



Sunday, May 31, 2025, 10 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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Ministers: All the people of St. James

Opening Song: How Good It Is

How good, how good, how good it is
How good, how good, how good it is
How good, how good, how good it is

Enter His gates with thanks
Enter His courts with praise
Bring Him a shout of joy
Sing of His endless fame

For the Lord is good and His love endures
His love endures forever
We remember this, we remember this

Oh, how good that it is to sing praise to the Lord
Oh, how great is the Name above all Names
From the rising of the morning sun to the setting of the same
Oh, how good that it is to sing praise
How good it is

How good, how good, how good it is
How good, how good, how good it is

Rivers will clap their hands
Mountains will lift their song
Even the rocks cry out
Creation stands in awe

Of the One who was and the One who is
And the One who reigns forever
We remember this, we remember this

Oh, how good that it is to sing praise to the Lord
Oh, how great is the name above all names
From the rising of the morning sun to the setting of the same
Oh, how good that it is to sing praise
How good it is

How good, how good, how good it is

Oh, how good that it is to sing praise to the Lord
Oh, how great is the name above all names

From the rising of the morning sun to the setting of the same
And with every breath inside our lungs
Forever we will sing

Oh, how good that it is to sing praise
Oh, how good that it is to sing praise
How good it is

How good, how good, how good it is
How good, how good, how good it is

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

(Children come to the front of the Church)

Children's Message

Lord's Prayer

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Song of Praise: 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!

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4–7

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

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You 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.

¹¹Finally, 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. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All the saints greet you.

¹⁴The 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.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16–20

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

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

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching 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.**

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. 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.**

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.**

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!

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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

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

How great Thou art, how great Thou art
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Prayer After Communion

- L** O Lord Jesus Christ, in this meal we experience Your grace,
- C** **we accept the love of God,**
- L** and we enjoy the communion of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Unite us, Lord, to open Your kingdom to all people.**
- L** You are the Lord forevermore.
- C** **Amen.**

Benediction

Closing Song: Grace Alone

I was an orphan lost at the fall
Running away when I'd hear you call
But Father you worked your will
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne
But Father you loved me still

And in love before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me up so high above my station
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus your face was set
I worked my fingers down to the bone
But nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus you paid my debt

By Your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone

I was in darkness all of my life
I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit you made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own
Head full of rocks a heart made of stone
But Spirit you moved in me

And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone

So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone
I will run the race by grace and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone



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

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 31st, 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 5th 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 6th 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 6th 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 6th 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 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 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)

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



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