



# 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"

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*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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THE INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S LITURGY...

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.



**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

**T**he 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.

**U**nderlying 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.

**T**he 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**

Gospel Prelude: *Blessed Assurance*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

### **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.**



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

**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.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through 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 *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

*The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

A reading from Deuteronomy, the thirtieth chapter.

**M**oses said to the people: <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

## EPISTLE READING *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

A reading from 1 Corinthians, the third chapter.

**B**rothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
 word and thought may work a work for you.  
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
 may we each other's burdens share;  
 may we, where help is needed, there  
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
 all those who live to live in love,  
 till you receive in heav'n above  
 all those who live in you.

## HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:21-37*

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

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

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you. <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’

*continued...*

<sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

## SERMON

*Pastor Tony*

### 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.*

Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with your word. Lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the cosmos, heaven and earth bear witness to the splendor of all you have created. Bless the ground, trees, waterways, and skies with abundant life. Restore synergy between humankind and the natural world, that we may live in harmony with the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you show solidarity with all who suffer. Bring an end to violence, war, discrimination, and all other forms of deadly hate, that we may experience your love through the power of justice. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you provide bountifully for all people. Use our lives to alleviate global injustice and eliminate poverty, that all benefit from the abundant gifts you pour out for your people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



God of growth, you nurture this community. Cultivate in us a spirit of service to one another, and bless us in the ministry we share. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel, we give you thanks for our forebears in the faith who now rest in your eternal grace and love. 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**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

John Bacchus Dykes (1823 - 1876)

O Master, let me walk with thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Thy secret tell; help me to bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong,

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broad'ning way,  
In peace that only thou can give,  
With thee, O Master, let me live.

## 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.

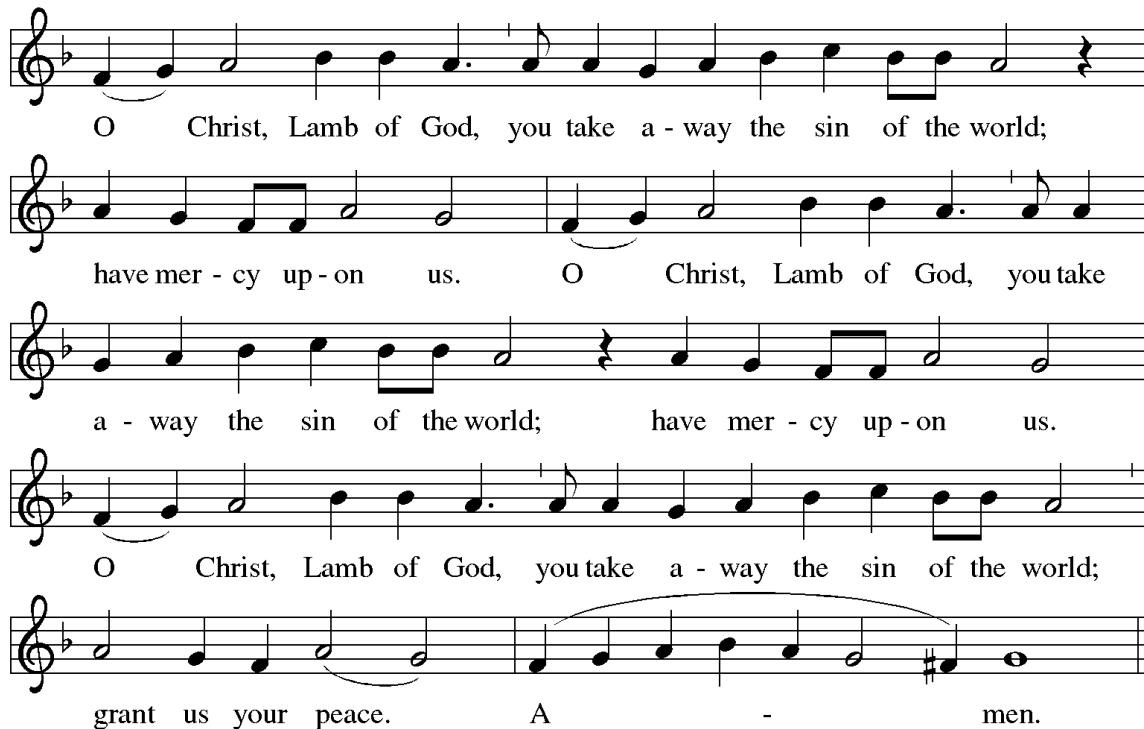
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## 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

## *Blessed Assurance*

### ASSURANCE



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

#### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

From *L'Orgue Mystique*, Op. 56  
Dominica in Sexagesima: Élévation

Charles Tournemire (1870 - 1939)

Gospel Prelude: *In the Garden*

Gerald Near

## 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.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*

GOTT SEI DANK



- 1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
- 2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
- 3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
- 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.  
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**Thanks be to God!**

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Gospel Prelude: *Amazing Grace*

Gerald Near

## 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)*

**Marco Yeung**, *classmate of  
Lauren Irvin*  
**Juanita Fitts**

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**16-Feb** Clary Phillips  
**17-Feb** Jason Matthews  
**17-Feb** Elias Rutmiller  
**18-Feb** Mark Hartman  
**18-Feb** Jodi Ramirez  
**22-Feb** Nina Folino  
**22-Feb** Alexandra Green  
**22-Feb** Kelly Propst

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

**Contributions and Receipts  
for February 9, 2020:**

**\$9,826.00**

*(\$8,414.00 needed per week)*

## CONTRIBUTE ONLINE

You may make contributions online by visiting our website at [www.sjnc.net](http://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.

## LIVELY LEISURES

The February Lively Leisures’ luncheon will be in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, February 18 at 12:00 p.m. The Phoenix Readers will present the program. For more information, contact Sylvia Corl. [shcorlatcarolyn@aol.com](mailto:shcorlatcarolyn@aol.com)

## TIME AND TALENT

You received a copy of the Time and Talent form in last Sunday’s bulletin. 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!



## PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Preschool Enrollment for 2020 – 2021 begins February 1<sup>st</sup>. Call Aurora Swain at 864-379-9603 and or the main office at 704-786-5613 or email [office@familiesfirstcc.org](mailto:office@familiesfirstcc.org)

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting at the beginning of worship on Sunday, February 23. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive the annual reports. Thank you to everyone who has submitted the information included.

## RACIAL AWARENESS TRAINING

Groundwater Presentation on February 15, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at the Laureate Center-City Hall, Kannapolis, NC In this lively and participatory 3-hour introduction to racial equity, REI organizers use stories and data. More information in this week’s Ring Out.

## SHROVE TUESDAY

Come out and enjoy pancakes, sausage, bacon and fellowship as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday on February 25. Serving will be 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Brad Davis Combo will provide jazz music for your enjoyment.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us on Wednesday, February 26 for Ash Wednesday worship. There will be two services both in the sanctuary at 12:00 Noon and at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing our hearts on repentance and prayer.



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## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, February 16

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
11:30 Pre-Confirmation  
2:00 Confirmation  
5:00 Jr. Youth  
6:00 Sr. Youth

### MONDAY, February 17

10:30 Quilting Group  
6:30 Boy/Cub Scouts

### TUESDAY, February 18

12:00 Lively Leisures  
7:00 Sea Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, February 19

12:05 Chapel  
1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga  
6:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, February 20

10:30 Singing Seniors at  
Concord Nursing & Rehab

### FRIDAY, February 21

*No Scheduled Events*

### SATURDAY, February 22

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

### SUNDAY, February 23

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Congregational Meeting  
10:00 Worship  
11:15 Evangelism  
5:00 Jr. Youth  
6:00 Sr. Youth

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