of serving the families of our congregation and community. Please welcome Christie and keep her in your prayers as she begins this work in Christ's name.

**YOUNG ADULTS TITUS 2 DINNER:** Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm at Pastor Conner's House! Anyone college aged through 30's-ish is invited! We will be grilling burgers and hot dogs. Feel free to bring a side or dessert. RSVP to Emmi at 646-651-2746

**LADIES' NIGHT OUT:** Join us to create decoupage seashell jewelry dishes on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring \$5 for your seashell and a friend! Visit the events page on stjlc.com to register.

**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 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.

**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.

## **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. 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.

**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 Laretta 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!

**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 31**

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship with Sunday School (Sanctuary)

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

6:30pm Young Adults Titus 2 Dinner (Forbes Home)

### **MONDAY June 1**

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

6:30pm Outreach Meeting (Parish Hall)

### **TUESDAY June 2**

7:30pm Mom's Group (Upper Room)

### **WEDNESDAY June 3**

2pm-4pm Cancer Support Group (Youth Room)

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

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

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

### **THURSDAY June 4**

10am-11:30am Bible Study on Revelation and the Eschaton (Parish Hall)

7pm Troop 301 Meeting (Parish Hall)

### **FRIDAY June 5**

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

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

### **SATURDAY June 6**

9am – 1pm Farmer's Market (Big Parking Lot)

9am-10:30am Thrivent Cause Kit Assembling Event (Parish Hall)

5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

### **SUNDAY June 7**

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship with Sunday School (Sanctuary)

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

11:45am-1pm Bible Study on Revelation and the Eschaton