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Tom Grady; Tom Ridenhour; Noah Clifton; Angie Buchanan; Brad Baker; Keith and Margaret Fink; Ann Fridlund; Mike & Debbie Cagle and Geoff & Pam Siege (friends of Robert & Debbie Davis); Ed Frost & Joyce Beatty (friends of the Marlow's); Linda Jones (family members of Barbara & Dale Merrell); Bruce Coffey (friend of Mark Murphy); Tim Gibson (friend of Deb Black); Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow (friends of Shannon Nesbit); Karey Conrad (friend of Dee Pieschel).

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's flowers are given by Jeff Koenig and Ashley Cline to the Glory of God in honor of their beloved dog Callie, who crossed the rainbow bridge, and in tribute to all who cherish the unconditional love of a pet. We love and miss you, Callie.

**SUPPORT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Pick up a shoebox from the portico area and follow the instructions to sponsor a box! Please be sure to return your shoebox (unsealed) by **Sunday, Nov. 17th**.

**SALVATION ARMY MEAL WEEK – SIGN UP NOW!**

St. James is committed to covering dinners **Sunday 10/27 through Saturday 11/2** at the Salvation Army Night Shelter. If you can provide a meal, please sign up at the link:  
<https://bit.ly/MealWeek>.

**TRUNK OR TREAT!**

Join us next **Sunday, October 27, 2024, 4:30pm - 6:00pm** for St. James' annual Trunk or Treat event! Enjoy candy, popcorn, music, and games! If you can volunteer, please let us know! [info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net). **Candy donations welcome! See basket at portico door.**

**A CELEBRATION CONCERT!**

Join us **Saturday, Nov. 2 at 7:00pm** for A Concert of Celebration! – featuring The St. James Parish Choir and Orchestra under the new leadership of conductor Dr. Kevin Estes, Director of Music.

**The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
October 20, 2024**

**The Holy Communion  
10:00am**



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## Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

Maybe you need forgiveness, or maybe you need to forgive ... Maybe you're tired and you need a little space to breathe ... Maybe you're trying church for the first time, or maybe you're trying church for the last time... Maybe you've spent your whole life wondering if God really loves you... Maybe you're lonely... Maybe you're sick... Maybe you came here looking for a miracle... Maybe you came here looking for another church but got disoriented and came here instead, and now it's too late to get up and walk out... Maybe, with God, there are no accidents... Maybe, with God, there is hope and healing and miraculous companionship... Maybe, with God, there is space to breathe and forgiveness on top of forgiveness... Maybe, with God, there is love... Maybe, with God here in our midst, we will hear those words that still split open the heavens, "You are my son! You are my daughter! You are my beloved. You. In you I am well pleased!" Maybe this is why we gather together, week after week after week, here at St. James.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in this place - not just by the Saints at St. James, but by the God who revealed himself in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, our brother, and our friend.

Welcome to St. James.

If you are comfortable doing so, please introduce yourself to Pastor Bill. If you have visited with us a number of times and think you might want to "make it official," please speak to Pastor Bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to the person next you or to an usher.

Restrooms are located on the first and second floor of the Education Building. A nursery is available for children up to and including five years of age on the first floor of the education building. An usher will be happy to help you find them.

If you're visiting or if you have been here for 99 years (and are willing to do so), please sign a pew pad.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Oct. 20 – Katie King  
Oct. 22 – Calen MacFarlane, Joyce Smith  
Oct. 23 – John Eury, Nancy Faggart  
Oct. 24 – Naomi Lovelace

## CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 20	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 am	Parish Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
Monday, Oct. 21	10:30 pm	Quilting
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Scouts
Wednesday, Oct. 23	5:30 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, Oct. 27	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 am	Parish Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	4:30 pm	Trunk or Treat!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 27:	Trunk or Treat
November 2:	A Concert of Celebration
November 17:	Congregation Meeting
November 24:	Thanksgiving Worship & Pie Party
December 1:	Advent Tree Lighting
December 8:	Bethlehem at the Farm – <a href="https://bit.ly/VolunteerBATF">https://bit.ly/VolunteerBATF</a>

## WESTERN NC HELENE RELIEF

St. James Church Council invites you to support Hurricane Helene recovery efforts in Western NC. Donations will go to the NC Synod Disaster Fund to help impacted congregations. Please label your gift "Helene Relief." Contributions received by **November 10th** will be forwarded the following week.

**THE SENDING HYMN: O Savior, Precious Savior (Harmony: See #514 in green LBW)**



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;  
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,  
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;  
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:  
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:  
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.  
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.  
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.  
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.  
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

**THE DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

**POSTLUDE**



**St James Lutheran Church:**

***Growing in Christ through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service.***

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**



**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Please stand.*

**THE INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please sit or kneel, as able.  
Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,  
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

#### THE ENTRANCE HYMN: O Christ, Our Hope

*A harmony graphic is not available. Please see hymn #300 in the green LBW hymnal.*



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's might - y  
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den of our  
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som has been  
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us of our



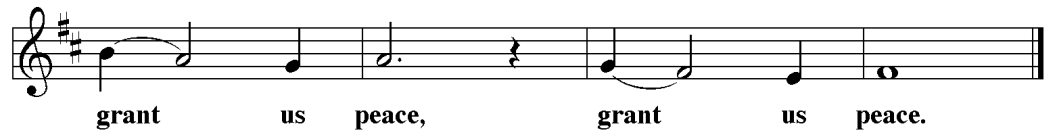
Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to  
paid; you now as - cend the Fa - ther's throne in  
pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by

C **Amen**



#### THE BENEDICTION

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
C **Amen**



*Please sit.*

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Q:** What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

**A:** Instituted by Christ himself, it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

**Q:** What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

**A:** We are told in the words “for you” and “for the forgiveness of sins.” By these words the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

*-Luther’s Small Catechism Part V*

*Jesus bids all the baptized to feast at his table. Please come by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisle. If you need help figuring out where to and when to go, an usher or fellow worshiper will help you. At one time we too were confused. For those unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. If you are unable to come to the altar, the pastor will bring communion to you at your seat. Please advise an usher.*

*Please stand.*

### THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen**

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

**P** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
 mer - cy pur - i - fied, by mer - cy pur - i - fied.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,  
 our future great reward;  
 our only glory, may it be  
 to glory in the Lord!

6 All praise to you, ascended Lord;  
 all glory ever be  
 to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
 through all eternity!

### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please sit.*



### THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
 and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,  
 struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**



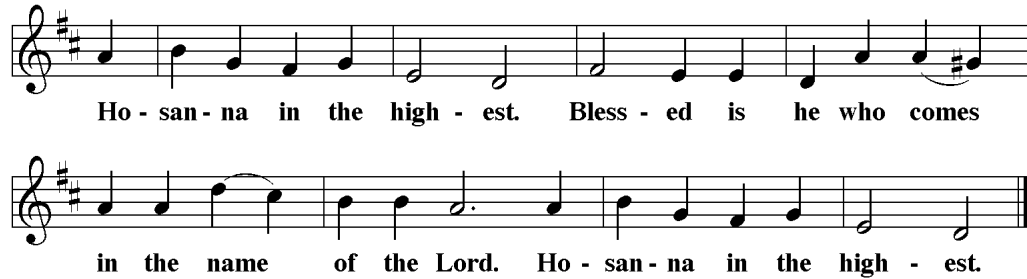
**L** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This is my blood poured out for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

A The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**THE SECOND READING:** Hebrews 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

A The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### THE GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

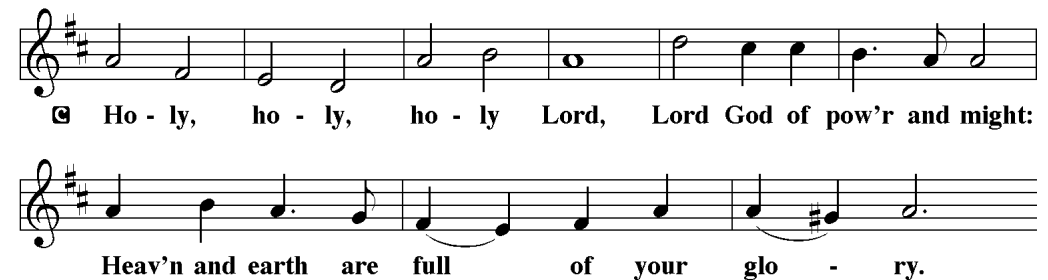
### THE SERMON

*Please stand.*



### THE COMMUNION RITE

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 indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





**THE ANTHEM**

If With All Your Hearts

Felix Mendelssohn

*Wes Watts, Tenor*

If with all your heart ye truly seek Me,  
Ye shall ever surely find Me,  
Thus saith our God.

Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,  
That I might even come before His presence.

*Please stand.*

**THE OFFERTORY**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have  
blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: O Master, Let Me Walk with You**

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel, as able.*

#### **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

A For all people in their daily life and work;

C **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

A For this community, the nation, and the world;

C **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

A For the just and proper use of your creation;

C **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

A For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

C **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

A For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

C **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

A For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and those we remember silently in our hearts.

*Silence*

A Hear us, Lord;

C **For your mercy is great.**

A We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

A We will exalt you, O God our King;

C **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

A We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

A Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

C **Who put their trust in you.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

#### **THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please sit.*

#### **THE OFFERING**