

"PROPHET, PRIEST, & JUDGE"

SAMUEL



Saturday, July 12, 2025, 5:30 pm
Sunday, July 13, 2025, 8:30 am

FIFTH 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: Owen Schmideler / 10:00: Sharon Haase

Altar flowers have been given- for Kennedy Paige English on her Holy Baptism Day
and

for Parker Joseph Vasallo in celebration of his second birthday.

Pastor: Neil Mittelstaedt

Pastor: Conner Forbes

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Ministers: All the people of St. James

Prelude: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Marianne Kim

Opening Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Welcome and Invocation

Confession and Absolution

- P** *Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us not avoid Him by reason of our guilt, but rather believe in His kindness and forgiveness, confess to Him our sin, and walk in newness of life.*

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

- P** *Eternal Father, all-seeing and loving God,*
C **Look upon us, Your children, with mercy, for we have sinned.**
Your laws are just and very good, but we have trespassed their boundaries.
Forgive us our offenses, cleanse us from evil thoughts and vain desires,
and by Your grace, draw us near to live in You.
P *Jesus Christ is the faithful One who lived and gave His life for mankind's salvation.*
Peace with God is by faith in Him, and the Father pours His love into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given us for Christ's sake.
Then have faith and receive this: all your sins are forgiven,
in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Glory be to God in Heaven



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 4:1-11, 5:1-4, 6-7, 6:1, 7:1-4

A The Old Testament Reading is from 1 Samuel.

Narr: Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines. They encamped at Ebenezer, and the Philistines encamped at Aphek. ² The Philistines drew up in line against Israel, and when the battle spread, Israel was defeated before the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men on the field of battle.

All: ³ And when the people came to the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the Lord defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord here from Shiloh, that it may come among us and save us from the power of our enemies."

Narr: ⁴ So the people sent to Shiloh and brought from there the ark of the covenant of the Lord of hosts, who is enthroned on the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. ⁵ As soon as the ark of the covenant of the Lord came into the camp, all Israel gave a mighty shout, so that the earth resounded. ⁶ And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shouting, they said, "What does this great shouting in the camp of the Hebrews mean?" And when they learned that the ark of the Lord had come to the camp,

Men: ⁷ the Philistines were afraid, for they said, "A god has come into the camp." And they said, "Woe to us! For nothing like this has happened before.

Women: ⁸ Woe to us! Who can deliver us from the power of these mighty gods? These are the gods who struck the Egyptians with every sort of plague in the wilderness.

All: ⁹ Take courage, and be men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews as they have been to you; be men and fight."

Narr: ¹⁰ So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and they fled, every man to his home. And there was a very great slaughter, for thirty thousand foot soldiers of Israel fell. ¹¹ And the ark of God was captured, and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

¹When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. ² Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon. ³ And when the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the Lord. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place.

All: ⁴ But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the Lord, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him.

Men: The hand of the Lord was heavy against the people of Ashdod, and he terrified and afflicted them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territory.

Women" ⁷ And when the men of Ashdod saw how things were, they said, "The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for his hand is hard against us and against Dagon our god."

Narr: ¹ The ark of the Lord was in the country of the Philistines seven months. And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the ark of the Lord and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill. And they consecrated his son Eleazar to have charge of the ark of the Lord. ² From the day that the ark was lodged at Kiriath-jearim, a long time passed, some twenty years, and all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord. ³ And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the Lord with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." ⁴ So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served the Lord only.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



C These things are writ-en that you may be-lieve that

Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

Holy Gospel Reading

John 14: 25-27

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

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

²⁵These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer, Hith-er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or Dai-ly I'm con-
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin-ning, I shall see Thy

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea-sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet-ter
 love-ly face; Clothed then in the blood-washed lin-en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end-less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good-ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter-posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Sermon: God's Not A Good Luck Charm

Apostles' Creed

**☐ 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** *Each of the gifts we bring You,*
- C** **You first have given us.**
- L** *Accept our gifts as signs of our love –*
- C** **The fruit of our gratitude.**
- 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

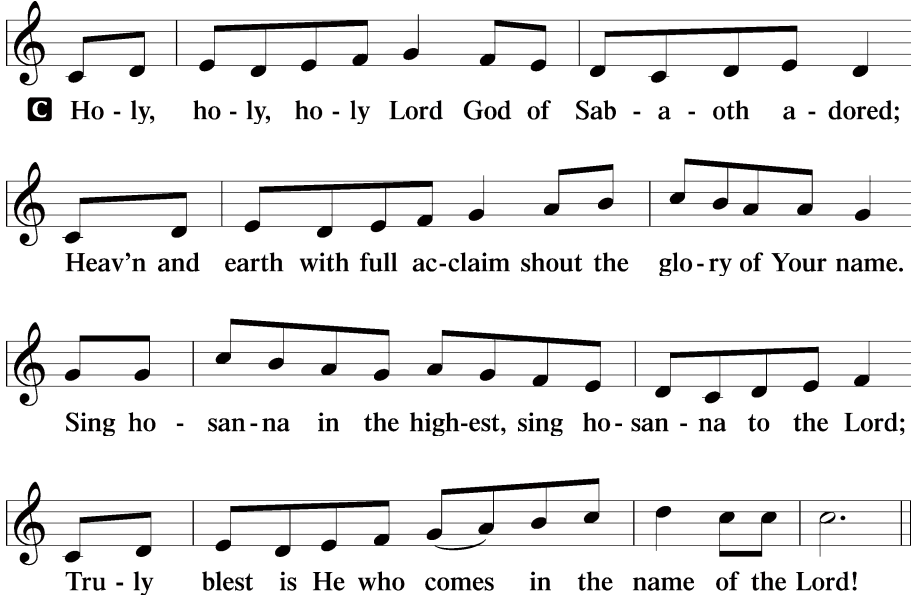
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

- 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** *Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.*
- C** **He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are His children and to strengthen us when we are weak.**
- P** *Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever, even as we sing:*

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: What Is This Bread?

1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine? The blood of
3 So who am I, That I should
4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace
live and He should die Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

Nunc Dimittis



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Benediction

Announcements

Closing Hymn: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,

With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;

Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

Postlude: Postludium

Adolf Hesse

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEADS UP: "JULY" SCHOOL SUPPLIES SALES ARE COMING: Outreach Ministry would like to make 100 school kits to help school children in need succeed and feel good about their upcoming school year. Jeri Monthie has already graciously sewn over 60 tote bags for us to fill! Janet Brienza requested a \$250.00 Thrivent Action card! That card will be used to buy notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, and pencil sharpeners. Check out sales in the coming weeks at Target, Staples & Wal-Mart. If you would like to make a difference, please pick a tag or two from the Narthex Giving Tree and help us fill the school bags with the other needed items. Please return donations by Sunday, August 3rd, in the marked bin underneath the Giving Tree. Thank you so much and happy school shopping! Note: It is also a great time to buy "extra" to save for your Christmas Child shoeboxes we make in November.

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF MISSION TRIP: August 10th – August 16th, we're heading to Hendersonville, NC to serve communities still recovering from Hurricane Helene, and you're invited to be part of this powerful week of relief work, spiritual care, and Christian fellowship. We'll be partnering with volunteers from Calvary Lutheran Church (East Meadow) for this trip – joining together as one team, united in mission and service. We will be doing chainsaw work, house restoration/cleanup, human care/spiritual first aid, and helping to support local churches and families. Please contact Pr. Neil with any questions. pastorneil@stjlc.com

REMINDERS

MOMS PLAYGROUND MEET-UP: Join us at the STJLC playground on Wednesday's from 10am-12pm beginning July 9th through August 20th. Kids of all ages are invited. Community time for moms and play time for kids!

CHURCH BEACH BBQ/PICNIC: Please join us on August 20th from 5pm-8pm at Schubert's Beach for a BBQ and Picnic! RSVP using the QR code on our flyer which can be found by going to stjlc.com and clicking on the events tab. Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be provided. Please bring either a salad or a dessert to share, along with drinks for your family.

SMITHTOWN FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Thank you to all who have helped serve this month and for all your generous donations received! The pantry will continue to be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10-12. In addition, during July and August the pantry will be open Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm. We are in need of pantry volunteers on Wednesday evenings to help stock and hand out food. If you can help, please call Jeanne Harmer, 631-585-5631, or Liz Wagner, 631-862-7508. The pantry will be closed July

5th. At the current time, the pantry is in need of deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, soap, hand and body lotion, laundry detergent, tampax/pads, dish detergent, coffee, tea and chunky soups. Donations can be left in the narthex red bin. Monetary donations can be sent directly to the Smithtown Food Pantry, PO BOX 1663, Smithtown, NY 11787. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

VBS ITEMS NEEDED: Snack items are needed to make the daily snacks for the children who attend VBS. A list of the items needed is located in the narthex. If you would like to donate items for the snacks please sign your name & include your phone number next to the item you would like to donate. Please contact VBS snack leader Eve Miceli at 631-523-6021.

SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF LANCASTER PA: Join us as we journey back in time, to experience the show NOAH at the Sight and Sound theatre in Lancaster, PA on October 1st and 2nd. We will be going by coach motor bus and sightseeing the Amish countryside, a movie presentation of JACOB, the show NOAH and more. Accommodations have been made for one night at the Heritage Inn and breakfast/dinner, taxes and gratuities, all admissions are included. All this for only \$369 pp. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Haase at 631-241-6066. This will be a very exciting trip and is open to everyone. So Come Along and have a great time as we go back in time.

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 July 13

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Worship /Baptism of Kennedy Paige English/Children's Church (Sanctuary)

MONDAY July 14

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

TUESDAY July 15

7:30pm Mom's Group (Upper Room)

WEDNESDAY July 16

10am Moms Meet up/Playdate (Playground)

6:30pm Outreach Meeting (Parish Hall)

THURSDAY July 17

10:30am Summer Bible Study (Youth Room)

7:30pm – 9pm Summer Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY July 18

Youth Gathering Trip

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY July 19

Youth Gathering Trip

9am – 1pm Farmers Market (Big Parking Lot)

5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY July 20

Youth Gathering Trip

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Worship and Children's Church (Sanctuary)

12pm Baptism of James William Farrell and Kaylee Ann Farrell