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**The Second Sunday after Christmas**  
**Sunday, January 4, 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 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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Jan. 4 – Susie Kartheiser
- Jan. 5 – Glenda Poole
- Jan. 6 – Jon Miller, Karen Rezza
- Jan. 7 – Arthur Glatz, Nic Whisnant
- Jan. 8 – Brad Davis
- Jan. 9 – Andrew Propst
- Jan. 10 – Maddox Landers, Christine Lovelace, Benjamin Propst, Heidi Propst

CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 4	9:00am	Choir
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship
Monday, Jan. 5	10:30am	Quilting
Tuesday, Jan. 6	10:30am	Mary Magdalene Circle
	6:00pm	Executive Committee.
Thursday, Jan. 8	6:30pm	Choir
Sunday, Jan. 11	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00am	Choir
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship

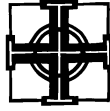
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: KERR STREET MINISTRY MEALS

Our Social Ministry serves meals with *Kerr Street Ministry Meals* for our neighbors experiencing homelessness each quarter.

The next service date is **January 13**, and we need **three volunteers to serve**. Volunteers arrive at 5:30pm; meal service runs 6:00–7:00pm.

*Volunteers will be serving only.*

Please see Samantha Hillegass to participate.



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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION



Welcome

**Prelude**                      Infant Holy, Infant Lowly                      arr. Neilson

*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.*

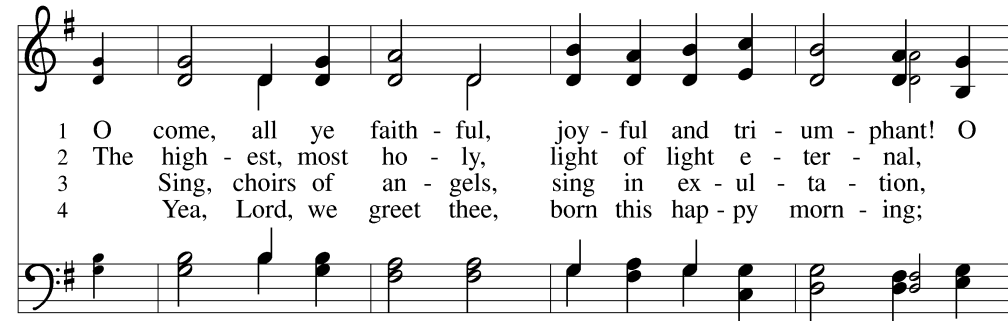
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P**        Most merciful God,  
**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: #45 O Come All Ye Faithful



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

### 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.

### THEY HYMN OF PRAISE

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



*Please sit.*

**THE FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 31:7-14

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

<sup>11</sup> For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**THE SECOND READING:** Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the

pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

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. John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.  
C     **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.  
<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]  
<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.  
<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,

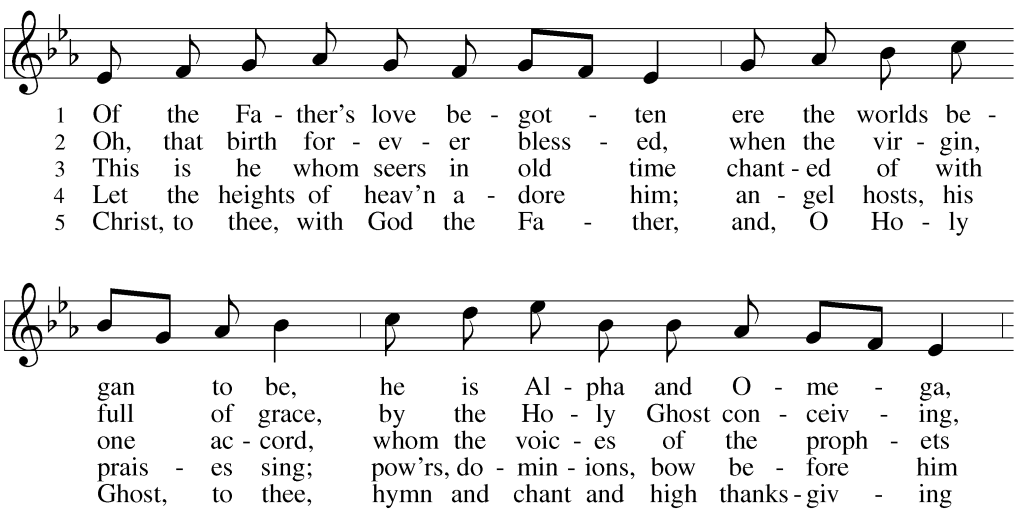
the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

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:** Of the Father’s Love Begotten


*Harmony score is found at #42 in the green LBW hymnal.*




1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly  
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
prom-ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men

**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 he 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 kneel or sit as able.*  
**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**  
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.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all people in their daily life and work, for families, friends and neighbors  
and for those who are alone, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this community, the nation and the world. For all who work for freedom,  
justice, and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the just and proper use of God’s creation, for the victims of poverty, fear, injustice and oppression, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God, for all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all people who are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble, for those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and the prayers of our hearts for all in need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**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**

Nativity Carol

John Rutter

*Born in a stable so bare,  
Born so long ago;  
Born 'neath light of star  
He who loved us so.*

*Far away, silent he lay,  
Born today, your homage pay,  
Christ is born for aye,  
Born on Christmas Day.*

*Cradled by mother so fair,  
Tender her lullaby;  
Over her son so dear  
Angel hosts fill the sky.*

*Wise men from distant far land,  
Shepherds from starry hills  
Worship this babe so rare,  
Hearts with his warmth he fills.*

*Love in that stable was born  
Into our hearts to flow;  
Innocent dreaming babe,  
Make me thy love to know.*

**THE OFFERING**

*Please stand.*

**THE DOXOLOGY**

*The Offertory is the Doxology set to the familiar Christmas carol tune, The First Noel.*

D Bm A A<sup>7</sup> D/F# G D A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup>

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all

7 D G A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> Bm A A<sup>7</sup>

crea - tures here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye



12 D/F# G D A7 D A7 D G A7 D A7 D  
 heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

18 A7 D Bm F#m D G A7 D A  
 No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,

22 Bm D/A G D A7/E D/F# D/A A7 D  
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.  
 A Merciful Father,  
 C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered 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.  
 In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh

you have opened the eyes of faith  
 to a new and radiant vision of your glory;  
 that, beholding the God made visible,  
 we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.  
 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 We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,  
 whom you sent in this end of the ages  
 to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.  
 He is your Word,  
 inseparable from you.  
 Through him you created all things,  
 and in him you take delight.  
 He is your Word,  
 sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.  
 He there took on our nature and our lot  
 and was shown forth as your Son,  
 born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.  
 It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will  
 and won for you a holy people;

he stretched out his hands in suffering  
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,  
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,  
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,  
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,  
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:  
Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This is my blood poured out for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,  
we lift this bread and cup before you,  
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:  
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church both now and forever.

**C Amen**

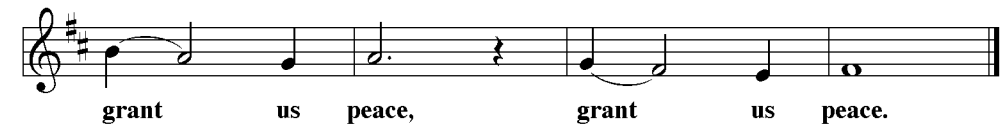
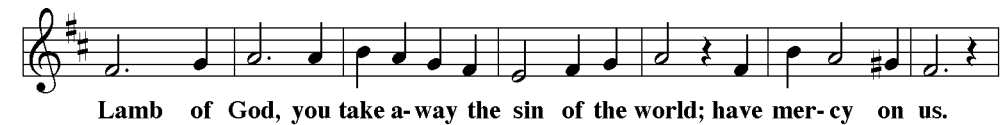
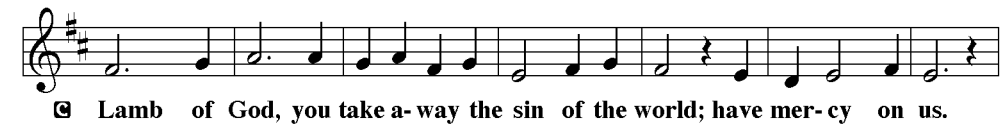
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**



*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**

**A** Let us pray,

**A** O God, in this meal we have been given a foretaste of the feast that is to come. Help us always to be alert to your gifts in our midst; 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:** Joy to the World *(Please see next page.)*

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
heav'n and na - ture sing,

THE DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

He is Born!

arr. Lowry



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VOLUNTEER IN 2026!

Our 2026 Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities are now open! We’re looking for  
Communion Assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Videographers to help on Sundays.  
Altar Flower dates are also available on a first-come, first-served basis.  
Not sure where to start? Email us at [info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net) for more information, training, or  
to connect with a volunteer team leader.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Offering envelopes for 2026 are ready for pick-up on the table behind the sacristy  
(office hallway). If you did not receive a box and would like one, contact Jill Irvin.

PARTNER INITIATIVES: AMAZING GRACE

**1. Blessing Box in Rotary Square**

Amazing Grace's Life Skills Lab program will be helping to keep the Blessing Box  
stocked every Tuesday and Thursday in partnership with the iCAN Organization. You  
can join in this ongoing effort by donating non-perishable food or hygiene items. The  
red Blessing Box collection bin will remain on the Portico Counter and serve as a year-  
round ministry opportunity.

**2. Children’s Coat Drive**

In partnership with the Cabarrus Partnership for Children, Amazing Grace will be  
collecting new or gently used winter coats for children in need. Coats can be placed on  
the couch in the Amazing Grace room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor through January.

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