

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

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**PRAYER LIST**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sam & Catherine Petrea, parents of Elizabeth Hurley.

**TREE LIGHTING**

Join us **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** for the Annual St. James Christmas Tree Lighting!  
Ornament making starts at 5pm; tree lighting will be at 6pm in the garden lot.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS GOING ON NOW**

You are welcome to purchase one or more poinsettias given as a gift to the church this Christmas season. Poinsettias are \$20 each and may be made in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Order on the homepage of the website or turn in the bulletin insert.  
**Deadline for orders is Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**2025**

**SUNDAY MINISTRY SIGN-UPS**

Sign up to be a Communion Assistant, Lector, Videographer, or Acolyte in 2025!  
All Sundays in the new year are now posted. Sign up by scanning the code or visiting the website.



**Christ the King**  
***The Last Sunday after Pentecost***  
**November 24, 2024**

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



**St. James Lutheran Church**  
**104 Union Street South**  
**PO Box 684**  
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## Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

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

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

Welcome to St. James.

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

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

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

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Nov. 26 – Lauri Fowler  
Nov. 28 – Kyleigh Hughes  
Nov. 29 – Garrett Baker  
Nov. 30 – Patrick Matthews

## CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, Nov. 24</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 am	Parish Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Service &amp; Pie Party</b>
<b>Monday, Nov. 25</b>	10:30 am	Quilting
	6:30 pm	Scouts
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 27</b>	5:30 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, Nov. 28</b>	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
<b>Sunday, Dec. 1</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 am	Parish Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Tree Lighting (Ornaments at 5pm)</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 1:** Advent Tree Lighting (5pm ornaments; 6pm lighting)  
**December 8:** Bethlehem at the Farm (4- 7pm) <https://bit.ly/VolunteerBATE>

## REGISTER TO RING!

St. James will once again be ringing the bells for Salvation Army. Help us to spread a little Christmas cheer to those in need in our community. Our dates for ringing are **Thursday, Dec. 5 and Thursday, Dec. 12**. One-hour time slots begin at 10:00 am and the last hour begins at 7:00 pm.

Sign up at the link: <https://sjnc.net/special-event-sign-ups>



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

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**



Welcome

**Prelude** Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals Karg-Elert

*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: Crown Him With Many Crowns**

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
 whose pow'r a scepter sways  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
 absorbed in prayer and praise.  
 His reign shall know no end,  
 and round his pierced feet  
 fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
 their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,  
 the potentate of time,  
 creator of the rolling spheres,  
 ineffably sublime.  
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
 For thou hast died for me;  
 thy praise and glory shall not fail  
 throughout eternity.

**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** Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*Please sit.*



**THE FIRST READING:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

<sup>9</sup> As I watched,  
 thrones were set in place,  
 and an Ancient One took his throne,  
 his clothing was white as snow,  
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
 his throne was fiery flames,  
 and its wheels were burning fire.  
<sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued  
 and flowed out from his presence.  
 A thousand thousands served him,  
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
 The court sat in judgment,  
 and the books were opened.  
<sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions,  
 I saw one like a human being  
 coming with the clouds of heaven.  
 And he came to the Ancient One  
 and was presented before him.  
<sup>14</sup> To him was given dominion  
 and glory and kingship,  
 that all peoples, nations, and languages  
 should serve him.  
 His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
 that shall not pass away,  
 and his kingship is one  
 that shall never be destroyed.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

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

**ANTHEM**Antiphon (from *Five Mystical Songs*) Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King.*

*The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly:*

*The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.*

*The Church with Psalms must shout, do door can keep them out:*

*But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.*

**THE SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8**

<sup>4b</sup> Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****THE GOSPEL**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

*Please stand.*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Shall Reign**

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 thron - g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel, as able.*

**THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"**

**A For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.**

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A For all bishops, pastors and deacons that they may speak the good news of Jesus Christ, and for all the holy people that may hear and live it willingly, we pray to you, O Lord.**

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.**

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.**

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.**

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

C **To you, O Lord our God.**

P For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please sit.*

#### THE OFFERING

#### THE ANTHEM

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach

*Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms,  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in God's grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.*

*Please stand.*

#### THE OFFERTORY

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

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are you,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



## THE COMMUNION RITE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

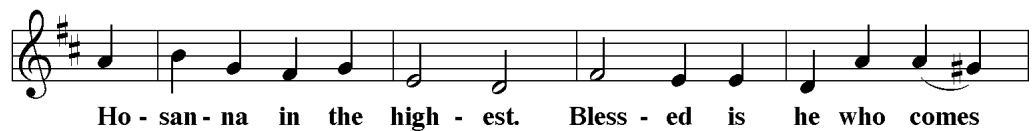
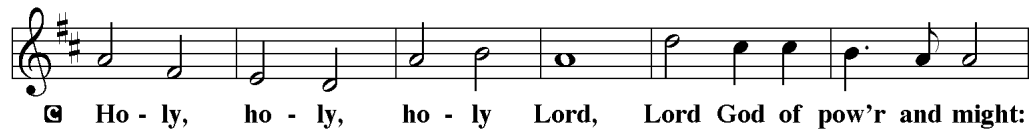
P Lift up your hearts.

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, almighty and merciful God;  
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will  
and accomplished our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving Passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,  
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought, but as we are able;  
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,  
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;  
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son  
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,  
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,



C in your holy Church, now and forever.  
**Amen**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**



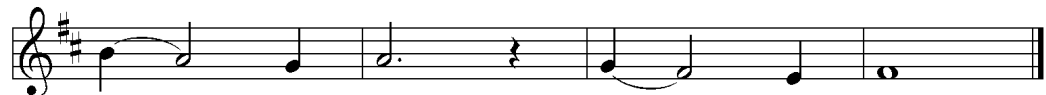
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please sit.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A: Instituted by Christ himself, it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q: What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

A: We are told in the words “for you” and “for the forgiveness of sins.” By these words the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

*-Luther’s Small Catechism Part V*

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

*Please stand.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen**

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

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

C **Amen**

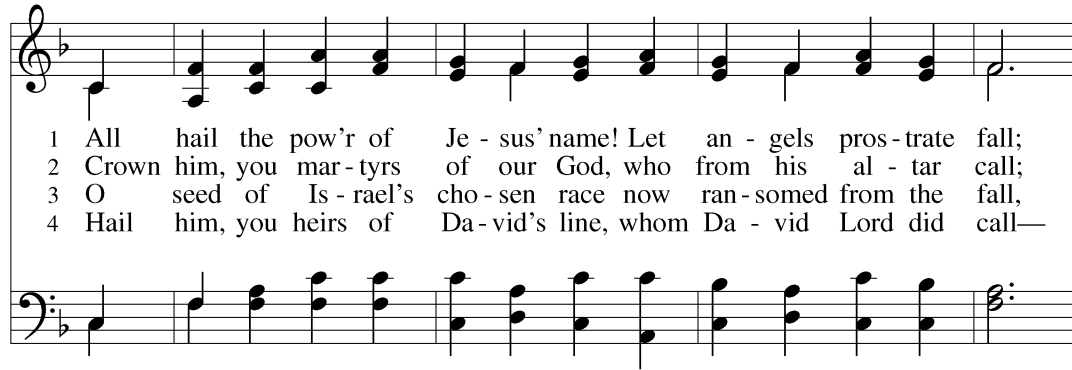


## THE BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen**

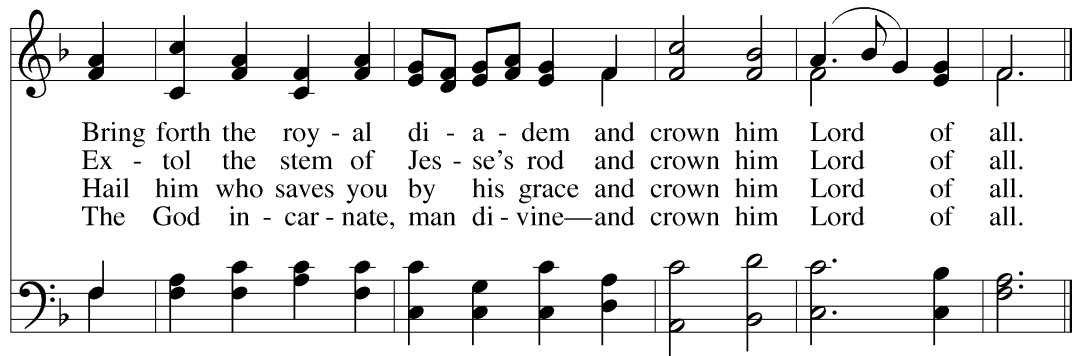
**THE SENDING HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call;  
 3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.



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5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
 the wormwood and the gall,  
 go spread your trophies at his feet  
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
 on this terrestrial ball  
 to him all majesty ascribe  
 and crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 and crown him Lord of all.

**THE DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

Nun danket alle Gott

Lowry



**TOY DRIVE FOR WESTERN NC**

Help bring joy to children this holiday season! We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for families in Western NC now through **Wednesday, December 4.**

Donations can be dropped off on Sunday mornings or by arranging a drop-off time with the church office during the week. Please note, we can only accept new, unwrapped toys—clothing donations cannot be accepted at this time. For more details, please reach out to Elizabeth Hurley.

**BETHLEHEM AT THE FARM – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please consider volunteering for Bethlehem at the Farm 2024! This year's event will be **Sunday, December 8, from 4pm - 7pm.** We need a large number of volunteers to act as townspeople for the village. Volunteers to arrive by 3:30pm; costumes to be provided.

Sign up at the link: <https://bit.ly/VolunteerBATF>

We are also in need of pop-up/easy-up tents for the event. If you are able to provide a tent, please email [info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net). Tents may be dropped at the church prior to event date.