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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please e-mail all information to the church office at
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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

31-May Joe Grady
31-May Samantha Hillegass
01-Jun Jason Kartheiser
01-Jun Keith Sutton
03-Jun Mike Holt
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03-Jun Jack Nivens
04-Jun Thomas Propst, Jr.
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05-Jun Joe Wilson

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers today are given
by the Todd and Gretchen
Walker to the Glory of God
and in honor of their
children on their birthdays.

COOK SCHOLARSHIPS

The Cook Trust Fund
Committee is now accepting
applications for the fall and
spring semesters of the
school year 2021/2022.
Applications are available
in the church office. The
deadline to return the
application will be **June
1st, 2021** to be considered
for a scholarship this fall.

PRAYER LIST

- ◆ Our brothers and sisters at
Mount Gilead Lutheran
Church in Mount Pleasant.
- ◆ Audrey Glatz - recovering
from surgery
- ◆ Linda Hartgen and family
in the death of her husband
David
- ◆ Lois Marlow and family in
the death of her husband
Jimmy

If you have someone you would like
to add to the prayer list, please
contact Keith at 704-786-0166 and
leave a message or email at
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Jeremy Jay any pictures and/or
articles you would like to have
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subscribe.

NURSERY

A nursery is available during
worship. In keeping with CDC
guidelines, and for the safety
of our children, masks must be
worn by nursery attendants
and children 2 years old and
older.



INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

When we say God is the
triune God, we are
saying something about who
God is beyond, before, and
after the universe: that there
is community within God.
Our experience of this is
reflected in Paul's words
today. When we pray to God
as Jesus prayed to his Abba
(an everyday, intimate
parental address), the Spirit
prays within us, creating
between us and God the
same relationship Jesus has
with the one who sent him.

Congregational Responses in Bold

Saint James Lutheran Church



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



THE HOLY TRINITY

MAY 30, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Manz

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.

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

Silence is held for reflection and self-examination

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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING *ISAIAH 6:1-8*

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

A reading from Isaiah, the sixth chapter.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



On **Sunday, Sept. 12**, congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will come together for **"God's work. Our hands." Sunday**.

Our church — and our world — continue to live through the COVID-19 pandemic. But the good news is that we are beginning to experience a slow return to physical community as more people become vaccinated.

Amid this ongoing situation, we continue to be **church together**. Across the ELCA we are witnessing the love and concern God's people have for one another. During this time, our congregations continue to support ministries that assist vulnerable people in their communities.

As church, we are guided by our life in Christ to share the love of Jesus and serve our neighbors — even if these acts of service take place from our homes or from a safe distance.

More information coming soon on how the members of St. James will be participating in "God's work. Our hands." Sunday.



PSALM *PSALM 29*

A reading from Psalm twenty-nine.

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *ROMANS 8:12-17*

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

A reading from Romans, the eighth chapter.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL *JOHN 3:1-17*

Jesus’ miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. *continued...*

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to life, both now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C

~Bach

The Liturgy Has Ended; The Service Begins!

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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

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.



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. Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your grace and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Patsy Black, vocalist

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down
before thee, which wert and art, and evermore
shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not
see, only thou art holy; there is none beside
thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and
mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Stand

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.

Kneel or sit, as able

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all of our heart and all of our mind, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ at Mt Gilead Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mount Pleasant.

Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this worshiping community, that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through 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.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

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.