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#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Dr. Kevin Estes and the Choir of St. James by Elizabeth Hurley.

#### **SUPPORT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Pick up a shoebox from the portico area and follow the instructions to sponsor a box! Please be sure to return your shoebox (unsealed) by **Sunday**, **Nov. 17th.** 

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Join us for a congregational meeting on **Sunday**, **Nov. 24**<sup>th</sup> following worship. We will gather for a potluck lunch and conduct two items of business: 1) act upon the recommended 2025 budget and 2) conduct the church council election. Nomination forms available in the office.

#### **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Service at 6pm on **Sunday**, **Nov. 24**<sup>th</sup> followed by a Pie Party in the Fellowship Hall!

#### **WESTERN NC HELENE RELIEF**

St. James Church Council invites you to support Hurricane Helene recovery efforts in Western NC. Donations will go to the NC Synod Disaster Fund to help impacted congregations. Please label your gift "Helene Relief." Contributions received by **November 10th** will be forwarded the following week.

The Festival of All the Saints November 3, 2024

# The Holy Communion 1000am



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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 you or to an usher.

<u>Restrooms</u> are located on the first and second floor of the Education Building. A <u>nursery</u> 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.

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#### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Nov. 3 – Kerri Kiker Nov. 4 – David Klein

Nov. 5 - Debbie Wilkinson

Nov. 6 – Ed Ballard Sr.

**Nov. 7** – Brittany Wilson

Nov. 8 – Shannon Nesbit

Nov. 9 - Chip Harward

## **CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

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Sunday, Nov. 3	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 am	Parish Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
Monday, Nov. 4	10:30 am	Quilting
4	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Scouts
	7:00 pm	Esther Circle
Tuesday, Nov. 5	10:30 am	Mary Magdalene Circle
<b>1</b> .	5:00 pm	Executive Committee
Wednesday, Nov. 6	5:30 pm	Handbells
•	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, Nov. 10	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
1,	9:00 am	Parish Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 24: Congregation Meeting (after worship)

November 24: Thanksgiving Worship & Pie Party (6pm)

**December 1:** Advent Tree Lighting (5pm ornaments; 6pm lighting)

**December 8:** Bethlehem at the Farm (4pm – 7pm) – <a href="https://bit.ly/VolunteerBATF">https://bit.ly/VolunteerBATF</a>



# St James Lutheran Church: Growing in Christ through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service.



Welcome

Prelude Elevation Dubois

Please stand.

#### THE INVOCATION

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

#### THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

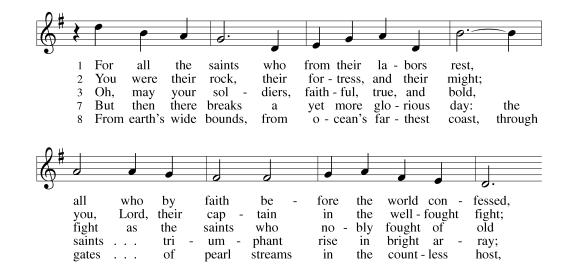
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we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

#### THE ENTRANCE HYMN: For All the Saints

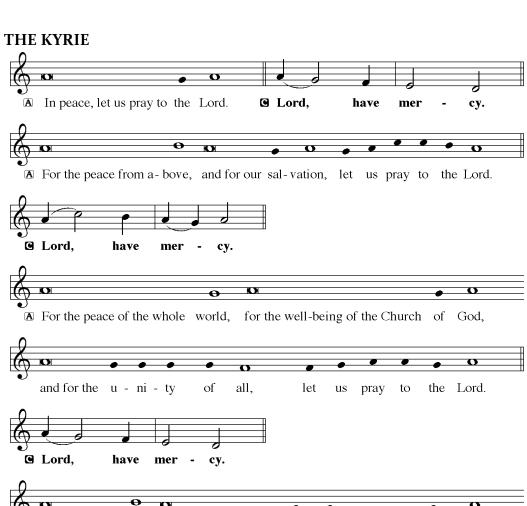
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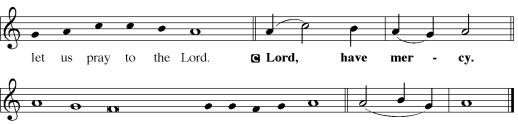
#### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- 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.





A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. 

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#### THE HYMN OF PRAISE





#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,

#### Please sit.



# THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

9It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

#### THE SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

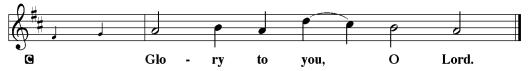
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#### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



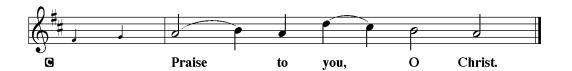
#### THE GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.



<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."



THE SERMON

Please stand.

# THE HYMN OF THE DAY: I Know That My Redeemer Lives



- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

# THE NICENE CREED We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Please sit or kneel, as able.

# THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
- A Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.
- A Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy
- C Hear our prayer.
- A Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy
- C Hear our prayer.
- A Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy
- C Hear our prayer.
- A Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy
- C Hear our prayer.
- A We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. 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.

#### REMEMBRANCE of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

As the names of those who entered the church triumphant since last All Saints Sunday are read, a chime is tolled and a candle is lit.

# JANELL MEDLIN ENG KEITH MARSHALL FINK

- P Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. Strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. **Amen.**
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen

#### THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please sit.

#### THE OFFERING

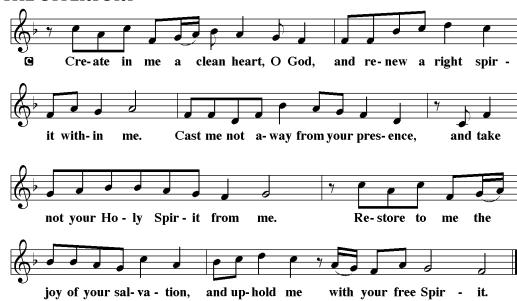
**THE ANTHEM** Blessed are the Men who Fear Him (from Elijah) Mendelssohn

Blessed are the men who fear God, they ever walk in the ways of peace. Through darkness riseth light to the upright. God is gracious, compassionate.

Psalms 128:1, 112:4

#### Please stand.

#### THE OFFERTORY



#### 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 COMMUNION RITE

- 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.
- 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:



P You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.

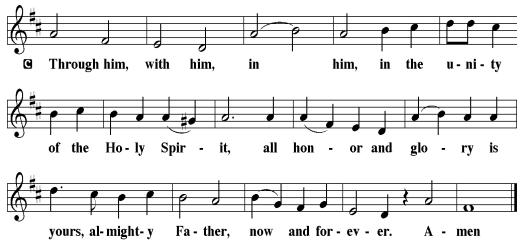
We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

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.

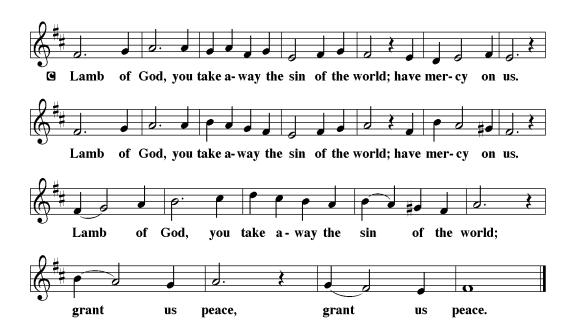
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



- 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.



Please sit.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- O: 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

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

#### THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

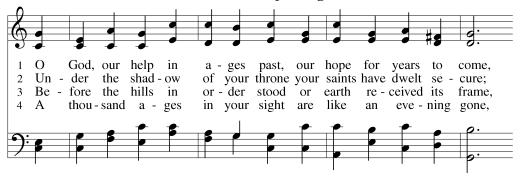
- P Let us pray.
- P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen



#### THE BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen

# THE SENDING HYMN: O God Our Help in Ages Past





- 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 DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Fanfare Mathias

