



Saturday, October 25, 2025, 5:30 pm
Sunday, October 26, 2025, 8:30 am

REFORMATION DAY



*Changing lives with the love of God
to the glory of God*

Welcome Guests!

We're glad you're with us today!

We hope you'll introduce yourself to the Pastor at the Church door after worship today.

Worship Schedule

Our regular worship times are:

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Sundays at 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Sunday School at 10:00 am September-June

Serving in the Lord's house today:

5:30: Daisy Karika / 8:30: Sharon Haase / 10:00: Pete Campisi

Altar flowers have been given- to the glory of God

Pastor: Neil Mittelstaedt

Pastor: Conner Forbes

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Ministers: All the people of St. James

Prelude

Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who

to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons

va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,

work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They

arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Welcome and Invocation

Confession and Absolution

P *God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our selfish desires to live for You. Give us the Holy Spirit, that, attentive to Your Word, we may confess our trespasses, receive Your forgiveness, and then walk in the new life given by Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

C Amen.

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

-Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination-

P *Gracious Father, have mercy on us.*

C **In Your compassion, forgive us our many sins, known and unknown, wrong things done and good left undone. We are sorry and want now to serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

P *Almighty God has had mercy on you and, for the sake of Jesus Christ, whom He sent to die for you, has forgiven † all your sins.
Now, living in union with Christ, may He lead you in all good works and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.*

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



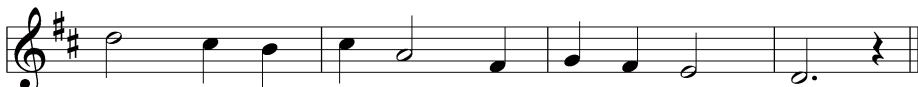
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le -



Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19–28

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 3.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

C Thanks be to God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Holy Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer of the Day

- L** *Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ.*
C **He has freed us from our sin!**
L *Help us now to trust in Your grace alone, and hear the words of Jesus who says,*
C **"Who the Son sets free, is free indeed."**
L *In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now*
C **and forever, Amen.**

Hymn: By Grace I'm Saved



- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

Sermon: Free Indeed!

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Currently, the offering plate will not be passed. There is a plate in the Narthex for you to place your offering. You may give to God and the work of His Church by mailing them in, but you can also give electronically by using the QR code below.



Offering Prayer

- L** *Eternal Father, You are God of the living.*
- C** **You have given us life...and new life in Your Son.**
- L** *Accept these gifts, we pray-*
- C** **Signs of living faith...promises of living love.**
- L** *Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- C** **Amen**

✠ Holy Communion ✠

To Our Guests Regarding Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church.
In it, He offers His true Body and Blood in and with the bread and wine.

It is the gift of Himself!

When received in faith, Holy Communion gives forgiveness, new life & salvation.
Those who receive the Lord's Supper at St. James Lutheran Church are baptized Christians,
committed in their faith in Christ, who have been instructed in and believe these truths.

(We run classes both for young people and adults – everyone welcome.)

God bless you!

Preface

P *Hallelujah: for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns! [Rev 19:6-9]*

C **Let us rejoice and exult, for the marriage of the Lamb has come,**

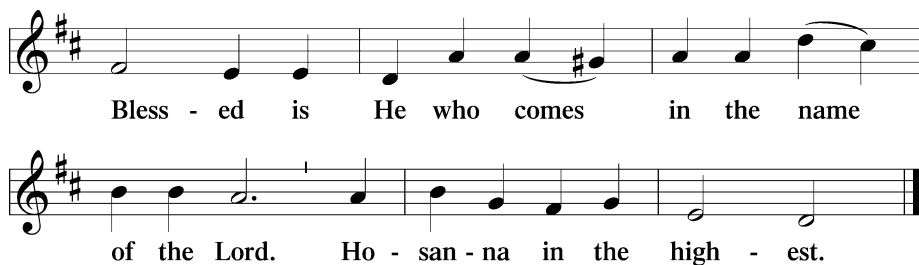
P *and His bride has made herself ready.*

C **Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**

P It is good, right, our joy, and our duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. And He will appear on earth again in great glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

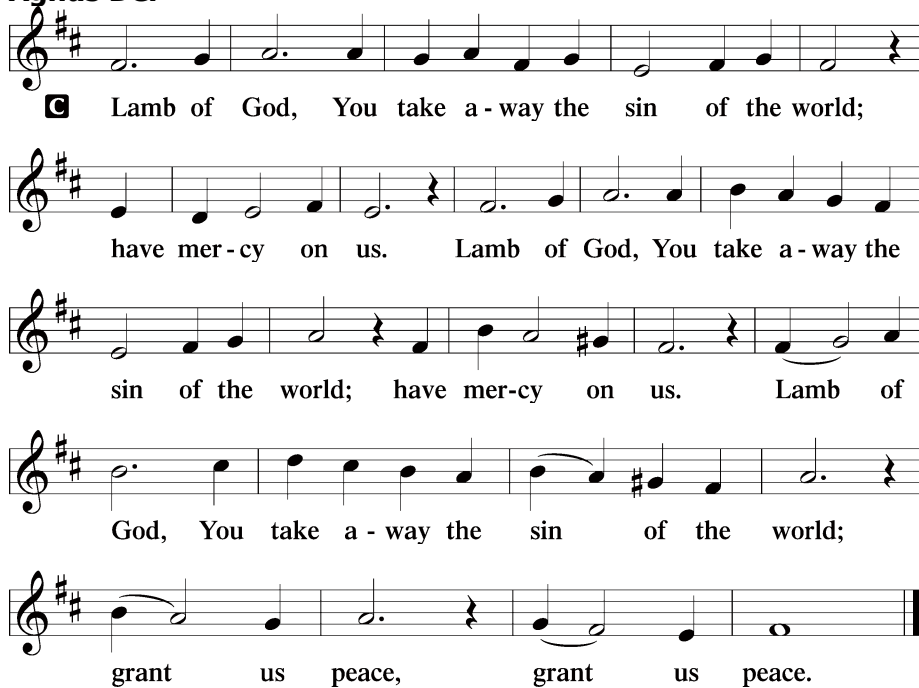
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh - and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



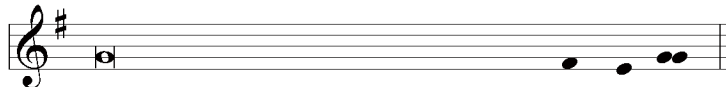
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-



es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Announcements

Closing Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are

3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your

Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that

u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.

we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.

strife And lead us out of death to life.

Postlude

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHOTOS OF OUR LOVED ONES: At the All Saints Day services (Nov.1 & 2) we mention in prayer by name the saints from our church who have been 'promoted to heaven' in the previous year. This year, for the first time, we will also show their picture. ("How will that be done?" -We anticipate having screens up (on a trial basis) at that service.) But we need you, their families, to send us a picture we can include. Without you sending in a picture, it will be just their name, as in previous years. Please email photos to Luann@stjlc.com and include: the full name of the deceased, their photo, and your contact phone #

LADIES NIGHT OUT: is on November 14th at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall! Join us to make a festive painted door mat. You can choose between a Christmas or Thanksgiving themed mat. Bring a friend and \$10 for your door mat! RSVP at STJLC Events or via the QR code on the poster.

FAMILY DINNER: is November 21st at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Show off your famous chili in our chili cook off! Your family meal will be free if you bring a chili to share. Otherwise, cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 family cap. RSVP at STJLC Events or via the QR code on the poster. Please let Emmi Forbes know if you plan to bring a chili for the competition!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Thanksgiving blessing boxes are available in the Narthex. When complete it would be appreciated if the box could be delivered to the Smithtown pantry at 90 Edgewater Ave. Smithtown, NY 11787. The last day to return boxes is November 18th. Please drop off during pantry hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 930 and 12 so that someone will be there to receive your box. In the Narthex there is a sign-up calendar for those who can assist in staffing the pantry during the busy November month. We need assistance on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 930-1230. Also Monday, November 24th and Tuesday, November 25th during the hours of 930 to 100. Thank you to all the generous hearts who support the pantry with time and donations. Questions? Please call Jeanne Harmer, 631 484-5203 or Liz Wagner, 631-862-7508.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Outreach Ministry is once again extending an invitation to all the families of our St. James Congregation, Pre-school, Sunday School, and Youth Groups, to join us in the "shoebox ministry" of Samaritan's Purse. By filling a shoe box with items for a child in need, we can help spread the love and good news of Jesus Christ. Shoeboxes will be in the Narthex, beginning Saturday October 11 and MUST be returned by Sunday November 16. Following the November 16th service, all boxes will be checked and assembled for delivery to the appropriate Church so they can be loaded on to trucks for international delivery. Please include a check for \$10, absolutely no cash, along with your shoebox, and place it inside the shoebox. This money goes towards the cost of shipping the shoeboxes and should be made out to Samaritan's Purse. Thank you so much

for your consideration and generosity! Any questions please call Angela Donohue 631-275-8886.

CALLING ALL BAKERS & SOUP MAKERS: Annual Church Craft Fair & Indoor Farmer's Market is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th from 10am to 3pm. We need your help!!! If you would like to bake some delicious items for the Craft Fair Baked Goods Table, please call Durinda Dalton at 631-897-0307. Please remember that all baked goods should be pre-wrapped and labeled with the item name. Specify if the item contains nuts. If you are making Gluten Free or other baked goods that are "free from" certain ingredients, please note that on the label. Thank you for your support and happy baking! Soup makers can call Karin Ryan at 631-862-8017. Both the soups & baked goods can be dropped off in the Parish Hall on Friday, November 7th from 5pm to 7pm

LAF UPDATE: Our October LAF luncheon has moved to Wednesday, October 29th at 12:30pm. Hope to see you there! Please register by signing up in the narthex and bring \$10 to be paid at the door.

REMINDERS

TROOP 301 NEWS: St James Lutheran Church very own Scout Troops, Troop 301B & Troop 301G have new Scoutmasters! Please welcome Chris Philp and Katie Saar and their families to St James Lutheran Church.

Thank you all for your support and your blessings to our Church Community & Scout Community.

Our Scout Troops meet every Thursday night at 7PM in the Parish Hall.

We will be going on our 60th year soon!

More to come.

COR -Bill Irmscher

COMPASSION PLUS 1 HOUR OF TIME: That's all that's needed to make a difference in the life of another. We are the Caregivers of St. James Lutheran Church - we send cards, make phone calls, provide transportation to/from appointments and visit the shut-in and the lonely - each of these are "life-giving, care-giving opportunities"! Would you like to Make a Difference - if so, please call Bonnie Spiegel at 631-584-2340 or email ladybon@optimum.net. You may also visit our Caregiver's table in the Cafe!

GIVING WITH SUBSPLASH: In order to ensure the most secure and seamless experience, we will be transitioning to a new giving platform. **We will be moving from Vanco to Subsplash.** This change will help us manage resources more effectively, at less cost, and make it even easier for you to support the mission of our church. Visit stjlc.com and click on the tab that says "Give" for full directions on how to make the switch! If you need

assistance, please email Luann at luann@stjlc.com or call 631-584-5212. If needed, you may make an appointment for help!

CHURCH OFFERINGS: If you do not use our electronic offering service, you may mail your church offering to the Church Office, 230 Second Ave, St. James, NY, 11780. Thank you for your continued support of our church!

TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS: Call Connie Marohn at 862-7123 after you have signed up for your requested date in the Altar Flower Book in the Narthex. Please use an Altar Guild envelope located in the Narthex to place your check for \$25.00 for *each* Bouquet payable to St. James Lutheran Church Flowers and the wording you wish printed in the bulletin. Place the envelope into the offering plate or mail to 230 Second Ave., NY 11780. Envelopes must be received by Monday for the subsequent weekend.

THANKSGIVING

2025

AT SMITHTOWN FOOD PANTRY

~ ADOPT A FAMILY ~

**WE PROVIDE THE BOX – WE ASK YOU TO FILL IT WITH ALL
THE FIXINGS FOR A COMPLETE THANKSGIVING DINNER**

4 cans vegetables	1 box instant potatoes
2 cans cranberry sauce	2 boxes stove top stuffing
1 large can yams (or 2 small)	3 cans fruit
1 juice (64 ounce) or juice boxes	2 turkey gravy
Cake mix / brownie mix / cookie mix	muffin mix

Add "Extras"

bag of candy, hot chocolate, marshmallows, cookies, icing, applesauce
shelf-stable milk, evaporated milk, pumpkin, can pie filling, pie crust
NO FRESH FRUIT OR VEGETABLES

The box can be decorated - Put a Prayer or Note in the box

*****The Pantry will provide the turkey *****

LAST DAY TO RETURN THE BOX - NOVEMBER 18

BLESSINGS TO YOU & YOUR FAMILY

631- 265-7676 (smithtownpantry@optonline.net)
90 Edgewater Avenue, Smithtown, NY 11787

PLEASE – USE PACKING TAPE ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BOX

Last year, between Thanksgiving and New Year's 522 Holiday Meals were provided for our neighbors

Peek at the Week

SUNDAY October 26

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship and Baptism of Kinsley Joy McGayhey and Teagan Quinn McGayhey (Sanctuary)

6:30pm – 8pm High School TOF Night (Upper Room)

MONDAY October 27

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

7:30pm MAD Ministry Meeting (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY October 28

7pm – 9pm Chosen Group (Parish Hall)

7:30pm Moms Group (Upper Room)

WEDNESDAY October 29

10am-12pm Griefshare (Youth Room)

12:30 LAF Luncheon (Parish Hall)

6:30pm-7:30pm Confirmation Class (Parish Hall)

6:30pm – 7:30pm Getting Clear Part 2 (Library)

7:45pm-9pm Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY October 30

10am-12pm Chosen Group (Youth Room)

7pm – 9:30pm Troop 301 Meeting (Parish Hall)

FRIDAY October 31

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY November 1

8am – 10am Bacon, Eggs, and Bible Men's Group (Norway Hall)

8am-7pm Troop 201 Eagle Court of Honor (Parish Hall)

5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY November 2

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30am – 12:15pm King's Kids Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

2pm – 4pm TOF Costume Bingo Fundraiser (Parish Hall)