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Saint James Lutheran Church



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



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

FEBRUARY 2, 2020
10:00 A.M.



Welcome!

Saint 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 ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transforms 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 just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

HOLY COMMUNION FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THE INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S LITURGY...

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

WELCOME!

We welcome everyone on this Lord's Day to the liturgy of Holy Communion.

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this parish opens wide its doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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.

If you are a visitor or guest, 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.

This Service Leaflet contains all of today's hymns and liturgy.

Children are most welcome in worship at Saint James Church. Children's Ministry Bags are located in the narthex for use during worship. Please return them to the narthex area or leave them on the pews at the end of worship. Be sure to take home the Children's Worship Bulletin and color sheets for your child. 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.

ABOUT THE LITURGY DURING CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY

The celebration of Jesus' birth and his manifestation as the Son of God comes in a pair of seasons with common characteristics. These seasons have been particularly popular in western Christendom and were, in the past, times of such levity and rejoicing that puritans in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries sought to do away with them. In the last century, when the puritan influence had waned, Christmas became popular in this country again, but by then the churches had all but lost their memory of the old feast. As a result, Epiphany season and the intervening Twelve Days of Christmas were not part of the secular celebration. A host of new secular customs and legends developed during Advent primarily as a means of supporting business. We need to recover our own special heritage if we are to make Christmas and Epiphany central to our faith and life.

Underlying these two feasts, then, is the central proclamation of Christianity: the dying and rising of Jesus. Recovery of this earliest level of meaning can help us rescue Christmas from a limited emphasis on the birth of a baby; for that birth is of ultimate importance only because of the saving event of his death and resurrection.

The period of Christmas and Epiphany has three primary days and themes: Christmas, or the Nativity of Christ (December 25th); Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles (January 6th); and the First Sunday after Epiphany: the Baptism of Christ. Other celebrations came to be associated with this time as well.

GATHERING

We gather together for worship on this first day of the week, the day Christ Jesus rose from the dead, for an intimate communion with our Lord. He comes to us, speaks to us, and blesses us through his Word and Sacrament. We come to him and speak to him in prayer and praise and thanksgiving. This liturgy is the recurring moment of high splendor in our earthly lives, a God-given foretaste of the heavenly life to come. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate and those sitting around you, help us create sacred space by powering down your cell phones and electronic devices.

*Congregational Responses in **Bold***

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

PARISH NOTICES

OPENING VOLUNTARY

From Concerto in B-Flat Major, HWV 294
Allegro moderato

George Frideric Handel (1685 - 1759)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Stand)*

All may make the sign of the cross ✝ in remembrance of baptism:

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

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

(Kneel or sit as able)

Silence is held for reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God,

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.

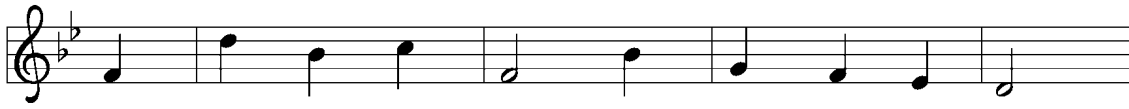
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and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

Amen.

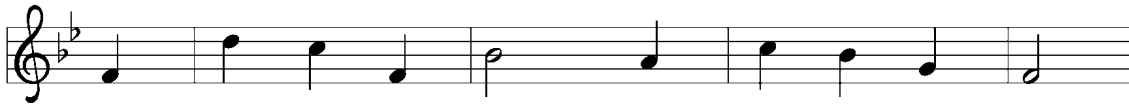
GATHERING HYMN

Rejoice in God's Saints

LAUDATE DOMINUM



1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

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.

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

GLORIA

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -

friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -

strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and

one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our

God for grace and mer - cy!
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.
 on us all have mer - cy.
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Following the children's message your children will go with their teachers to room 109 in the education wing for a lesson. They will return prior to communion.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Micah 6:1-8*

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "weari- ed" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

A reading from Micah, the sixth chapter.

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

EPISTLE READING *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

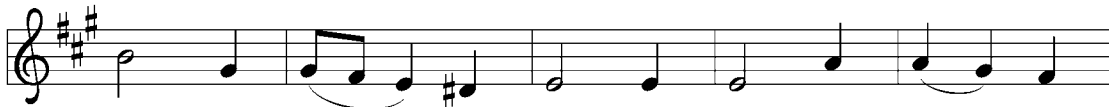
A reading from 1 Corinthians, the first chapter.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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



1 Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch-ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child-hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 among these restless throngs abide;
 oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
 and follow where your feet have trod;
 till glorious from your heav'n above
 shall come the city of our God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1-12*

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel or sit, as able)*

An intercessor invites the assembly into prayer with these words

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

God of liberation, you set your people free to serve others. Embolden your church, that we seek justice for the oppressed, share generously your lovingkindness, and live humbly together. Unite us as one people under the foolishness of the cross. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the universe, your care is evident everywhere—from the foundations of the earth to the summit of the tallest mountains. Reconcile all of creation to itself and repair the environmental destruction caused by human carelessness and greed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire peace and justice among all people. Deliver us from systems of fear that seek to divide us. Guide our local and national leaders. May their decisions empower and serve the needs of the poor and the disenfranchised. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the oppressed, you raise up the lowly and comfort those in despair. We lift up to you all who are victims of exploitation, discrimination, and greed. We pray for those who are suffering in any way this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to earth in the form of a baby, whose presentation in the temple we celebrate today. Fill our own house of worship with your presence, that all who enter may encounter Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give you thanks for all those who have died in the faith. Thank you for the examples of our ancestors and the saints who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words.

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

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion at Saint James. If you desire to receive Communion at the altar, please proceed to the altar and kneel at the communion rail. If you desire to receive Communion at the station located below the pulpit, please proceed toward the chancel steps for reception of Communion on the nave level. Communion is administered by intinction. Take the wafer from the assistant then dip it in the wine. 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.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND OFFERING

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.



OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Stand)*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

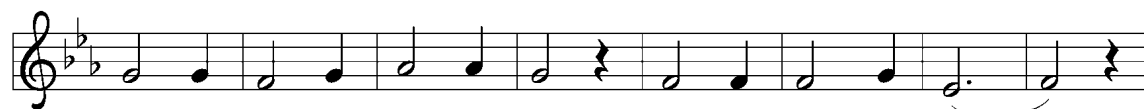
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

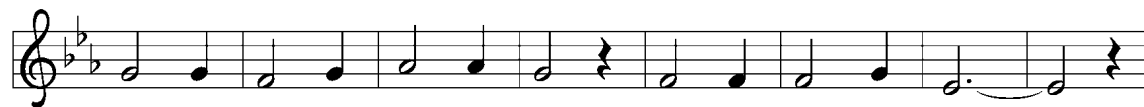
PREFACE

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 leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

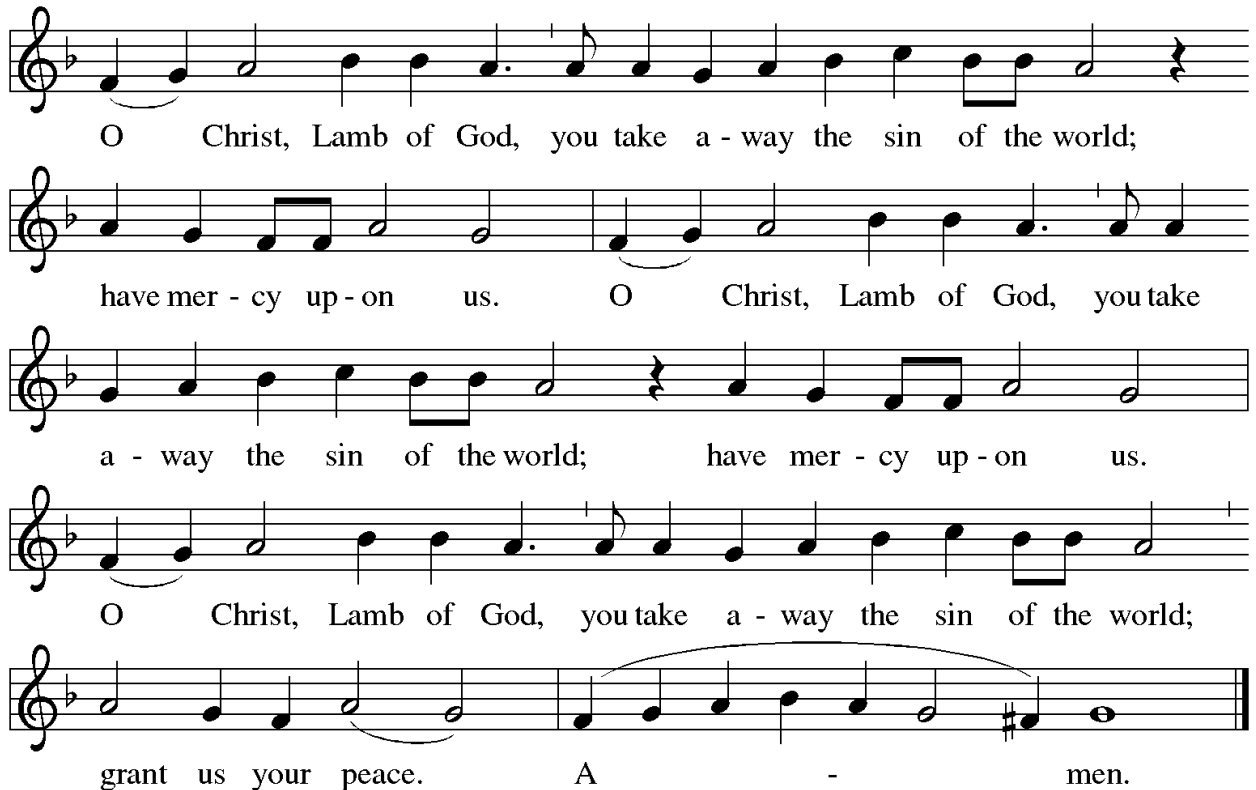
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

AGNUS DEI (Sit)



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

From *L'Orgue Mystique*, Op. 55

Charles Tournemire (1870 - 1939)

Purificatio B. Mariæ Virginis: Élévation and Communion

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(Stand)*

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation.

Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

From Partita on SLANE

Melody in the Soprano

Daniel Pinkham (1923 - 2006)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

The Liturgy Has Ended; The Service Begins!

Weekly Announcements

*The deadline for notices to be included in the weekly notices is 9:00 on Wednesday morning.
Please e-mail all information to the church office at keith@sjnc.net*

PRAYER LIST

(additions to full listing of names in monthly newsletter)

Al Pieschel

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given by the Pat McDonnough to the Glory of God and in honor of her son, Mac Mullins' birthday on February 2nd and in memory of her father, Wendell Boys.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

02-Feb	Mac Mullins
02-Feb	Jamie Swayney
03-Feb	Ray Faggart
03-Feb	Hollis Weisel
04-Feb	Adam Brown
04-Feb	Kim Miller II
04-Feb	Randy Peterman
05-Feb	Ryan Williams
06-Feb	Dan Matthews
06-Feb	Anderson Shumate
07-Feb	Mark Williams
08-Feb	Doris Smith

OUR STEWARDSHIP

**Contributions and Receipts
for January 26, 2020:
\$7,342.00**

(\$8,414.00 needed per week)

CONTRIBUTE ONLINE

You may make contributions online by visiting our website at www.sjnc.net. You may contribute to the General Fund or to a designated fund. Look for the link "On-Line Giving" on the Saint James home page.

2020 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2020 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board. Sign up now! Please complete a flower reservation form when you sign up and turn into the office.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This time of the year our food pantries for needy families are at their lowest inventory levels. Cub Pack and Scout Troop 91 are now collecting non-perishable food items for the Scouting for Food Drive. Please drop off food items on the portico counter by February 2nd and we will deliver them to Cooperative Christian Ministry. Last year we collected 18,000 pounds in Cabarrus County, please help us increase that to 20,000 pounds this year.

QUARTERMASTER AWARD

Jonathan A. Cruse (Jay) of Sea Scout Ship 91, completed his Bridge of Review for Quartermaster on September 26th, 2019. Quartermaster is Sea Scouts BSA's highest rank and is as important as BSA's Eagle Scout Rank. Requirements include but are not limited to being trained in Lifesaving by BSA or Red Cross, organizing, planning and conducting a cruise of not less than 40 hours, and completing a service project that impacts the local community. Sea Scouts have an average of thirty Sea Scouts a year achieve the rank of Quartermaster for a national average of ½ of a percent. Jay will be receiving his award during the service today.

GUEST MUSICIAN

Our guest musician is Andrea Mumm, harp. She is the principal harpist with the Charlotte Symphony.

VALENTINE'S DINNER

Make your reservations now for the Valentine's Dinner on February 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Calvary Fellowship Hall. Reservation forms are in the bulletin. Proceeds go to the Calvary/St. James Youth Fund. You can also reserve online by scanning this QR code.



TIME AND TALENT

You received an email this week with a copy of the Time and Talent sheet that you could print or a link to a form that could be completed online. If you didn't have a chance to complete a form yet, copies are in the narthex. Please take the time to complete so that we can update your contact information and also to find where you have a passion for serving at St. James. Thank you!



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Today:
 Parker Stephens
Next Week:
 Jonas Jay

GREETERS

Today:
 Gretchen Walker
Next Week:
 Esther Circle

LECTOR

Today:
 Sandra Faggart
Next Week:
 Brad Davis

INTERCESSOR

Today:
 Lois Marlow
Next Week:
 Lois Marlow

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Today:
 Tom Ridenhour
 Sandra Faggart
 Dianne Lambert
Next Week:
 Kim Haberman
 Deb Bradshaw
 Dale Merrell

USHERS

David Cruse / Chip Blackwelder /
 Wayne King / Joe Grady / Linny
 Baker / Jay Cruse

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Today:
 Reggie Hardister
Next Week:
 Deedee Gilbert

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today:
 Lisa Folino
 Laura Overby
Next:
 Lisa Folino
 Laura Overby

ALTAR GUILD

Gretchen Walker
 Debbie Davis

MONDAY COUNTERS

Golda Jay
 Dieter Klauss

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Randy Peterman

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 2

9:00 Sunday School
 9:00 Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 Worship
 11:30 Scout Luncheon
 5:00 All Youth

MONDAY, February 3

10:30 Quilting Group
 6:30 Boy/Cub Scouts
 7:00 Esther Circle

TUESDAY, February 4

10:00 Mary Magdalene Circle-
 Preschool Tour
 10:30 Mary Magdalene Circle
 6:00 Social Ministry Committee
 6:30 Property Committee
 7:00 Sea Scouts

WEDNESDAY, February 5

12:05 Chapel
 1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga
 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal
 6:30 Guys' Small Group
 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 6

10:30 Singing Seniors at
 Morningside

FRIDAY, February 7

No Scheduled Events

SATURDAY, February 8

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

SUNDAY, February 9

9:00 Sunday School
 9:00 Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 Worship
 5:00 Jr. Youth
 6:00 Sr. Youth

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