

JOSHUA



POSSESSING THE PROMISES

Saturday, August 8, 2026, 5:30 pm

Sunday, August 9, 2026, 8:30 am

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER 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 Sharon Haase / 8:30: Daisy Karika / 10:00: Carol Chirco

Slide Operators:

5:30: Pastor Conner Forbes / 8:30: Julie Rodriguez / 10:00: Joe Poma

Altar flowers have been given- to the glory of God

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Pastor: Conner Forbes

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Prelude

Opening Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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

Joshua 3:2-3, 5, 9-17

A The Old Testament Reading is from Joshua, chapter 3.

²Three days later the officers went through the camp. ³They told the people, "As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God and the Levitical priests who carry it, break camp and follow them..." ⁵Joshua told the people, "Perform the ceremonies to make yourselves holy because tomorrow the LORD will do miracles among you..."

⁹So Joshua said to the people of Israel, "Come here, and listen to the words of the LORD your God." ¹⁰Joshua continued, "This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly force the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites out of your way. ¹¹Watch the ark of the covenant of the Lord of the whole earth as it goes ahead of you into the Jordan River. ¹²Choose one man from each of the 12 tribes of Israel. ¹³The priests who carry the ark of the LORD, the Lord of the whole earth, will stand in the water of the Jordan. Then the water flowing from upstream will stop and stand up like a dam."

¹⁴So they broke camp to cross the Jordan River. The priests who carried the ark of the covenant went ahead of the people. ¹⁵(The Jordan overflows all its banks during the harvest season.) When the priests who were carrying the ark came to the edge of the Jordan River and set foot in ¹⁶the water, the water stopped flowing from upstream. The water rose up like a dam as far away as the city of Adam near Zarethan. The water flowing down toward the Sea of the Plains (the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. Then the people crossed from the

east side of the Jordan River directly opposite Jericho. ¹⁷The priests who carried the ark of the LORD's covenant stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan River on dry ground.

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 Reading

Mark 1:9–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

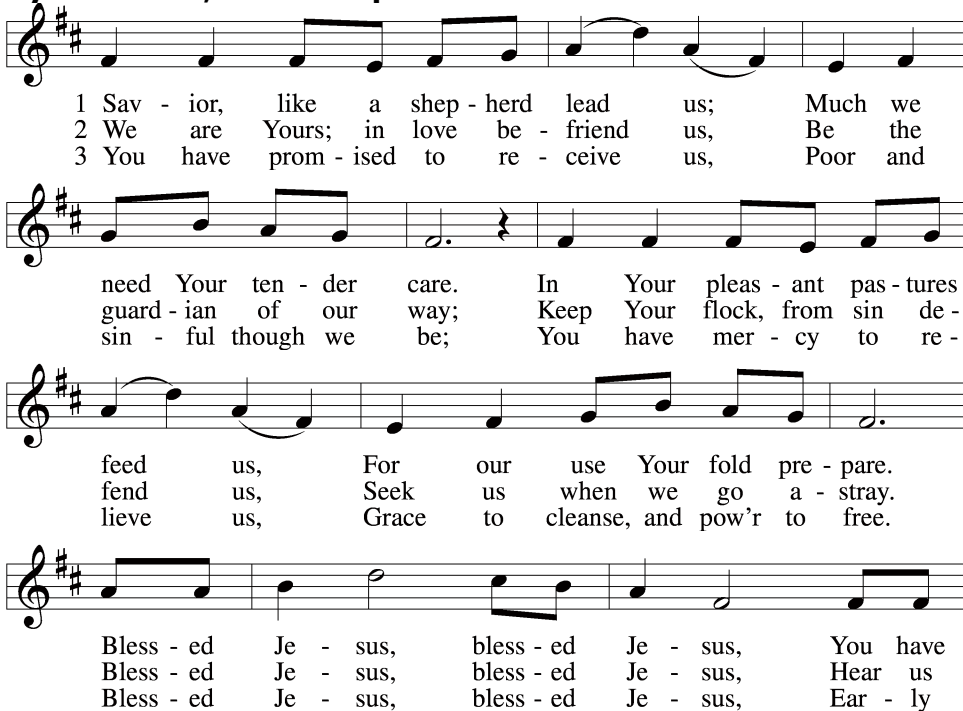
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayer of the Day

- L** O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son.
C **To ransom us You gave Him to the death of the cross,**
L and by His glorious resurrection brought us out from the power of the enemy.
C **Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance,**
L and that day by day we may enter into the new life
C **the kingdom life,**
L the free life,
C **which is Your presence, authority, and rule in our hearts;**
L through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
C **and forever. Amen.**

Hymn: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and

need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -

feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly

bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.

Sermon: Out, Through, and In

Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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** Eternal God, if it were not enough that You provide us with every spiritual blessing,
- C** **You provide us with worldly wealth, as well.**
- L** We offer these things back to You.
- C** **Take, too, our lives. Mold them to Your will.**
- 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

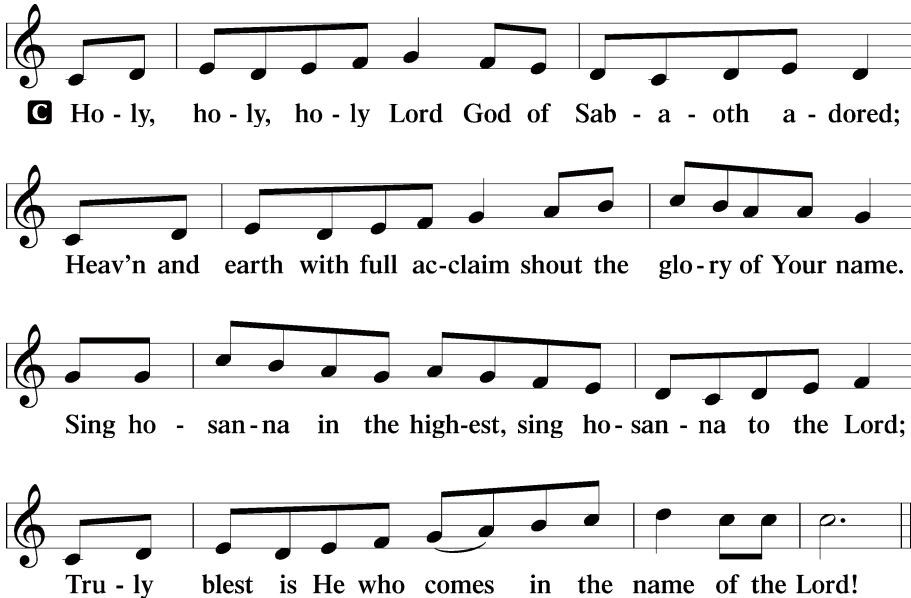
- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**

- 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



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.

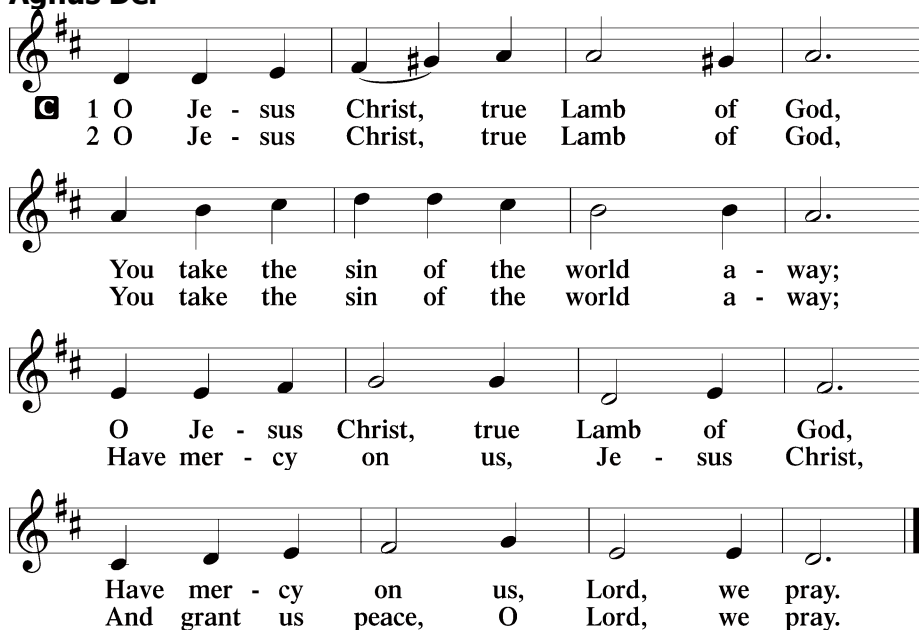
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

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

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



G 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 Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
When my life is al - most gone,
And the day is al - most gone,
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,



Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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 all the way. For You are the Lord forevermore.
- C** **Amen.**

Benediction

Announcements

Closing Hymn: He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

1. He leadeth me, O blessed thought
Oh, words with heavenly comfort fraught
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

(refrain)

He leadeth me, he leadeth me
By his own hand he leadeth me
His faithful follower I would be
For by his hand he leadeth me

2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom
By waters still or troubled seas
Still tis God's hand that leadeth me (refrain)

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine
Nor ever murmur or repine
Content, whatever lot I see
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me
(refrain)

4. And when my task on earth is done
When by thy grace the victory's won
Even Death's cold wave I will not flee
Since God though Jordan leadeth me
(refrain)

Postlude

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP WANTED – PAID POSITION – CHURCH CLEANING CREW: Part time, flexible schedule, cleaning church and preschool, includes set up and general cleaning. Must be at least 16 years old, NYS working papers required. For more information contact Ed Spear. 631-873-6429

GRIEFSHARE: Our GriefShare class will begin on Wednesday September 16th in the Youth Room. Time of sessions is 10AM to Noon. This 13-week program encompasses a 30 minute video seminar where you will hear insights from recovery experts. A group discussion will follow to discuss grief-related issues while you are getting to know others who understand what you are going through. Through discussion you will receive comfort and support. You will gain personal recovery tips for navigating your grief and discover the 6 signs of healing through your personal workbook. The topics that are covered include the following: Your grief journey; sadness and loneliness; fear and anxiety; anger; regrets; grief and your relationships; questions for God and many more topics will be covered in this Christian based program helping you move forward from mourning to joy. Participants pay no fees for the materials used in the GriefShare program thanks to the generous grant given to us by Saint James Funeral Home. If you are interested in GriefShare, please contact Ed Spear. 631-873-6429

COUNCIL MEETING: Will be held on Thursday, August 13th at 7pm in the library.

NORTH CAROLINA HURRICANE RELIEF TRIP 2026 IS ON! A team from our church will be driving down to Newland, NC to help repair two small homes damaged in the storm of 2024. There would also be tree cutting work. The team is leaving after worship on August 16th and returning August 22nd. Please keep them and the families they are ministering to in your prayers – good work and no accidents! Also, if you'd like to help with the cost of the van, gas, food, tools and supplies you can give at stjlc.com/give and select the "North Carolina Hurricane Relief Trip 2026" fund.

CALLING ALL SOFTBALL FANS AND PLAYERS! St. James has again been challenged to a softball game. This time, we will take on Grace Lutheran in Mastic Beach. This game will be played at Medford Athletic Complex on August 22 around 10:00am. Don't play? That's ok! Come on out and join us for a dual church BBQ at the same location! Sign up is in the Narthex for both playing and the BBQ. I hope you'll join us for this Saturday of Fellowship!

BLOOD DRIVE: There is currently a critical need for donors. We will be hosting a Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, August 11th from 1:30pm to 7:30pm. Please visit stjlc.com/events for more information and to book your appointment.

YOUNG FAMILY/PRESCHOOL BBQ: Please join us on Thursday, August 27th at Schubert's Beach from 5pm-8pm for our young family and preschool BBQ! RSVP at stjlc.com/events. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring either a salad or dessert to share along with drinks for your family.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE SWEETEST MINISTRY IN TOWN? Then consider becoming a Preschool HUGGER this September and October! What is a HUGGER? A hugger is an extra set of hands in the classroom during the first few weeks (mornings only) of preschool. Huggers come alongside the teachers and help settle our newest little 2 and 3 year old friends who might be missing their mommies and daddies. The program is flexible - you pick a morning(s) that works best for you! If you are interested in joining our program, contact Director Christie Geary at preschooldirector@stjlc.com. It's a great day at Pre-K!

REMINDERS

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: During the month of June, 172 families were provided with food and essential products. Thank you for all your generous donations and the hard work of our volunteers! As the need in our community continues, in the months of July and August we would like to collect juice boxes, snack bars and suntan lotion along with toiletries such as feminine products, laundry detergent, diapers. Donations can be left in the Narthex red bin OR dropped off during pantry hours-Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10am - 12pm. Monetary donations can be sent to Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry, PO BOX 1663, Smithtown, NY 11787. Your donation helps to provide hope for those in need and is greatly appreciated. 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 August 9

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship (Sanctuary)

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

MONDAY August 10

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

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

TUESDAY August 11

1:30pm – 7:30pm Blood Drive (Parish Hall)

7:30pm Moms Group (Forbes Home)

WEDNESDAY August 12

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

7pm-9pm Getting Clear Class (Youth Room)

THURSDAY August 13

7pm Council Meeting (Library)

FRIDAY August 14

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY August 15

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

5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY August 16

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship (Sanctuary)

After the 10am Service – Baptism of Hudson Eleanor Dellinger

Blood Drive

Critical Need for Donors

St. James Lutheran Church

Tuesday, August 11

1:30PM-7:30PM

Parish Hall – Enter in the rear of the church
203 Second Ave., St. James



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and hydrate



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Feel good and
symptom free



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• 16 with parental
permission form
• 76+ with written
physician consent

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