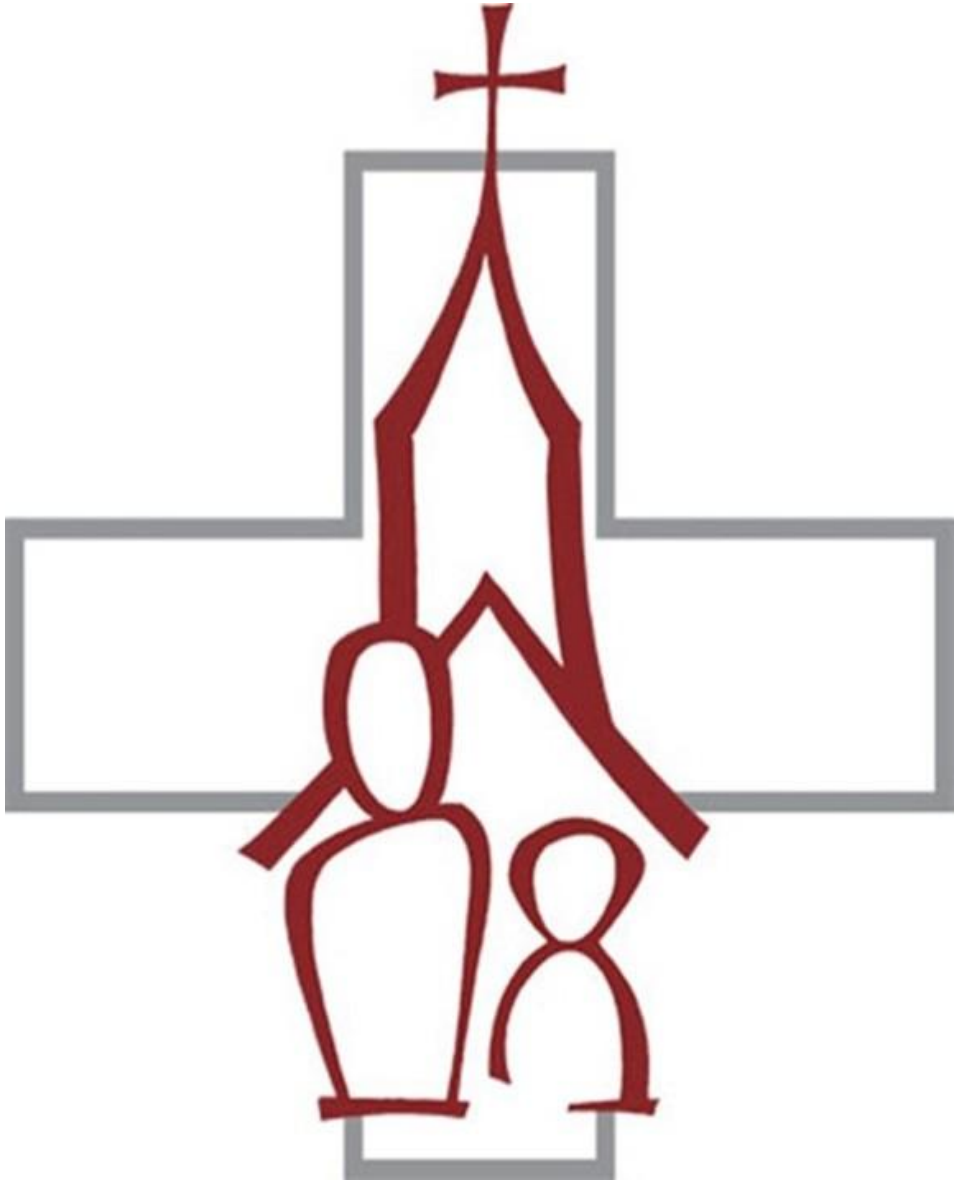




Sunday, November 23, 2025, 10 am

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR



*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: Jim and Laretta Sauer / 8:30: Erin Bradbury / 10:00: Carol Chirco

Altar flowers have been given- For PaPa Johnner on his birthday.

-From the Johnner Family

Pastor: Neil Mittelstaedt

Pastor: Conner Forbes

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Ministers: All the people of St. James

Opening Song: How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice!
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice!

[Chorus]:

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, How great is our God!

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end,
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb!

[Chorus]

You're the Name above all names, worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing, "How great is our God!"

[Repeat]

[Chorus 2x]

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Song: Lord We Give Thanks (King's Kids Choir)

Mark Patterson

(Children come to the front of the Church)

Children's Message

Lord's Prayer

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Hymn: Awesome is the Lord Most High

Verse 1

Great are You Lord mighty in strength
You are faithful and You will ever be
We will praise You all of our days
It's for Your glory we offer ev'rything

Chorus 1

Raise your hands all you nations
Shout to God all creation
How awesome is the Lord most high

Verse 2

Where You send us God we will go
You're the answer we want the world to know
We will trust You when You call our name
Where You lead us we'll follow all the way

Chorus 2

Raise your hands all you nations
Shout to God all creation
How awesome is the Lord most high

We will praise You together
for now and forever
How awesome is the Lord most high

Bridge

Hallelujah hallelujah
How awesome is the Lord most high
Hallelujah hallelujah
How awesome is the Lord most high

Chorus 2

The Lord most high

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 46

A The Old Testament Reading is from Psalm 46.

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
¹⁰^aBe still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1–4, 8–10

A The Epistle is from 2 Thessalonians, chapter 2.

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ⁹The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 21:8–19, 25–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁸And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Prayer of the Day

- L** *O Lord, as the end draws near, Your word is fulfilled:*
- C** **there are earthquake and famine, warfare, pestilence, and lawlessness.**
- L** *Your word is also fulfilled through Your Son Jesus Christ*
- C** **Who died and rose again conquering sin, death, and all evil.**
- L** *Help us now to be still and know that You are God*
- C** **So that we may know, You God are our refuge, strength and, our fortress.**
- 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.**

Sermon: Be Still and Know that I Am God

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**

Confession & 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.**

✠ 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



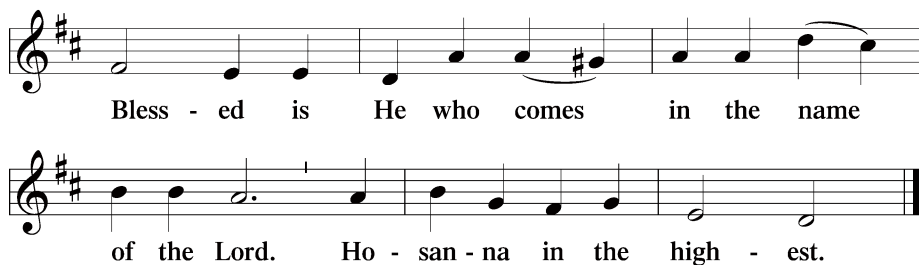
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



Distribution

Distribution Song: His Mercy is More



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His



nis - cient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
 Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home? He
 blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore; Our
 wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our
 stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our



sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more. (to verse 2)
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 sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more,



Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is more.



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our



sins, they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

Prayer after Communion

- L** *We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this gift of Christ's body and blood,*
- C** **and we pray that, by our communion with Him, new life would flow in us,**
- L** *strengthening our faith in You*
- C** **and our service toward one another,**
- L** *enabling us to participate in the mission of our risen Lord*
- C** **among our neighbors and throughout the world;**
- L** *through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now*
- C** **and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Closing Song: Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

[Chorus]
Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of
Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth [Chorus]



Please join us downstairs after the 10 a.m. Service in the Parish Hall for the SJ Cafe.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart. Please join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 26th at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

LIVE NATIVITY: at the St. James Holiday Market is Saturday December 6th from 1pm to 7pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to sign up as either an actor, or a greeter, or a hospitality/drink and cookie person. We need all of you!!! A sign-up sheet has been emailed to the congregation, but can also be found on stjlc.com or our facebook page.

LAF: Dear Seniors, please sign up for the next LAF (Lunch Among Friends) luncheon to be held on December 10th. This will be a Christmas theme so wear that Christmas sweater! We will have a carol sing and lots of good cheer so sign up in the Narthex! Cost is \$10 and feel free to bring a friend or neighbor. Pastor Neil and Carol

ANGEL TREE: The Angel Tree for Olsens is up. Please pick a resident's name off the tree. Put resident's name, your name, and phone number on the sheet. Please Return by December 14^h and put gifts under the table.

DECORATE OUR CHURCH: Come Saturday morning, December 6, as we prepare for Sunday's decorating by bringing up boxes and setting up the trees. Time is 9:00am -about an hour. On Sunday, December 7th after 10:00 service, we'll begin decorating. Usually, some parents with kids decorate the trees in the Parish Hall while others decorate upstairs in the Sanctuary. Some put the Chrismons (church symbols made by past members) on trees, hang up Christmas sprays on doors and sconces, hang up the garland, or put together the candles for candle lighting services. With everyone's help we finish quickly. Hope you can join in.

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING: After our services on the weekend of November 22/23, we will hold a special voter's meeting where we will discuss and vote on the matter of screens in the sanctuary. The vote will be by paper ballot, and will be counted after the 10:00 service.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING: On Sunday, November 30, shortly after the 10:00 service, each family will be picking up supplies to make their own family Advent Wreath—one

Styrofoam ring, 4 purple & 1 pink candle, plus ribbon for a bow, and more. We suggest that you bring a pair or two of outdoor shears to cut the brush for the wreath. Join us in the Parish Hall.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: We invite you to a special service for those experiencing grief, loss, and loneliness during this holiday season, Saturday, Dec. 20th from 5:30-6:30 pm. The reality is, Christmastime can amplify feelings of sorrow and pain, while also adding pressure to smother those feelings and just be 'merry'. This service will be more reflective, candle-lit, in a setting where weary hearts can come as they are to God, who came to us in Jesus ("a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief"), to find solace and a sense of hope. We invite you and maybe someone you know to join us. Come as you are, leave as you are.

REMINDERS

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: In the Narthex, there is a sign-up calendar for assistance in staffing the pantry during the busy November month. We will need some strong arms to assist in handing out Thanksgiving boxes on Saturday, November 22, Monday, November 24th and Tuesday, November 25th from 0930 to 100. Please note that on these 3 volunteer days, you must park at the St. Thomas church parking lot and NOT by the food pantry. Thank you to all who have given generously time and donations!! Questions? Please call Jeanne Harmer 631-484-5203. "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 November 23

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship (Sanctuary)

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

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

MONDAY November 24

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

7pm – 9pm MAD Ministry Meeting (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY November 25

7:30pm Moms Group (Upper Room)

WEDNESDAY November 26

10am – 12pm Griefshare (Youth Room)

7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY November 27

FRIDAY November 28

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY November 29

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

5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY November 30

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship (Sanctuary) and advent wreath making after Service.

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