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Ushers: Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin, Tony Folino, Nick Lovelace, Jason Pittard

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us for a congregational meeting on **Sunday**, **Nov. 24**th following worship. We will gather for a potluck lunch and conduct two items of business: 1) act upon the recommended 2025 budget and 2) conduct the church council election. Nomination forms are available in the office.

TREE LIGHTING

Join us **Sunday**, **December 1**st for the Annual St. James Christmas Tree Lighting! Ornament making starts at 5pm; Tree lighting will be at 6pm in the garden lot.

POINSETTIA ORDERS GOING ON NOW

You are welcome to purchase one or more poinsettias given as a gift to the church this Christmas season. Poinsettias are \$20 each and may be made in honor of or in memory of a loved one. See details on the bulletin insert. **Deadline for orders is Monday, Dec. 2nd.**

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 17, 2024

The Holy Communion The Rite of Holy Baptism 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 to you or to an usher.

<u>Restrooms</u> are located on the first and second floor of the Education Building. A <u>nursery</u> 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.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Nov. 17 – Jane Craver, Alexander DeGrace, Michael Korinko, Buddy McEachern Jr.

Nov. 18 – Emerson Baker Nov. 19 – LeeAnn Miller Nov. 20 – Ralph Barnhardt

CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Operation (Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due	
9:00 am	Budget Q&A Session	
9:00 am	Parish Choir	
9:30 am	Children's Sunday School	
10:00 am	Worship	
1:00 pm	Youth Mini Golf at Jocko's	
10:30 am	Quilting	
6:30 pm	Scouts	
5:30 pm	Handbells	
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	
9:00 am	Parish Choir	
9:30 am	Children's Sunday School	
10:00 am	Worship	
11:00 am	Congregational Meeting	
6:oo pm	Thanksgiving Service & Pie Party!	
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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 24: Congregation Meeting (after worship)
November 24: Thanksgiving Worship & Pie Party (6pm)

December 1: Advent Tree Lighting (5pm ornaments; 6pm lighting)

December 8: Bethlehem at the Farm (4pm - 7pm)

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St James Lutheran Church: Growing in Christ through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service.

THE HOLY COMMUNION THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM



This morning we are excited to celebrate with Lindsey and Eric Olsen as they are received into membership at St. Jaems and present their children Maddox Rhys Landers and Ryker Henry Landers for Holy Baptism. Lindsey, Eric, Maddox and Ryker recently started to worship with the Saints at St. James. Lindsey and Eric both teach at Central Cabarrus High School.

Welcome

Prelude Aria J. S. Bach -Judah Estes, Trombone

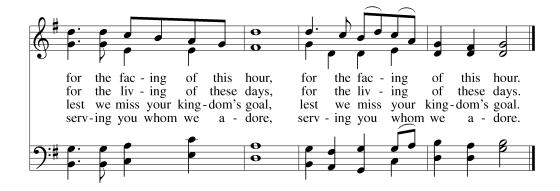
Please stand.

THE INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory





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 Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen

Please sit.



THE FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

¹ "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came

into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷ he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

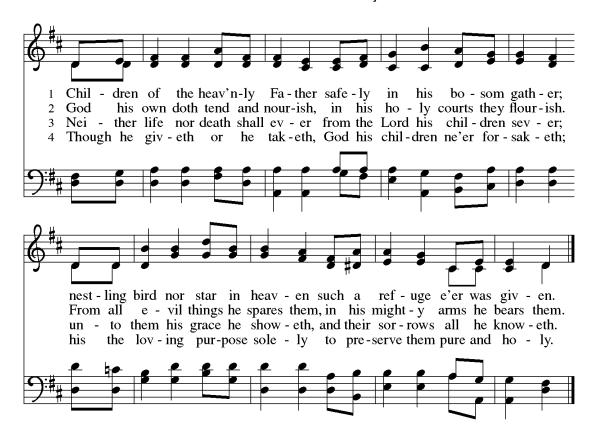
³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

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

THE SERMON

Please stand.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Children of the Heavenly Father





THE BAPTISMAL RITE

Please sit.

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

- In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a sinful humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.
- P Whom do you present to receive the Sacrament of Holy Spirit?
- R I/We present Maddox Rhys Landers and Ryker Henry Landers.

The minister addresses the sponsors and parents.

P In Christian love you have presented these children for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, and teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grow in years, you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R I do.

Please Stand (yes, stand for the prayers).

The Prayers are offered.

A Let us pray for those who are to be baptized and for all the baptized everywhere:

- A That Maddox and Ryker may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A That the Holy Spirit may open all our hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A That all the baptized may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A That the baptized may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A That the baptized may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen

The minister begins the thanksgiving.

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that they who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

The minister addresses the baptismal group, those being received into membership and the congregation.

- P Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.
- P In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.
- P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

- R I do.
- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- 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 again to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- 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

The minister addresses those being received into membership.

- P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
- R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.
- P Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made this man and this woman your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness

of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen

The minister baptizes the candidates.

P Maddox Rhys Landers / Ryker Henry Landers is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Please Sit.

The Laying on of Hands (Confirmation)

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Maddox and Ryker: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- C Amen

The Anointing with Oil.

- P Maddox Rhys Landers / Ryker Henry Landers, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C Amen

A lighted candle is given to the baptized.

- A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of these children. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen

Please Stand.

- P Through Baptism God has made these new brothers members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.
- P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please sit.

THE OFFERING

THE ANTHEM Keep Your Lamps

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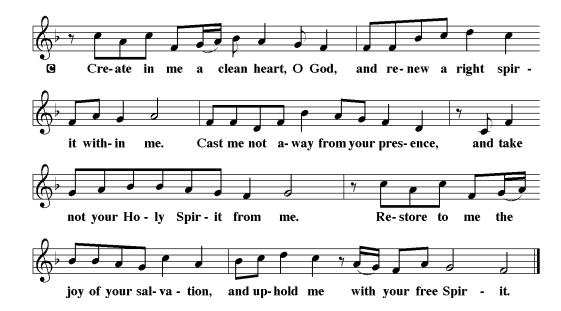
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, The time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary, 'Til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over, The time is drawing nigh.

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

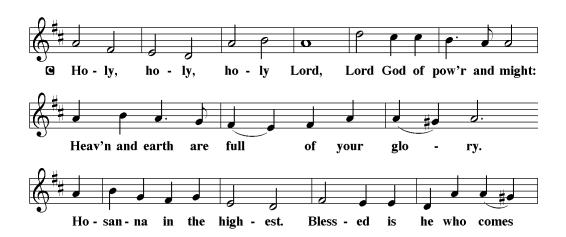
- A Let us pray.
- A Blessed are you,
- C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service

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 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:





P Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

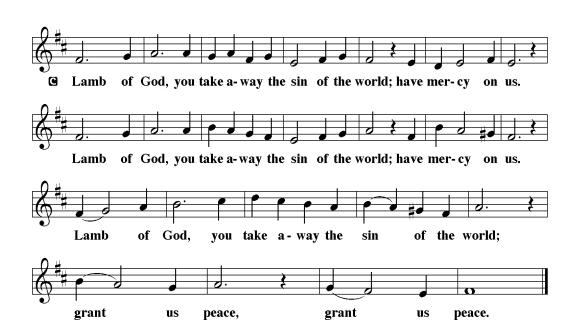
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.



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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Panis Angelicus
-Judah Estes, trombone

Franck

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.
- C Amen



THE BENEDICTION

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

C Amen

THE SENDING HYMN: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Sortie Renaud



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

America's Day of National Thanksgiving is better thought of being a distinctly national occasion as opposed to a liturgical one. Thus, our Thanksgiving service includes readings from historical-national texts that reflect the American impulse of thankfulness that transcends boundaries. Even in our current tumultuous times, there is indeed much about our nation and the free lives which we live that are worthy of thanks on the fourth Thursday of November.

Come at 6pm on November 24 for this service of thankfulness and stay for PIE! Pie Party follows the service.

BETHLEHEM AT THE FARM - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering for Bethlehem at the Farm 2024! This year's event will be **Sunday, December 8, from 4pm - 7pm.**

We need a large number of volunteers to act as townspeople for the village. Volunteers to arrive by 3:30pm; costumes to be provided. Sign-ups at the link: https://bit.ly/VolunteerBATF

We are also in need of 6 pop-up/easy-up tents for the event. If you would be able to provide a tent, please email info@sjnc.net. Tents may be dropped at the church prior to that Sunday.

EXPERIENCE BETHLEHEM AT THE FARM – RESERVE YOUR TIME SLOT!

Joining us for Bethlehem at the Farm? Be sure to sign up online to reserve a time slot.

The reservations assist us in planning and pairing our guides.

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REGISTER TO RING!

St. James will once again be ringing the bells for Salvation Army. Help us to spread a little Christmas cheer to those in need in our community. Our dates for ringing are **Thursday**, **Dec. 5 and Thursday**, **Dec. 12**. One-hour time slots begin at 10:00 am and the last hour begins at 7:00 pm.

2025 SUNDAY MINISTRY SIGN-UPS

Sign up to be a Communion Assistant, Lector, Videographer, or Acolyte in 2025! All Sundays in the new year are now posted. Sign up by scanning the code or visiting the website.

