

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
C: We will. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God  
And in Memory of Gladys Huffman  
Given by:  
Wesley and Tanya Stinson*

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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The St. James' family extends a warm welcome to visitors who have joined us for worship this morning.

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| <b><u>Attendance last Sunday:</u></b> |                     |
| Worship: 76                           |                     |
| Sunday School:                        |                     |
| <b>Last Week Giving:</b>              | <b>\$ 6,092.00</b>  |
| <b>Year to Date Giving:</b>           | <b>\$230,665.47</b> |
| <b>Weekly Budget Amount:</b>          | <b>\$ 5,965.25</b>  |
| <b>Year to Date Budget:</b>           | <b>\$238,610.00</b> |



**St. James Lutheran Worship**  
Holy Communion  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 11th, 2026

*(please stand when indicated by \*)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: **According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.** (from Psalm 51)

Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you all your sins. For thus says the Lord: I will sprinkle clean water upon you and you shall be made clean. A new heart I will give you, a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and will give you a heart of flesh. You shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:25-28)

C:**Amen.**

**HYMN: (see insert) “LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS”**

**THE CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**SERMON: PASTOR KEN REED**

**HYMN: (see insert) “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”**

**\*THE APOSTLE’S 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 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.**

**PRAYERS**

**OFFERING**

**\*WORD OF INSTITUTION**

**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 to 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**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

**\*COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: The God of all grace (+), Father, Son, Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**