

Council Summary Report for June 11, 2024

HR Committee is busy preparing for the hiring of a Church Office Assistant, and a Choir Director/Organist. They have put together an extensive Personnel Handbook to assist in hiring and supervising staff. Communications Committee has interviewed and received bids from three companies for the upgrading and managing of our technology and Wi Fi systems. A vendor was selected and additional information is being received. The Bell Tower roofing is expected to begin the second week in July. The Cook committee met the first week of June and approved scholarships to 13 of our members for the upcoming 2024/25 school year. They were all most deserving. The Council will have a retreat on June 18 to begin developing a mission statement.

WELCOME BACK

This morning, we welcome back Carolyn Lasater to the organ bench and thank her for playing in support of our worship.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

June 23 Samuel Haberman, Ben McGuire
June 25 Bill Hardister
June 26 Tony Mosley, Wilson Propst, Jr.
June 27 Phyllis Freeman
June 28 Kim Harward

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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost **June 23, 2024** **The Holy Communion** **10:00am**



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Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

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

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

Welcome to St. James.

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

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

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

HEY! VBS VOLUNTEERS – PLEASE SAVE JULY 21st

On Sunday, July 21st, there will be a meeting for all VBS volunteers immediately after worship in the fellowship hall. We will go over assignments and begin decorating.

CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 23	9:00 am	Parish Summertime Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
Monday, June 24	10:30 am	Quilting
Sunday, June 30	9:00 am	Parish Summertime Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship

FALL EVENTS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES (that means 0-99+)

Put them in your calendar.

August 11:	Blessing of Backpacks AND lunch after worship.
September 20:	Kids Night; movie and pizza
October 27:	Trunk or Treat
November 24:	<i>Short</i> Thanksgiving Worship followed by a Pie Party
December 1:	Advent Tree Lighting (Well, technically it is a Christmas Tree)
December 8:	Bethlehem at the Farm

Be on the lookout for more information. This takes many volunteers.

WELCA Save-the-Date

Save the date for Saturday, October 5, 2024, for the NC Women of the ELCA Cabarrus/Stanly Fall Conference gathering! Program will include food, fellowship, offerings, and special program. Registration is \$10. Contact Gretchen Walker for more information.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector/Intercessor: Barbara Albright
Communion Assistant: Kim Haberman
Ushers: Brad Baker, Chip Howard,
Taylor Pruette, Al Pieschel, Jon Miller
Videographer: Jean Beasley
Greeter: Nancy Faggart
Building Supervisors: Ashley Cline

PRAYER LIST

Tom Grady; Tom Ridenhour; Noah Clifton; Angie Buchanan; Jo Eng; Sheril Rominger (friend of the Marlow's); Linda Jones (family members of Barbara & Dale Merrell); Susan Tadlock (friend of Deb Black); Mary Dorothy White (friend of Patsy Black).

ST. LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Anybody remember this?

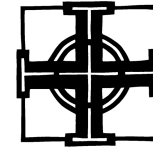
***GROWING IN CHRIST THROUGH
WORSHIP
LEARNING
FELLOWSHIP
SERVICE***

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is now available for Vacation Bible School July 28-30! VBS is free to members and visitors but requires registration. Register early to secure a spot and preferred t-shirt size. Registration is available on the home page of sjnc.net.

HEY! VBS VOLUNTEERS – BACKGROUND CHECKS??

Please complete your Safe Gatherings background check. Please contact the Church Office to get started.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering



Welcome / Prelude

Please stand.

THE INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

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

C **Amen.**

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

Please sit or kneel, as able.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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

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

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

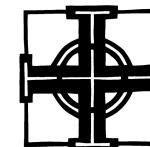
THE ENTRANCE HYMN: O God, our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.



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ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given by Kim Haberman, in honor of her son, Sam Haberman, on his birthday.

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: O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

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 O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

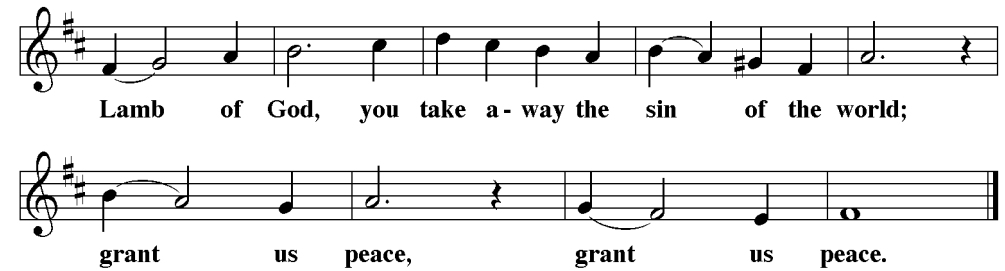
⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

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

THE SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,
“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”
See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no
obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as
servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great
endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots,
labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of
spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of
righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute
and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet
are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as
sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and
yet possessing everything.
¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There
is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to
children—open wide your hearts also.

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



Please sit.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
A: Instituted by Christ himself, it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink.
Q: What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?
A: We are told in the words “for you” and “for the forgiveness of sins.” By these
words the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the
sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and
salvation.

-Luther’s Small Catechism Part V

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

Please stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

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.**



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



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

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Please stand.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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:

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

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

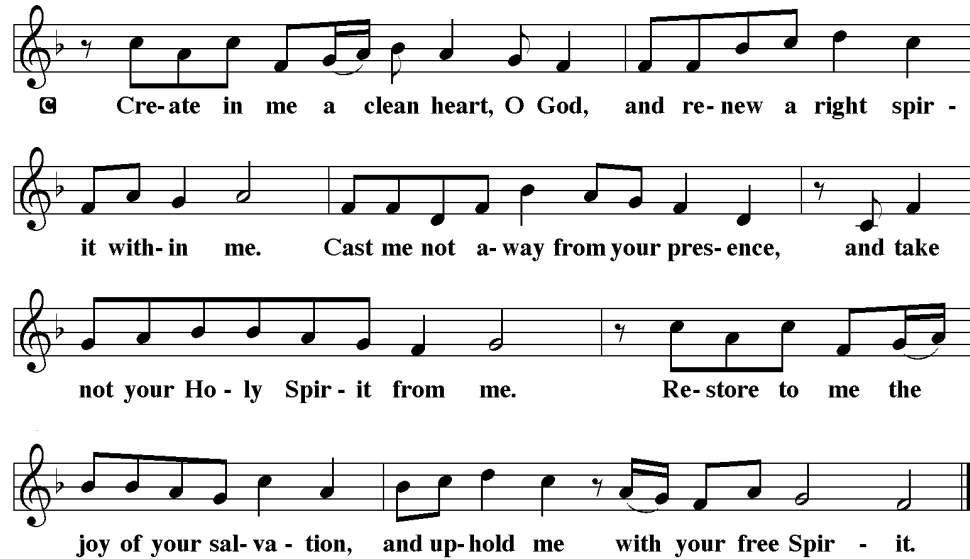
P Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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.

THE OFFERTORY



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

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are you,

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

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.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel, as able.

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls; Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy church of God, and for the unity of all peoples; Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A For all the holy people of God, for the clergy and all leaders; Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A For our president, for the leaders of nations, for all in authority that their leadership may foster compassion and justice, Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A For this city of Concord, for every city and community, and for those who live in them; Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth; Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it; Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air; Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and suffering and for all who we remember silently in our hearts; Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them; Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and disgrace; Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses; Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach; Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A For all the saints now resting from their labors; 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 Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please sit.

THE OFFERING

THE ANTHEM

Brother James Air
Wes Watts

arr. Brian Dean

Please stand.