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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers for today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Tom Grady.

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**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 14, 2026**

**The Holy Communion**  
**10:00am**



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**Rev. William C. Ridenhour, Pastor**

## 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.

*Let us know you visited!*



*Scan to connect!*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

June 14 – Jeff Koenig  
June 15 – Ann Blackwelder, Anne Eury, Nita Jones  
June 18 – James Radcliffe  
June 19 – Campbell Overby, Katherine Weisel  
June 20 – Jim Miller, Jeremy Monk

## CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, June 14</b>	9:00am	Choir
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship
	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Choir Performing at Providence United Methodist Church (Charlotte)</b>
<b>Monday, June 15</b>	10:30am	Quilting
<b>Thursday, June 18</b>	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, June 20</b>	8:30am	Leah's Hope Trailer
<b>Sunday, June 21</b>	9:00am	Choir
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Rising 6th–8th grade youth are invited to serve with The Salvation Army this June by helping pack fresh food boxes for local families in need. This is a great opportunity to gain service hours!

Volunteers will serve **Thursdays in June beginning June 4, from 12:00–2:30pm** at The Salvation Army, located at 216 Patterson Ave SE, Concord, NC 28025.

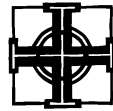
Youth will help sort, pack, and load food boxes alongside Salvation Army staff and adult volunteers from St. James.

Please RSVP through SignupGenius and complete a volunteer form (pick up in office or download online). Completed volunteer forms should be brought to Cheryl Webb.

For additional information call or text Cheryl Webb: 832-275-8872.

RSVP:





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

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**



*Please silence your phones. Thank you.*

*When not printed, hymn harmonies may be found in the green LBW hymnal.*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**                      Prelude in D Major                      J. S. Bach

*Please stand.*  
**THE INVOCATION**

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

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENES**

**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.

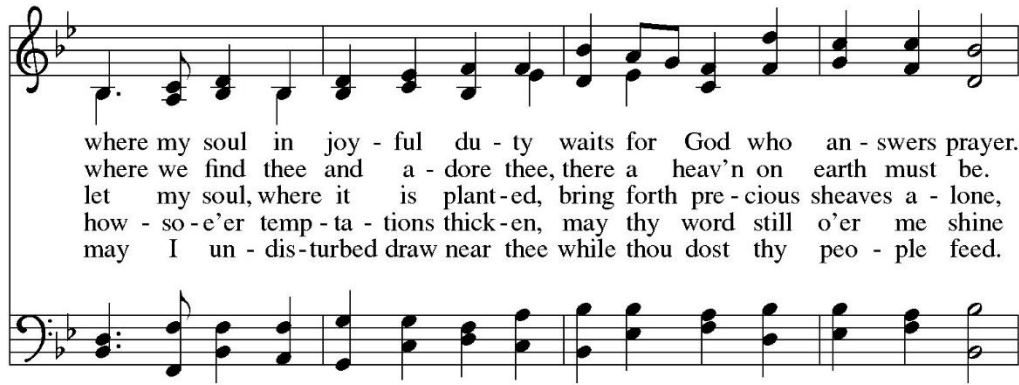
*Please sit or kneel, as able.*  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**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**

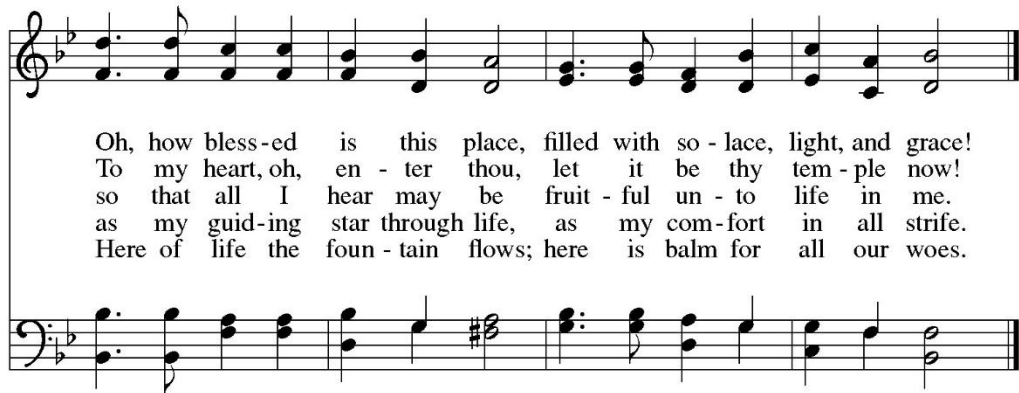
**P**     Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the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

**THE ENTRANCE HYMN: #250 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

**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** God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**



*Please sit.*

**THE FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup>They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.’

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>The people all answered as one: ‘Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.’

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**THE SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> chapters.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. <sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your

peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> 'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## THE SERMON

**Pastor Bill Ridenhour**

*Please stand.*

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #376 Your Kingdom Come!

1 Your king - dom come! O Fa - ther, hear our prayer;  
2 Stum - bling and blind, we strive to do your will,  
3 Come through the faith where - by the church must live;  
4 Your king - dom come; come too, God's glo - rious Son!  
shine through the clouds that threat - en ev - 'ry - where;  
trust - ing the word you sure - ly will ful - fill,  
come through the word and sac - ra - ments you give;  
Oh, may our task for you be no - bly done!



light from a - bove, our on - ly life and joy,  
 that all are yours, how - ev - er far they roam,  
 come through your teach - ing, and your heal - ing too;  
 Faith - ful let all your ser - vants be, and true,



show us the hope that noth - ing can de - stroy;  
 that love shall tri - umph, and your king - dom come;  
 come through the work en - light - ened hearts can do;  
 un - til they bring all na - tions home to you;



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**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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**

**THE PRAYERS**

A Let us pray for the Church, the world, and one another.

A Heavenly Father, thank you for your kindness. You call us your treasured people. You send your Son to redeem us, even while we are ungodly and estranged from you. Jesus calls us to share your love with other ungodly sinners. Thank you. Help us to do, say, and be everything you desire. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Jesus sent the Apostles to proclaim the Good News, forgive sins, and heal those wounded by sin, evil and death. Strengthen and equip your Church to follow in their footsteps, and to lead many people to the One who died that they might live. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Make this congregation lovely with holiness, faithfulness, generosity, and joy. Fill us with your Spirit, so we serve you with joyful gratitude. Let our lives show the love of Jesus to those who need him the most. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We confess that obedience to your word and will is not our strong suit. We prefer our own devices and desires. Forgive us. Soften our hearts, focus our minds, and strengthen our spines, so that we withstand the temptation to give in, give up, or give ourselves over to the evil one. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

You are Lord and King over all nations. Cause our leaders to acknowledge your Lordship and to do your will for the sake of the people entrusted to them. Help them to be honest, fair, competent, and just. We humbly ask that you give us the leadership we *need*, not just that which we desire or deserve. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for Mason and all who protect and serve others in difficult and dangerous situations. Make them competent, brave, and wise. Surround them, and their loved ones, with your holy angels. Help us to honor their service. Speed the day when they stand down from duty and enjoy your blessings. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on all who are wounded in body, mind, or spirit. Bring to them the joy of your saving help. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most holy Father, thank you for the lives of your faithful people who have gone before us, especially those dearest to us. Keep their memories bright. Keep us steadfast in the faith they passed on to us. Keep the Cross of Jesus ever before us; and keep us true to our calling as his disciples. By his merits, bring us into your blessed Kingdom, where with all whom you have redeemed, we will praise, adore, and glorify you in the power of the Holy Spirit forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

#### THE PEACE

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

*Please sit.*

#### THE ANTHEM

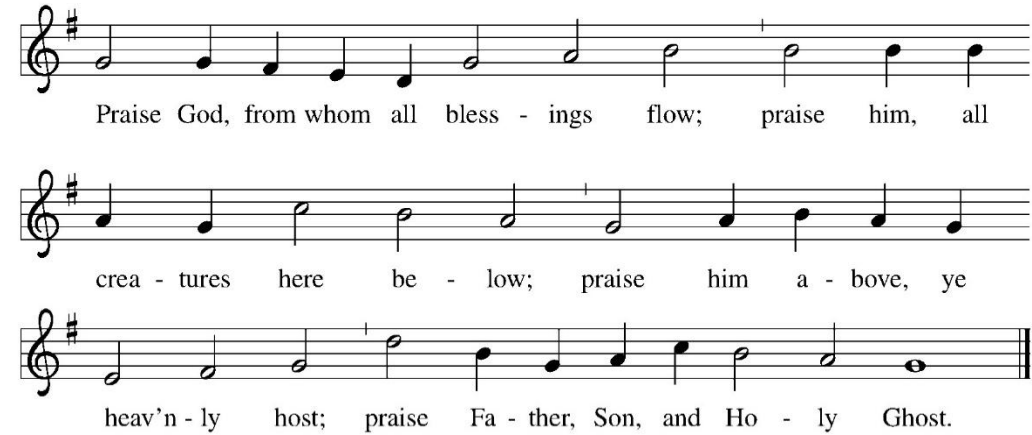
Kyrie

J. S. Bach

#### THE OFFERING

*Please stand.*

#### THE OFFERTORY #564 "The Doxology"



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

#### 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:

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 Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
 In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
 that all those who believe in him  
 should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
 for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
 as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P 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.

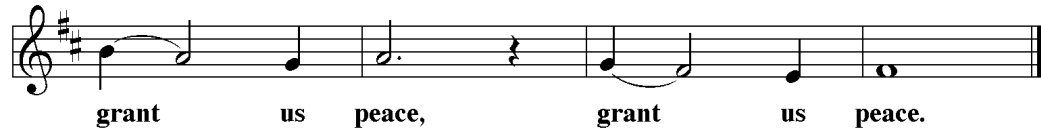
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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.  
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



*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. For those unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. If you wish for the pastor to bring communion to you. 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.

C Amen

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Let us pray,

A Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord

C Amen

*Silence for reflection.*



**THE BENEDICTION**

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

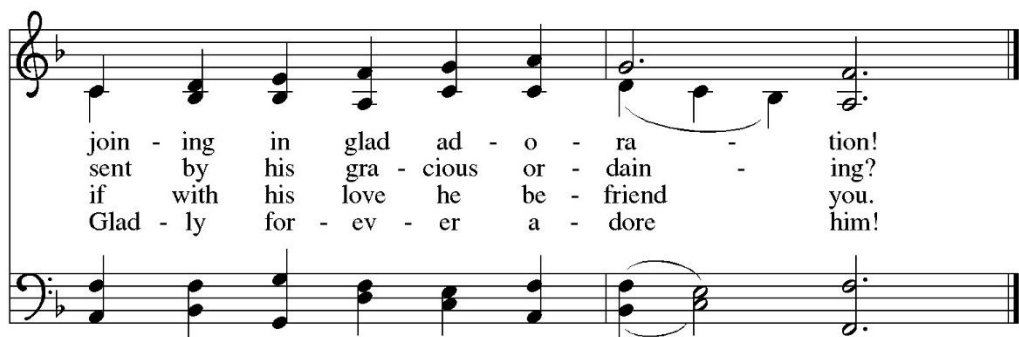
C Amen

**THE SENDING HYMN: #543 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

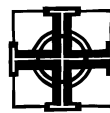
**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**Postlude**

**Sortie**

**Marchand**



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**A SUNDAE SUNDAY!**

Join us after worship on **Sunday, July 5**, as we celebrate 250 years of American independence with a sweet treat and fellowship!

Sunday, July 5 | 11:00 a.m.  
 Under back portico (weather permitting)

Enjoy Cabarrus Creamery ice cream with all the toppings and spend time with your St. James family.

**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR VBS!**

Vacation Bible School will be held **Sunday, July 26–Tuesday, July 28**, beginning each evening at 5:30 p.m.

Please plan to register by the end of June to guarantee a t-shirt!

If you are available to volunteer, please check to make sure your *Safe Gatherings* background check is current. If you are a first-time volunteer, please email **[holly@sjnc.net](mailto:holly@sjnc.net)** to begin the process.

❄️ This year's theme: Snowball Mountain Challenge! ❄️

**Register:** ➡️



**MY FATHER'S HOUSE**

St. James Lutheran Church will be providing dinner for the residents of My Father's House Shelter Ministry on **Monday, June 22** (*no Tuesday meal*).

Volunteers are needed to provide side dishes, desserts, and snacks to accompany a ham dinner. Suggested items include mac & cheese, Bob Evans mashed potatoes, baked beans, vegetables, casseroles, fresh fruit, and desserts (think kid-friendly). Snack donations such as Lance crackers, juice boxes, Capri Suns, and fresh fruit are also appreciated.

For details or to sign up, contact Martha Matthews at 704-787-2180. Martha can provide the current headcount and answer questions.

**SONSHINE BACKPACK JUNE SUPPLY DRIVE**

Help provide weekend food for local children in need through our partnership with Sunshine Backpacks. Requested items include shelf-stable milk, cereal, mac & cheese, canned goods, granola bars, juice, popcorn, and pudding. Donations are due on the back kitchen counter by **June 28**. Questions? Contact Sylvia Corl or Gretchen Walker.