

Saturday, October 4, 2025, 5:30 pm
Sunday, October 5, 2025, 8:30 am

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*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: Greg Buscarino / 8:30: Sandra McIlveen and Sam Eisen / 10:00: Erin Bradbury

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: Blessed Jesus, We are Here

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and

all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,

Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -

sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

Welcome and Invocation

Confession and Absolution

P Because we have faith in God's mercy, we dare to approach Him with confidence.

- Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination -

P Holy and merciful God,

C **we confess our sinfulness and our offenses against You.**

You alone know how often we have wandered from Your good ways, wasted Your excellent gifts, and forgotten Your amazing love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry and ashamed for all we have done against You.

Forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

P Hear the good news! "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." *[John 3:16]*
Jesus was given by His Father to save sinners, therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

9 Amen. Aid us, now Lord, to enjoy Your presence, share our faith, and show your ways.

P Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast

[illegible]

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

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

whose blood set us free to be people 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 -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

A The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4.

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from unchastity; ⁴ that each one of you know how to take a wife for himself in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like heathen who do not know God; ⁶ that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we solemnly forewarned you. ⁷ For God has not called us for uncleanness, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

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



Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 19:4-6

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.



⁴[Jesus Said:] "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh'? ⁶So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Prayer of the Day

- L** *Dear Heavenly Father, the lives of each of our children and grandchildren give us such joy and pleasure;*
- C** **we praise and thank You for each of them.**
- L** *As they grow into adulthood, please continue to lead, guide, instruct and correct them.*
- C** **Develop in each one a heavenly perspective**
- L** *and a true understanding of the Christian life,*
- C** **so that they grow in grace and in a right relationship with You.**
- L** *Bring the right spouse into the life of each of these dear children,*
- C** **the husband or wife of Your choice,**
- L** *so that the couple, together with you, may become a threefold cord*
- C** **which is not easily broken;**
- L** *through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now*
- C** **and forever. Amen.**

Hymn: Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing

1 Gra - cious Sav - ior, grant Your bless - ing To this
 2 Lord, if You are not the build - er, Then the
 4 Make their love a liv - ing pic - ture Show - ing

hus - band and this wife, That in peace they
 house is built in vain, For a home with -
 how You loved Your bride: When You gave Your -

live to - geth - er In Your love through - out their life.
 out Your pres - ence Shall with - out true love re - main.
 self to cleanse her, When for her You bled and died.

Christ, de - fend them from the tempt - er And from
 Yet when You with - in a mar - riage Come and
 Je - sus, You have made her ho - ly, Pure and

all that would de - stroy Love's foun - da - tion
 dwell with grace di - vine, There You fill the
 fair her ra - diant train; To Your - self, Your

You have laid here, And its thresh - old paved with joy.
 emp - ty ves - sels, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
 Church pre - sent - ing, With - out wrin - kle, spot, or stain.

Sermon: I am an Instructor in Sexual Discipleship

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

P Heavenly Father, You have generously blessed us in Christ,
C and made us rich in gifts, spiritual and material.
P We offer them back to You, O Father.
C We trust you with everything.
P 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 The Lord be with you.



C And al-so 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** Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives You praise.
- C** **In the fullness of time You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to share our human nature,**
- P** to live and die as one of us,
- C** **to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.**
- P** He healed the sick
- C** **and opened the eyes of the blind.**
- P** He proclaimed the good news of Your kingdom to the poor and to those in need,
- C** **and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners.**
- P** He was the place on earth where people really met with You.
- C** **We give You thanks that He still receives struggling men and women, calling us friends,**
- P** for His perfect sacrifice has destroyed the barrier of sin and judgement,
- C** **and by raising Him to life You give us life for evermore.**
- P** Therefore with the angels and archangels, and with all the residents of heaven, we honor and glorify Your holy 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.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

C 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.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Thank the Lord

C 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 -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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: O Father, All Creating

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1 O Fa - ther, all cre - at - ing, Whose wis - dom, love, and pow'r
3 O Spir - it of the Fa - ther, Breathe on them from a - bove,
4 Un - less You build it, Fa - ther, The house is built in vain;



First bound two lives to - geth - er In E - den's pri - mal hour,
So search - ing in Your pure - ness, So ten - der in Your love
Un - less You, Sav - ior, bless it, The joy will turn to pain.



To - day to these Your chil - dren Your ear - liest gifts re - new:
That, guard - ed by Your pres - ence And kept from strife and sin,
But noth - ing breaks the u - nion Of hearts in You made one;



A home by You made hap - py, A love by You kept true.
Their hearts may heed Your guid - ance And know You dwell with - in.
The love Your Spir - it hal - lows Is end - less love be - gun.

Postlude: Fantasia

Johann Pachelbel

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

TRUNK OR TREAT: Please join us on October 25th, from 2pm – 4pm for Trunk or Treat! Interested in how you can help? Please email luann@stjlc.com to let us know if you can decorate a trunk, donate some candy, or bring your family and friends! For more information, please visit stjlc.com/events.

THANK YOU: I want to thank everyone who helped with the memorial lunch for my husband Mathew. It was a lot of work: setting everything up, and then the laundry, dishes and other various cleaning that was done afterward. I even left you with the flower vases to take care of, for which I apologize. In short, the lunch would not have taken place without your help, and I wanted you to know it was greatly appreciated. Thanks again and may the Lord bless you all.

With my love,
Evelyn Ward

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!

FAMILY DINNER: Our next Family Dinner is on Friday, October 17th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 family cap. Men's Pints and Parables immediately after beginning at 7:30pm Bring your kids and join us for food & fellowship! RSVP via stjlc.com/events

LAPTOP NEEDED: The church could really use another laptop for presentations etc. If you have upgraded to a new one or just have one sitting around that we could use, please contact Luann at the church office. luann@stjlc.com. We would so appreciate it.

REMINDERS

THANK YOU FROM OUTREACH MINISTRY: Outreach Ministry assembled 100 school kits at their recent meeting. These kits will go on the yearly Orphan Grain Train Truck coming in May and will be sent here and abroad wherever needed. Each school bag kit contains: 2 spiral notebooks, 2 pens, 2 pencils, 2 glue sticks, 10 sheets construction paper, a ruler, sharpener, eraser, scissors, box of crayons and a box of colored pencils. A big THANK YOU to: Jerri Monthie for sewing the 100 bags, Janet Brienza for getting a \$250 Thrivent Action Card to purchase some of the items, the congregation for donating the remaining school kit items, the Outreach lady packers and our great box packer Jim Sauer! May God bless each child receiving these school kits! Outreach Ministry will now be meeting in the Parish Hall at a new time on the first Monday of each month. (6:30 fellowship/7:00 meeting) Come join us October 6th and help us "reach out" to families here and abroad with our monthly projects/activities.

FOOD PANTRY: Looking ahead, November is St. James Lutherans month to staff the Smithtown Food Pantry. We thank all those who have generously donated time and food products. We are looking to have three volunteers each pantry day. The sign-up will soon be posted in the church Narthex. Volunteers are needed for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 0930 -1230. Then there are additional days that the pantry will be open in November for the Thanksgiving holiday where the pantry will be providing Thanksgiving blessing boxes to families in need. Congregational youth are always welcome, ages 16-18 on Saturdays. Spanish speaking is specially needed. At the current time, there is a special need for shampoo, paper towels, deodorant and chunky soups. Donations can be left in the narthex red bin. Monetary donations can be sent directly to the Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry, PO BOX 1663, Smithtown, NY 11787. The pantry will be closed, Saturday, October 4th. Questions, contact Jeanne Harmer 631-484-5203 or Liz Wagner at 631-862-7508. "Lord help us to be your hands and feet in our community reflecting the love and compassion of Jesus Christ."

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.

Peek at the Week

SUNDAY October 5

TOF Box City

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship (Sanctuary)

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

MONDAY October 6

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

6:30pm Outreach (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY October 7

7pm – 9pm Chosen Group (Parish Hall)

7:30pm Moms Group (Upper Room)

WEDNESDAY October 8

9:45-10:45am Coffee and Conversation – Parenting with Joy (Norway Hall)

10am-12pm Griefshare (Youth Room)

6:30pm-7:30pm Chancel Chimes Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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 9

10am-12pm Chosen Group (Youth Room)

7pm Troop 301 Meeting/Fall Court of Honor (Parish Hall)

FRIDAY October 10

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

4:15pm Wedding of Nigel Perrone and Brittany Panzer

SATURDAY October 11

5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY October 12

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship (Sanctuary)

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

630pm – 8pm TOF High School Night (Upper Room)

The background of the flyer is decorated with various candy-themed illustrations. In the top left, there is a red and orange striped candy. In the top right, there is a green and yellow candy. In the middle right, there is a red and orange swirl candy. In the bottom left, there is a green and yellow candy. In the bottom right, there is a green and yellow candy. There are also several small orange and green circles scattered around the text.

Trunk or Treat

**October 25th
2 pm - 4 pm**

St James Lutheran Church Parking Lot
230 2nd Ave. St James NY 11780

There are 3 possible ways to get involved.

- 1. Come to the Event with your Kids or Grandkids**
- 2. Decorate your Trunk!**
- 3. Donate a bag of candy!**

This will be a safe Outdoor Event

**To Enter with a "trunk" please email
Luann at Luann@stjlc.com**