

Saint James Lutheran Church

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A Parish of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service"

Welcome!

St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At Saint James the beauty of worship ancient and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of the city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 10:00 A.M.

Introduction to Today's Worship

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

We Welcome Everyone on this Lord's Day to the Liturgy of Holy Communion.

Newcomers and visitors, we hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available in the Narthex during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns. Please be sure and sign the guestbook located in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor or to an usher so that we can extend to you a warm welcome.

Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Lutheran worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

Children are most welcome in worship at Saint James Church. For those who desire it, nursery care is provided on the first floor of the Education Building.

The First Aid Kit and the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) are located outside the church office door, immediately behind the Sanctuary. Fire extinguishers are located in the Sacristy and in the Narthex.

If you are interested in membership to this parish or desire a call from the Pastor, please indicate this to an usher or to the Pastor.

Restrooms are available on the first and second floors of the Education Building.

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Send Jeremy Jay any pictures and/or articles you would like to have posted at jeremy@pbnjay.com





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CHIMES OF THE TRINITY AND WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on Kremser

Sewell

Congregational Responses in Bold

(Stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Kneel or sit, as able)

Silence is held for reflection and self-examination

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.

Amen.

(Stand)

For All the Saints

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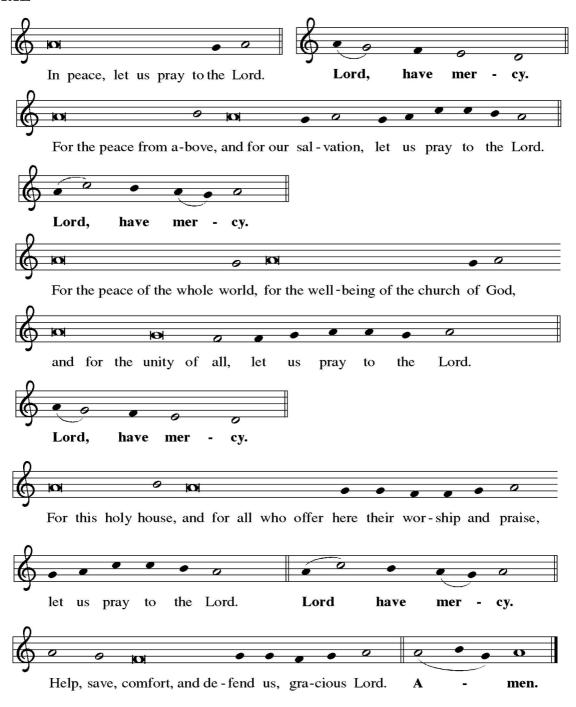


GREETING

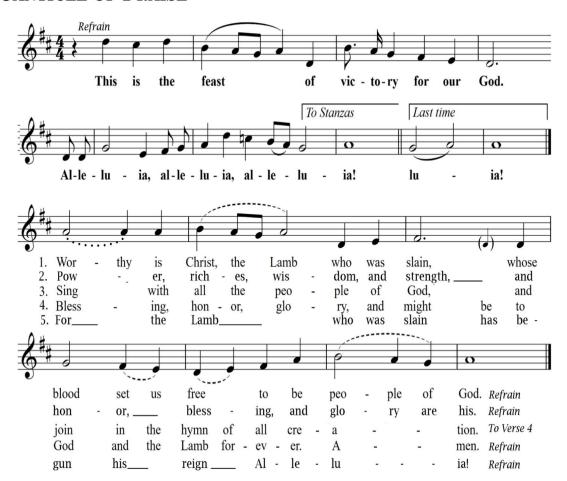
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Sit)

YOUNG DISCIPLES' TIME CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Martha Matthews

FIRST READING DANIEL 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

A reading from Daniel, the seventh chapter.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks he to God.

PSALM 149 (Choir chants odd verses, Congregation chants even bold verses)



¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song,

God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.

²Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.

³Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing:

let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people and adorns the | poor with victory.

⁵Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;

let them sing for joy | on their beds.

⁶Let the praises of God be | in their throat and a two-edged sword | in their hand,

⁷to wreak vengeance | on the nations

and punishment | on the peoples,

8to bind their | kings in chains

and their nobles with | links of iron,

9to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;

this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah!

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING EPHESIANS 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

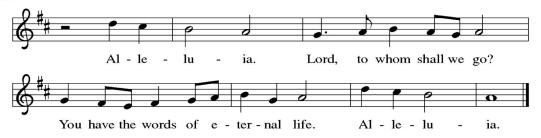
A reading from Ephesians, the first chapter.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit)

SERMON

Pastor Craig

HYMN OF THE DAY Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

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 again 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.

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REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

al - le - lu - ia,

We give thanks for the faithful witness of all your saints who now rest from their labors and dwell in your eternal light. With affection and love we remember those dear to us who have died. As we light these candles that shine with the light of your love and unfailing promises, we give you thanks for the lives of those saints who have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year. Especially we remember:

al - le - lu

ia,

A candle is lighted and a chime is tolled in remembrance of the life of each of these faithful departed as their names are read.

Linny Marshall Baker

Eugene Fisher Brown, Jr.

Ernestine Lee Caffrey

Sandra Deaton Faggart

Carole Hendrix Grady

Alex Martin Patterson

Cynthia Fletcher Petrea

David Michael Smith

At this time, you are invited to come forward and light candles in remembrance of loved ones who have entered the church triumphant. The candles are located below the Lectern and the Pulpit. Please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

(Kneel or sit, as able)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future. Today, especially we pray for Revs. Dave Keck and Vern Kinard and our sisters and brothers in Christ at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Mooresville, NC . Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, the earth is yours and all that dwells within it. Care for places ravaged by natural disasters. Quell raging fires and halt destruction caused by flooding. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and reviled. Provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. May those who have more than enough give generously. We ask healing for those facing illness especially those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, hold us in community with one another. Nurture a spirit of abundant hospitality and intentional inclusion among us, welcoming the gifts of adults and children. Inspire creative visions for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, we remember in thanksgiving all those who have died. Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

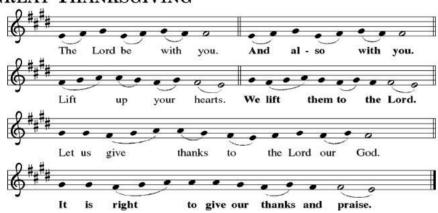
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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 for 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 upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us; we are bold to pray,

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.

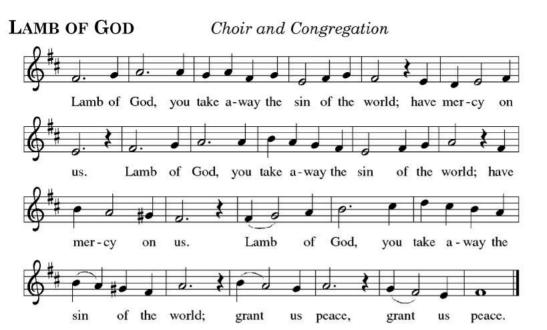
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

(Sit)

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion at Saint James. If you desire to receive Communion, please proceed toward the chancel steps by way of the center aisle. You will receive a wafer and a cup of wine. For those unable to partake of wine, grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray. Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. After communing, please use the outside aisle to return to your seat. Communion will be brought to persons in the pews who are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so.



HYMN AT COMMUNION O, Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

H. Percy Smith

(Stand)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Now Thank We All Our God

Karg-Ellert

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M-Th 8:30-4:00

F 8:30-1:00

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 06-Nov Ed Ballard

07-Nov Brittany Wilson 08-Nov Deb Bradshaw 09-Nov Winton Faircloth

09-Nov Chip Harward 10-Nov Edith Gonynor

10-Nov Orietta Grady 10-Nov Bradley Propst 11-Nov Jazmin Harward 11-Nov Ben Kuly

11-Nov Erin Kuly 11-Nov Lillian Parks 11-Nov Tom Ridenhour

CALENDAR THIS WEEK Sunday, November 6

9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Parish Choir

10:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth Gathering Monday, November 7 10:30 am Quilter's Group

12:00 pm Lively Leisures 6:00 pm Church Council Wednesday, November 9

Tuesday, November 8

2:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Weds. Together 7:00 pm Parish Choir 9:30 pm College Online

Friday, November 11 6:30 pm Parent's Night Out

Sunday, November 13

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Budget Q&A 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Servant Dav-Youth 4:00 pm Youth Gathering

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Contributions and Receipts for October 30, 2022 \$2,980.25 (\$7,371.00 needed for weekly)

PRAYER LIST St. Mark's Lutheran

Church, Mooresville, NC Jimmy Summers Martha Summers

Patsy Black Tom Grady Alex Barnhardt

Kim Whoberry, friend of Al and Dee Pieschel If you have someone you would like

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Greeter: Samantha Hillegass

Guest Organist: Brenda McCombs

Ushers: Mike Downs, Al

Brown, Sid Hughes, Bill Hardister, Luke Baker **Building Supervisor:**

Kenny Propst

Hillegass'

November 4.

Videographer: Kenny Propst

FLOWERS: The altar flowers today are given by Samantha Hillegass to the Glory of God and in honor of her son, Robert

birthday