

# JOSHUA



POSSESSING THE PROMISES

Sunday, July 12, 2026, 10 am

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST  
AND BAPTISM OF NATHANIEL JAMES CHAREST**



*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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## **Opening Song: Awesome is the Lord Most High**

Great are You Lord mighty in strength  
You are faithful and You will ever be  
We will praise You all of our days  
It's for Your glory we offer ev'rything

Raise your hands all you nations  
Shout to God all creation  
How awesome is the Lord most high

Where You send us God we will go  
You're the answer we want the world to know  
We will trust You when You call our name  
Where You lead us we'll follow all the way

Raise your hands all you nations  
Shout to God all creation  
How awesome is the Lord most high

We will praise You together  
For now and forever  
How awesome is the Lord most high

Hallelujah, hallelujah  
How awesome is the Lord most high  
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How awesome is the Lord most high

Raise your hands all you nations  
Shout to God all creation  
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The Lord most high

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Invocation**

# ✠ Holy Baptism ✠

Nathaniel James Charest

## The Reason for Holy Baptism

### Baptismal Prayer

- P** *Let us pray:*
- P** *Almighty and eternal God: We give You thanks, for in the beginning Your Spirit moved over the waters and You created heaven and earth.*
- C** ***By the gift of water You nourish and sustain us and all living things.***
- P** *By the waters of the flood You condemned the wicked world*
- C** ***and saved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all.***
- P** *You led Your people Israel through the water of the Red Sea, out of slavery, into the freedom of the promised land,*
- C** ***foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism.***
- P** *In the waters of the Jordan, Your Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit,*
- C** ***and now, through Him, You have given Baptism also to us.***
- P** *You have sanctified plain water, administered together with Your command and promise,*
- C** ***to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.***
- P** *We pray that You would behold Nathaniel according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit,*
- C** ***that through this saving flood all sin in him which has been inherited from Adam, and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die.***
- P** *Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope,*
- C** ***so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life;***
- P** *through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** ***Amen.***

### Parental Promise

### The Lord's Prayer

## Confession of Faith

**P** *Nathaniel, do you renounce the devil?*

**R** ***Yes, I renounce him.***

**P** *Do you renounce all his works?*

**R** ***Yes, I renounce them.***

**P** *Do you renounce all his ways?*

**R** ***Yes, I renounce them.***

**P** *Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?*

**R** ***Yes, I believe.***

**P** *Do you believe 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?*

**R** ***Yes, I believe.***

**P** *Do you 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?*

**R** ***Yes, I believe.***

## The Baptism

## Candle and Prayer

### Song of Praise: Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name  
Jesus, the only One who could ever save  
You're worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, oh we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You  
There is none besides You  
Open up my eyes in wonder

Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love  
To those around me

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Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love  
To those around me

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

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## **Old Testament Reading**

*Numbers 11:24–30*

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

<sup>24</sup>Moses 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. <sup>25</sup>Then 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.

<sup>26</sup>Now 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.

<sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

<sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But 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!" <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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

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

## **Holy Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 9:35–38*

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

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

<sup>35</sup>And 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.

<sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore 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.**

*(Children are dismissed for Children's Church)*

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

## **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 out of Your great Love for 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** **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**

## ✠ 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,**

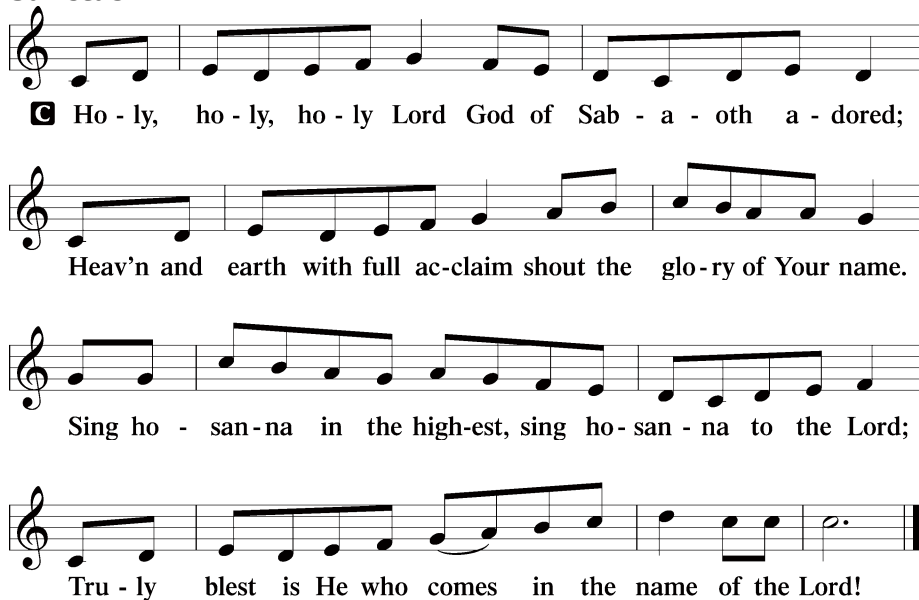
**P** *who triumphed over our sins by His cross,*

**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.*

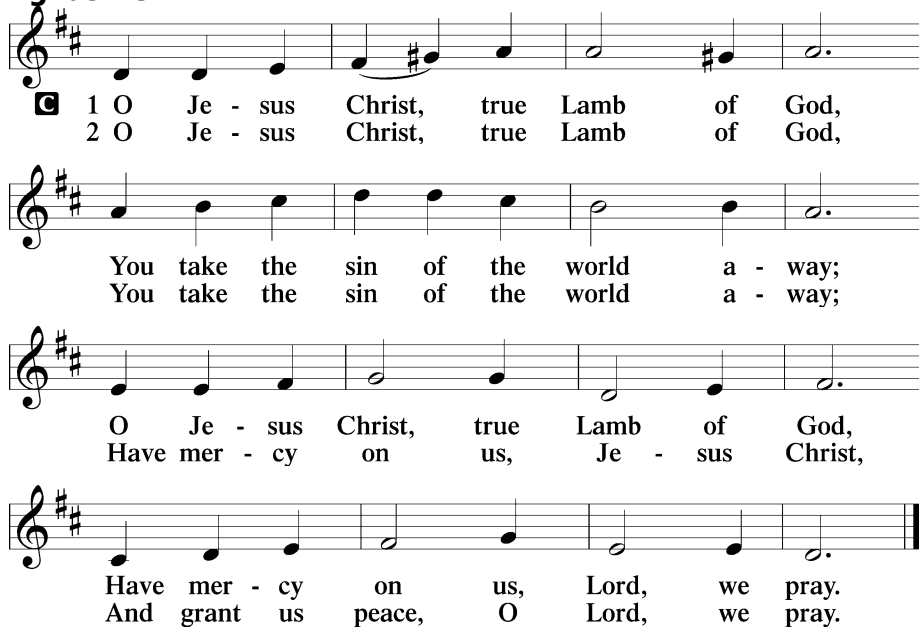
## Sanctus



**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 us, 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: Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all  
The Lord of all

### Prayer after Communion

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, may Your 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

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

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



Please join us outside after the 10am service for lemonade on the lawn!

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)