

***Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***Rally Day!***

October 12th, 2025



**Divine Service 9am**

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Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
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# Welcome to St. James!

Founded in 1750, the year 2025 marks our 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being God's church. We're so glad you're here! We pray you feel warmly welcomed as we gather to celebrate God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ. He who is the same, yesterday, today, and forever!

**If you are visiting today:** Thank you for joining us today! If you have any questions, please ask! Pastor Levi and the members of our church-community would be glad to help you out. Please sign the guest book or complete a hospitality card located in the pew racks.

**Following along in the bulletin:** \*indicates the congregation stands. In our liturgical worship, **bold words** are spoken by the congregation. LBW refers to content found in the green hymnbook *Lutheran Book of Worship*. WOV refers to content found in the blue hymnbook *With One Voice*.

Presiding Minister  
Assisting Minister  
Musician

The Rev. Levi Q. Powers  
Polly Newbold  
Dave Miller

## I. GATHERING

### \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are 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.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Almighty and most Holy God,

**we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own fault, our own most grievous fault. We acknowledge our lack of faithfulness in holy service, our lack of discipline and obedience, and our lack of love. And so, we pray to you, O God, have mercy upon us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

### **OPENING VERSICLES**

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: LBW 534 - Now Thank We All Our God**

### **\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE: ELW 410 - All Glory Be to God on High



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and  
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the  
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we  
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and  
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to  
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,  
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O  
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank  
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your  
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and  
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!  
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.  
 on us all have mer - cy.  
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Prayer concludes: **Amen.**

## II. WORD

### FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

*A reading from 2 Kings.*

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a, b, c</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 111

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Great are your works, O Lord,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**
- <sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup> **You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup> You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**
- <sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.
- <sup>8</sup> **They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**
- <sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.
- <sup>10</sup> **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures  
forever.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

*A reading from 2 Timothy.*

- <sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:
- If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
- <sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;
- if we deny him, he will also deny us;
- <sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORY

L Forever, O Lord, your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 172 – Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

*{sung before and after gospel lesson}*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19**

*The holy gospel according to St. Luke.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

*The gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: WOV 693 - Baptized in Water**

### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For The Lombardi family, Justin, Stacey, Debbie, Carol, Ryan, Kevin, Max, Keith, Sara, Bob, Patrick, John, Gary, Sharon and those unable to attend church service; Janet, Janice, Greg, Helen, Alayne and Elsie, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **\*Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,  
"Peace be with you," or similar words.  
The assembly is seated.*

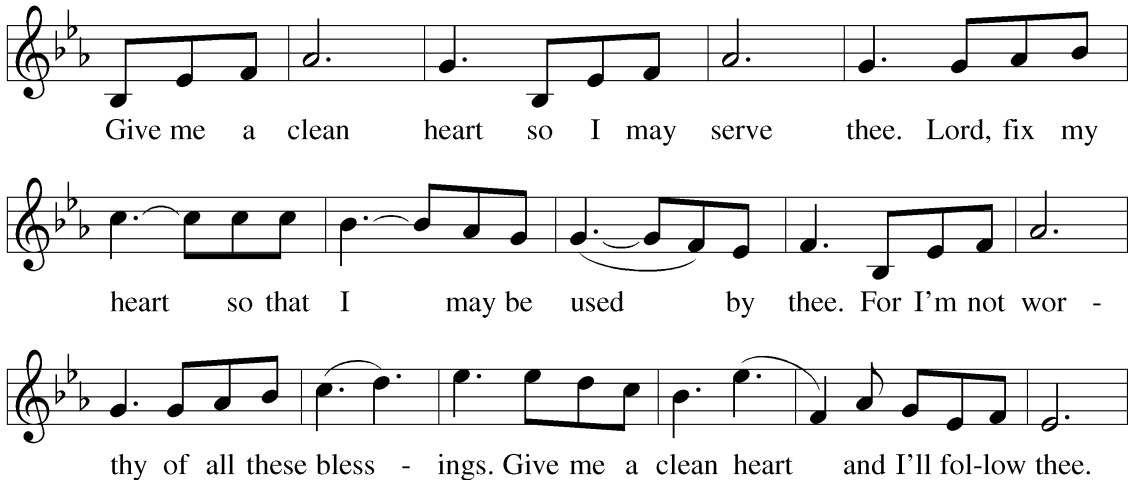
## **III. THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **OFFERTORY**



*Scan the QR Code to give electronically.  
An offering plate is in the back of the  
sanctuary if you wish to give check or  
cash. You are welcome to give to the  
ministry of St. James Lutheran Church  
freely and spontaneously. There is no  
guilt or shame. If you do give, give with  
a cheerful heart.*

### **\*OFFERING VERSE: TFF 216 – Give Me a Clean Heart**

Musical notation for the Offering Verse, consisting of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee. Lord, fix my  
heart so that I may be used by thee. For I'm not wor -  
thy of all these bless - ings. Give me a clean heart and I'll fol-low thee.



1 I'm not ask - ing for the rich - es of the land.  
2 Some-times I am up and some - times I am down.



I'm not ask - ing for the proud to know my name.  
Some-times I am al - most lev - el to the ground.



Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that I may fol - low thee.  
Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that I may fol - low thee.



Give me a clean heart, a clean heart and I will fol - low thee.  
Give me a clean heart, a clean heart and I will fol - low thee.

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Prayer concludes: **Amen.**

### **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Together with the bread and the cup we receive the body and the blood of Christ.  
We invite all baptized Christians to this sacrament.*

*Children and adults who do not yet receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward with arms folded for a blessing. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know. We commune in tables of 10-15 people.*

*The pastor will give you the bread, an assistant will give you a cup. Then two will come to pour into your cup-the first with grape juice, the second with wine. Whoever partakes receives orally the body and blood of Jesus Christ.*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... **Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:** ...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.

### **\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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**

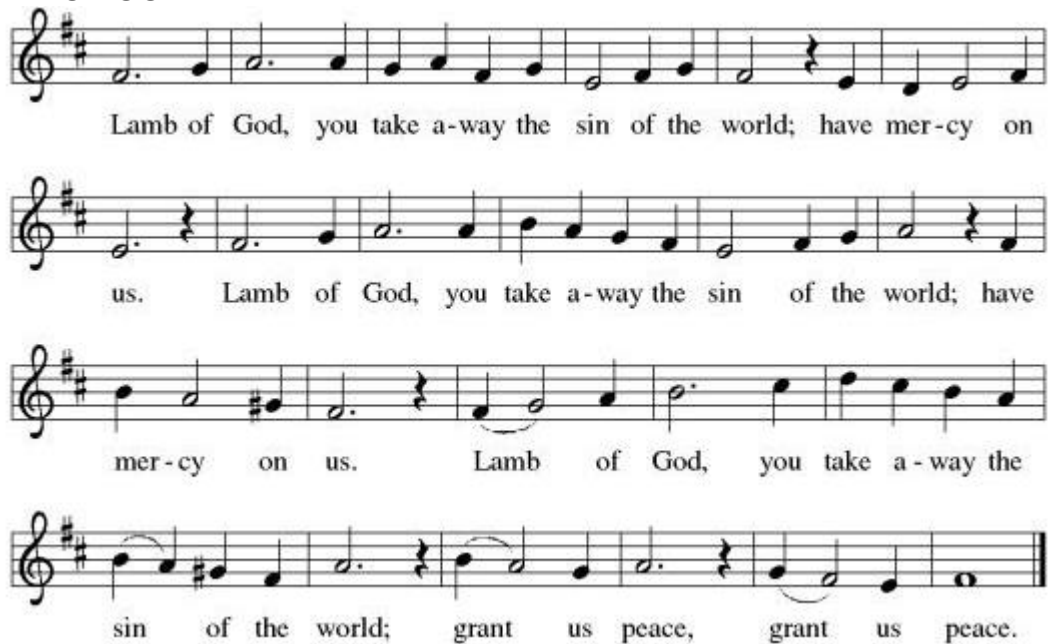
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
    hallowed be thy name,  
    thy kingdom come,  
    thy will be done,  
        on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those  
        who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
    and the power, and the glory,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

#### **COMMUNION**

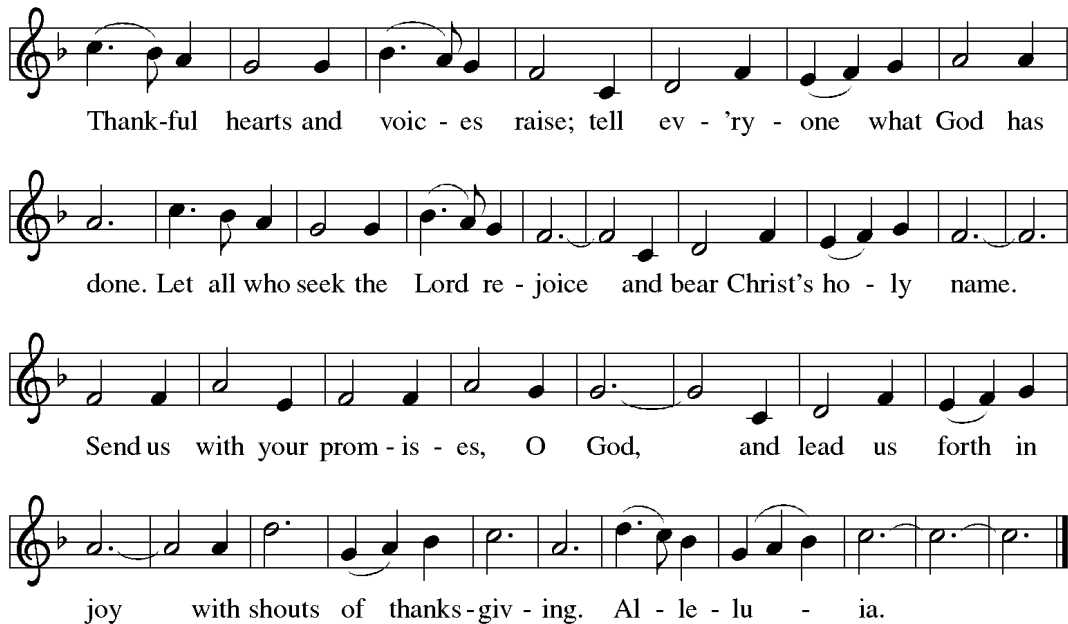
*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*  
Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

## \*POST COMMUNION SONG: ELW 206 – Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has  
done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in  
joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Prayer concludes: **Amen.**

**IV. SENDING**

**\*BLESSING**

Blessing concludes: **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG: WOV 721 - Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Social Ministry: Pullover Hoodie collection will begin September 14 thru October 12 for Phillipsburg School District middle and HS students. Adult sizes S-XXL.**

**Worship Helpers:** Joanne Willauer will be coordinating the monthly schedule. Please contact her at 610-393-6317 or [jdwillauer@rcn.com](mailto:jdwillauer@rcn.com) with your available dates!

- **Sunday, 10/12 after church:** Rally Day! Refreshments and crafts after church to celebrate the kick off of Sunday School year. All ages welcome!
- **Wednesday 10/15:** Fellowship at Sharky's 4pm-6pm
- **Thursday 10/16:** Reading the Bible with Pastor Levi – 10am at church

### **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP HELPERS**

**Usher/Greeter: Doris Lauer**

**Lector: Joanne Willauer**

**Altar Guild: Steve Stocker**

**Tellers: Steve Stocker/Jon Slaton**

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP HELPERS(10/19)**

**Usher/Greeter: Jon Slaton**

**Lector: Sue Hazelton**

**Altar Guild: Barbara/Jim Sikra**

**Tellers: Carol/Lois Steible**

Let us remember in prayer: Debbie, Carol, Ryan, Kevin, Max, Keith, Sara, Bob, Patrick, John, Gary, Sharon and those unable to attend church service; Janet, Janice, Greg, Helen, Alayne and Elsie