

JOSHUA



POSSESSING THE PROMISES

Saturday, July 11, 2026, 5:30 pm

Sunday, July 12, 2026, 8:30 am

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST



*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 Christine Eriksen / 8:30: Daisy Karika / 10:00: Pete Campisi

Altar flowers have been given- to the glory of God

Pastor: Neil Mittelstaedt

Pastor: Conner Forbes

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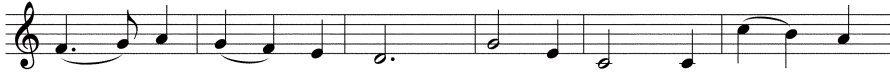
Ministers: All the people of St. James

Prelude

Opening Hymn: God is Here!



1. God is here! As we his peo - ple, Meet to
2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our
3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the
4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, In an



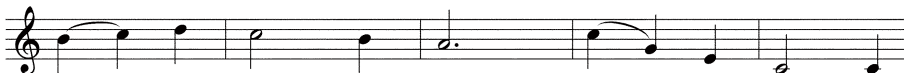
of - fer praise and prayer, May we find in ful - ler
life - long need of grace; Here are ta - ble, font and
Shep - herd's flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are
age of change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the



meas - ure What it is in Christ we share:
pul - pit, Here the cross has cen - tral place:
tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old:
gos - pel, Help us work your pur - pose out:



Here, as in the world a - round us, All our
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, Here in
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant Seek in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, All we



var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing
si - lence as in speech, Here in new - ness
wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in
have to give, re - ceive; We who can - not



of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
and re - new - al God the Spir - it comes to each.
dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.
live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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 **Almighty God, Father of great goodness,
with my whole heart I confess my neglect and forgetfulness of Your
commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against You;
and raise me to newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**
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: Now the Feast and Celebration - See Insert

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:24–30

- A** The Old Testament Reading is from Numbers, chapter 11.

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them."

²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia



Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:35–38

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

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

³⁵And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

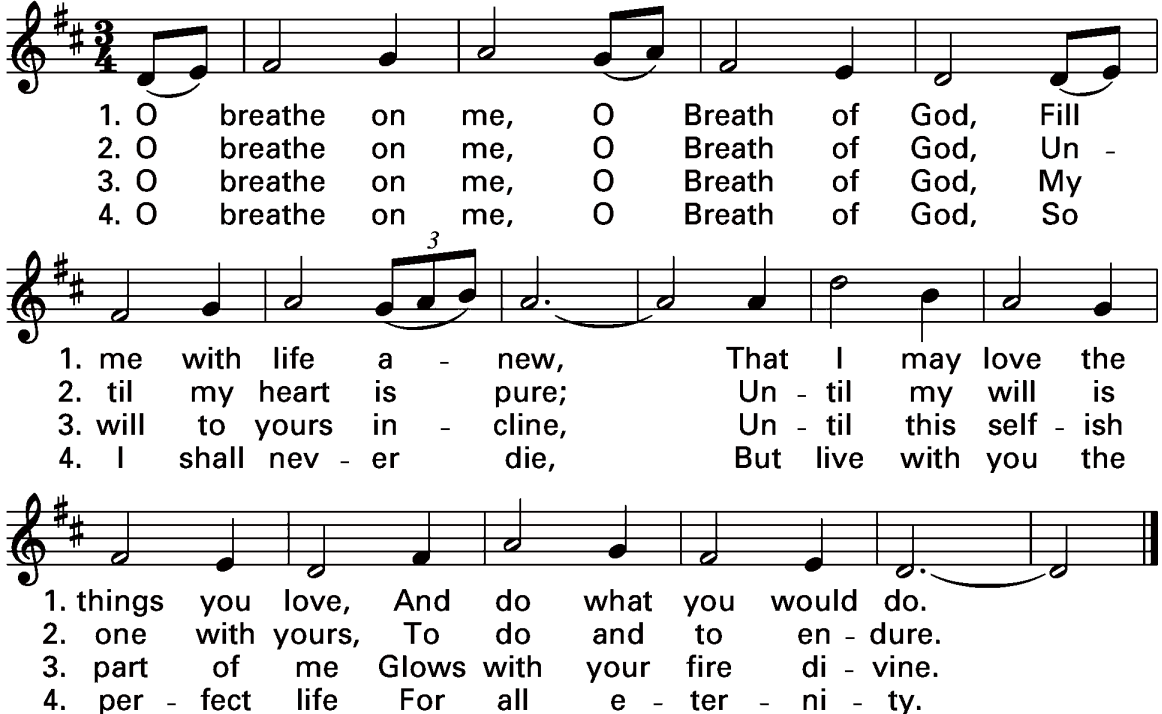
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayer of the Day

- L** Heavenly Father, You have sent Your Spirit out to all Your people,
C **fulfilling the desire of Moses that all people be filled with the Spirit.**
L We give You thanks, because this was only possible through the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ.
C **Now Father, teach us to listen to the Spirit and follow Your will.**
L For the harvest is plentiful,
C **but the laborers are few.**
L In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God now,
C **and forever, Amen.**

Hymn: O Breathe on me, Breath of God



1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Fill
2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Un -
3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, My
4. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, So

1. me with life a - new, That I may love the
2. til my heart is pure; Un - til my will is
3. will to yours in - cline, Un - til this self - ish
4. I shall nev - er die, But live with you the

1. things you love, And do what you would do.
2. one with yours, To do and to en - dure.
3. part of me Glows with your fire di - vine.
4. per - fect life For all e - ter - ni - ty.

Sermon: "I Wish All God's People Were as I!"

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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 life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

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 out of Your great Love for 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 *Blessed are You, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth.*

*We give You thanks and praise that You formed us in Your own image:
male and female You created us.*

C **When we turned away from You in sin, You did not cease to care for us,**

P *but opened a path of salvation for all people, a future Savior whom You would send.*

C **To Your servants Abraham and Sarah You gave the promise that all nations
would be blessed.**

P *Through Moses You led Your people from bondage into freedom;*

C **and under Joshua You gave victory, leading them to possess a beautiful land.**

P *Through the prophets You renewed Your ancient promise of salvation*

C **and in the fullness of time You fulfilled Your word, sending Your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord,**

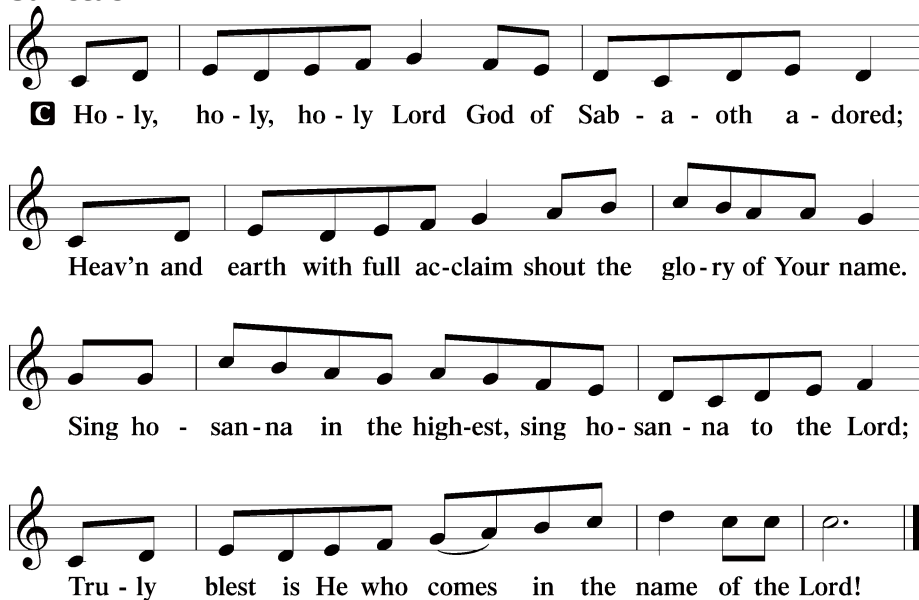
P *who triumphed over our sins by His cross,*

C **and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

P *You now empower Your Church to take news of this blessing to all nations.*

*Therefore with all the holy people who have served You in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of Your name.*

Sanctus

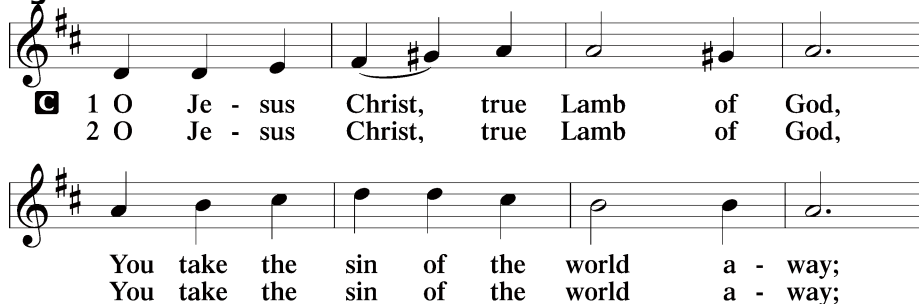


 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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: Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!
thou my best thought by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,

Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,

bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more;
 shield;
 Thee;

Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee.

Postlude

To Our Wonderful Church Family,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your overwhelming love, prayers, and support during our installation as deacons. Walking into this next chapter of ministry alongside you is a true joy. We are deeply touched by the beautiful deacon stoles and crosses which we will cherish and wear with profound gratitude.

Our sincere thanks also go to everyone who planned, decorated, cooked, baked, and celebrated with us to make this day so unforgettable. We are blessed to serve such a loving congregation and look forward to journeying together in faith.

With Love and Blessings,
Deacon Sandra, Deacon Jim, and Deacon
Lauretta

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS TEEN SERVICE PROJECT: Our 6th & 7th grade teens will be doing a service project during VBS. They will be making toiletry bags to be given to the Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry & other organizations. We are looking for your help to provide them with the items needed to fill these bags. The items will be collected until Sunday, August 2nd & can be left in the laundry basket labeled VBS Toiletry Donations in the narthex. Items needed are...bar soap, washcloth, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, brush, comb, socks, band aids and packs of tissues. Any questions, please contact our VBS Director, Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017. Thank you for helping the teens!

OUTREACH MINISTRY: School supplies are soon on sale! Outreach will be putting together 100 school kits for Orphan Grain Train. Please take a tag or two from the Narthex Giving tree to help us out! Donations are due by AUGUST 2ND. Please place them in the Narthex "school supply" bin. MANY THANKS to Janet Brienza for getting a \$250. Thrivent Action card to help us purchase some of the items needed. Also, a BIG THANK YOU to Jeri Monthie for sewing the 100 bags that will contain the supplies for each child. God loves a cheerful giver! Thank you, and please pray that each child receiving a kit is blessed and knows that God and folks they never met, love them!

JOHANSSON THANK YOU: Dear Sisters and Brothers, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for the amazing send-off you gave us. Each and every person in that room (and those who could not attend) is to us, Beautiful! How many conversations, laughs, and moments have we shared together.... Countless! And all because God spirited us, one by one, to walk through these red doors. Our lives have forever been changed and uplifted because of you. When we take our leave, we will miss most, THIS church and all who abide in and around it! Let us all continue to be led by Jesus in His mission of bringing hope, comfort and saving grace wherever we are and to whomever we meet. We love you all and Thank God to have known you! Love, Eric and Meredith (Inga, Gunnar, Eric and Kiersten) P.S. We'll leave the light on, White Farmhouse, Walton!

SUMMER BAND: Do you play an instrument? Do you miss jamming out? Do you still jam out and want more ways to play, especially serving God? We have an opportunity for you! Starting June 28th, contemporary songs will continue to be sung at our 10am service, and this means we need new musicians to be part of our "Summer Band"! Our goal is to rotate musicians so they do not have to serve every week if they don't want to. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm. If you sing or play an instrument, please contact Pastor Conner or Christine Kenny to sign up.

KING KULLEN RECEIPTS: Please continue to bring in your King Kullen receipts. Last year we received about \$1000 from King Kullen to be used for our Outreach Ministry. Questions, call Liz Skadberg 631-584-5619 or email oeskadberg1@gmail.com.

REMINDERS

MOMS PLAYGROUND MEET-UP: Preschool is out for the summer! Join other moms and kids to enjoy the STJLC playground and community time on Thursdays in July from 10am to noon. Kids of ages welcome.

VBS 2026: "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God" will take place on Monday, August 3rd through Friday, August 7th. Online registration is now closed. 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.

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 July 12

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship and Baptism of Nathaniel James Charest (Sanctuary)

11:45am -1pm Bible Study on Revelation and the Eschaton (Parish Hall)

MONDAY July 13

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

7pm-9pm MAD Ministry Meeting (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY July 14

7:30pm Moms Group (Forbes Home)

WEDNESDAY July 15

6:30pm – 7:30pm Summer Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY July 16

10am-11:30am Bible Study on Revelation and the Eschaton (Youth Room)

10am – 12pm Moms Playground Meet-up (Playground)

FRIDAY July 17

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY July 18

9am-1pm Farmers Market (Big Parking Lot)

5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY July 19

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship (Sanctuary)