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#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Don and Sandra Faggart's anniversary on June 17, by their children and grandchildren. We also want to honor, cherish and remember the amazing fathers in our family today.

# **WE'RE HIRING!**

St. James is seeking a Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries to lead and grow our youth program. Learn more on our website and help spread the word!

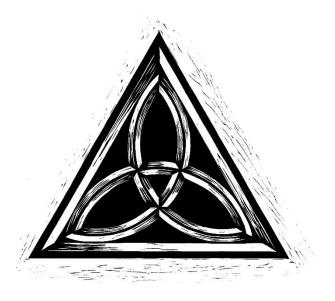
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# The Holy Trinity June 15, 2025

# The Holy Communion 10:00am



St James Lutheran Church 104 Union Street South PO Box 684 Concord, North Carolina 28026 704-786-0166 www.sjnc.net 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.

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## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

June 15 – Ann Blackwelder, Anne Eury, Nita Jones

June 18 – James Radcliffe

June 19 – Campbell Overby, Katherine Weisel

June 20 – Jim Miller, Jeremy Monk

June 21 – Joann Bratton

## **CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

My Father's House Meal Week

Sunday, June 15 9:00am Parish Choir

9:30am Children's Sunday School

10:00am Worship

Monday, June 16 10:30am Quilting

Saturday, June 21 8:30am Leah's Hope Trailer

Sunday, June 22 9:00am Parish Choir

9:30am Children's Sunday School

10:00am Worship

# 확 Congratulations, Class of 2025! 확

# **Charlotte Davis**

Graduate of NC State University Bachelor of Graphic & Experience Design

## **Hollis Miller**

Graduate of Appalachian State University Master of Arts in Higher Education

# **Campbell Elizabeth Overby**

Graduate of Appalachian State University
Bachelor of Science in Political Science with a Minor in Sociology

Please join us in offering your prayers, support, and congratulations to these graduates as they begin the next chapter of their journey!



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

# THE HOLY COMMUNION



Welcome

Prelude Elegy Thalben-Ball

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

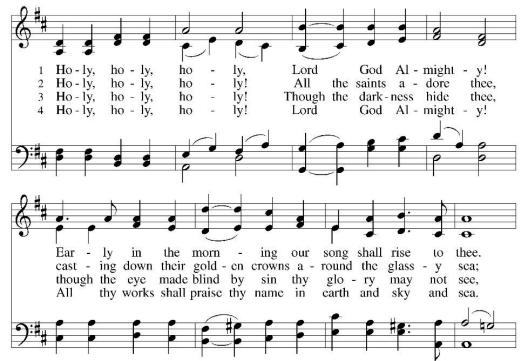
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

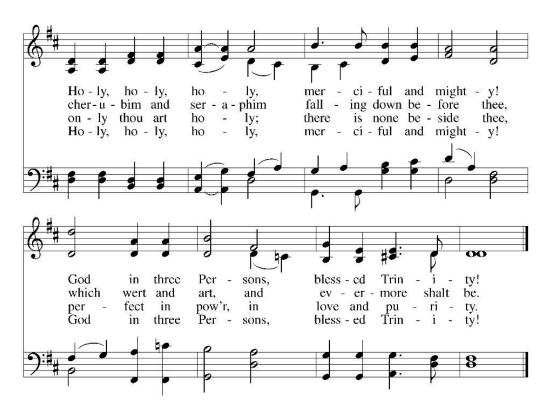
- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily 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: #165 Holy, Holy, Holy

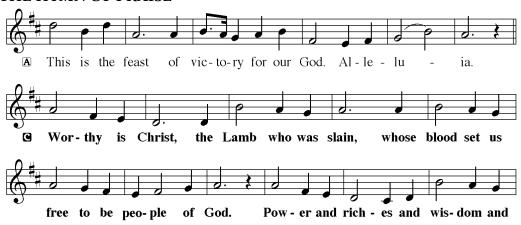




## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- 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 HYMN OF PRAISE





# THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you
- C And also with you.
- P Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.
- C Amen.



#### Please sit.

# THE FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

- <sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
- <sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- <sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
- <sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.
- <sup>22</sup> The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
- <sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
- <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—
- <sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.
- <sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- <sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
- when he assigned to the sea its limit,
  so that the waters might not transgress his command,
  when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
  then I was beside him, like a master worker;
  and I was daily his delight,
  rejoicing before him always,
- <sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

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

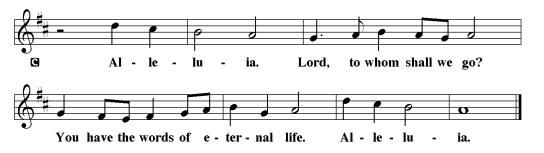
# THE SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup>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.

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- C Thanks be to God.

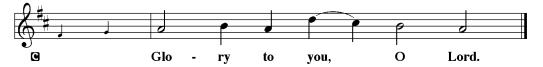
# Please stand.

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



# THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.



[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."The Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit.

## THE SERMON

# **Pastor Bill Ridenhour**

#### Please stand.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Father Most Holy



#### 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,

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

and his kingdom will have no end.

#### THE PRAYERS

A By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

# A brief silence

Holy God, we praise your Name! Help us to joyfully proclaim it to the world, and to honor it in all we do. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Father, bless and preserve your Church, purchased with the blood of your Son and sanctified with the fire of your Spirit. Keep it steadfast in faith; sound in doctrine; loving in service; generous in giving; ardent in worship; and holy in living. Make it a lamp filled with the light of your presence, guiding many to salvation in your Name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Kindle with your Spirit the hearts and minds of the people in this place. Unite us to your Son. Use us to proclaim the gospel in words and deeds to all those we meet. Help us to seek out those who most deeply need your love. Give us courage to invite them into your holy fellowship, in which they may find mercy, joy, and an eternal home. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

There is no other God beside you, who are Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Give your gifts of faith, wisdom, and righteousness to all people, especially to those who take counsel for the nations. Conform the hearts of all people to your will, and bless this war-torn world with the peace that passes human understanding. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

By the mystery of your wisdom and grace, O Lord, you give us the gift of fathers. Give fathers the strength to set an example of the joy and privilege of fatherhood. Give fathers courage to follow your will when tired and torn by all other obligations. Bless them in their holy vocation that they and their families may grow in faith, life and service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Dear Father, gather in your Son's embrace all who suffer. Bestow upon them health and salvation; and bless them, and all who care for them, with the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, we praise and adore you for welcoming our beloved dead into your eternal communion of life and love. Keep our hearts firmly fixed on you, the Lord and Giver of life, the Alpha and the Omega, the God and Father of all creation. Bring us, with the whole company of the redeemed of every time and place, every nation, tribe and tongue, into the joy of your presence, where we shall behold you face to face and adore you as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our Lord and our God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

P In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

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

Please sit.

THE ANTHEM

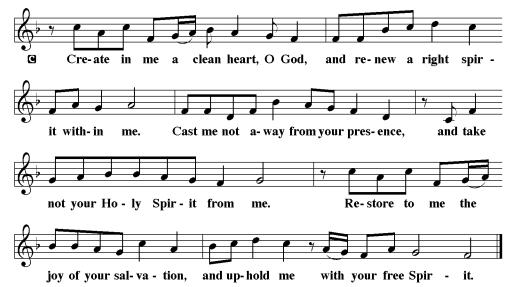
All Things Bright and Beautiful

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# THE OFFERING

#### Please stand.

# THE OFFERTORY



#### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- A Blessed are you,
- 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, almighty and everliving God.

You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor,

yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





P Holy God, holy and mighty one, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus, who in the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
- C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

- Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, 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;

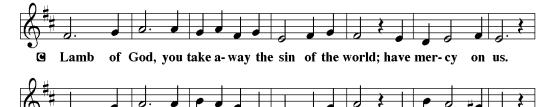
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.



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





#### 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

- 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

Silence for reflection.



# THE BENEDICTION

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

C Amen

**THE SENDING HYMN:** Holy God, We Praise Your Name (next page).

# THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tocatta in Seven Rutter

