

“PROPHET, PRIEST, & JUDGE”

SAMUEL



Saturday, August 16, 2025, 5:30 pm
Sunday, August 17, 2025, 8:30 am

TENTH 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: Sandra McIlveen / 8:30: Daisy Karika / 10:00: Sharon Haase

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: Pastorale

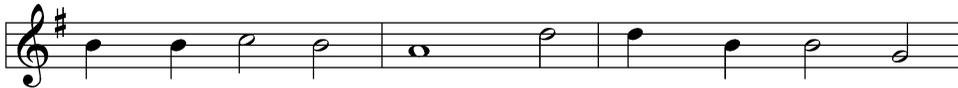
Raymond H. Haan

Opening Hymn: Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LSB 528



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

Welcome and Invocation

Confession and Absolution

- P** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
C **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** [1 John 1:8-9]

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.*

G **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 17:2–14, 41–49

A The Old Testament Reading is from 1 Samuel, chapter 17.

²And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in line of battle against the Philistines. ³And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. ⁴And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

⁵He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him. ⁸He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." ¹⁰And the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together." ¹¹When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

¹²Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons. In the days of Saul the man was already old and advanced in years. ¹³The three oldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle. And the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. ¹⁴David was the youngest. The three eldest followed Saul,

⁴¹And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴²And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." ⁴⁵Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."

⁴⁸When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia



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

C These things are writ-ten 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

Luke 6:46-49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

⁴⁶“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayer of the Day

L *Lord Jesus Christ, You are the champion who has gone before us.*

C **On the cross, You have destroyed every "Goliath" - sin, satan, and death itself."**

L *Give us the comfort and confidence to face every evil in this life,*

C **because to Your name Jesus, every knee will bow.**

L *In Your name Jesus we pray, as You reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, One God, now*

C **And forever, Amen.**

Hymn: We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Sermon: Every Giant Will Fall

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** *Eternal God, if it were not enough that you provide us with every spiritual blessing,*
- C** **you provide us with worldly wealth, as well.**
- L** *We offer these things back to you.*
- C** **Take, too, our lives. Mold them to your will.**
- 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



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: Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Nunc Dimittis



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: Now Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Postlude: Toccata Breve

Edward Broughton

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: Many thanks and appreciation go out to our guest organist Eleanor Gould, for sharing her gift of music today.

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.

GRIEFSHARE: Our GriefShare class will begin on Wednesday SEPTEMBER 10TH in the Youth Room. Time of sessions is 10AM to Noon. This 13-week program encompasses a 30 minute video seminar where you will hear insights from recovery experts. A group discussion will follow to discuss grief-related issues while you are getting to know others who understand what you are going through. Through discussion you will receive comfort and support. You will gain personal recovery tips for navigating your grief and discover the 6 signs of healing through your personal

workbook. The topics that are covered include the following: Your grief journey; sadness and loneliness; fear and anxiety; anger; regrets; grief and your relationships; questions for God and many more topics will be covered in this Christian based program helping you move forward from mourning to joy. Participants pay no fees for the materials used in the GriefShare program thanks to the generous grant given Tous by Saint James Funeral Home. If you are interested in GriefShare, please contact Ed Spear. 631-873-6429

HELP WANTED: Paid Position - Church Cleaning Crew. Part time, flexible schedule, cleaning church and preschool , includes set up and general cleaning. Must be at least 16 years old, NYS working papers required. For more information contact Ed Spear 631-873-6429

SMITHTOWN FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: The pantry has continued to be very busy during the month of July into August. In July, the pantry serviced 189 families! Thank you to all who have generously donated time, food and hygiene products! At this time, there is a need for hygiene products, soups, ravioli, granola bars, cereal and spam. Donations may 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 continue to be open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 10-1200. They will close on Saturday, August 30th. For the month of August, the pantry will be open Wednesday evenings 6-9 pm. Volunteers are needed to stock and hand out food. For more information, call Jeanne Harmer, 631-484-5203 or Liz Wagner, 631-862-7508. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

PRESCHOOL HUGGERS NEEDED: Would you like to join the Sweetest Ministry in Town? Then consider being a Preschool HUGGER this September and October! What is a HUGGER? A hugger is an extra set of hands in the classroom during the first few weeks (mornings only) of preschool. Huggers come alongside the teachers and help settle our newest little 2 and 3 year old friends who might be missing their mommies and daddies. The program is flexible - you pick a morning(s) that works best for you! Contact Director Meredith Johansson at meredithpreschool@stjlc.com or text 631-766-3142! It's a great day at Pre-K!

REMINDERS

OUR SAVIOR NEW AMERICAN SCHOOL: is looking for a secondary Math teacher and secondary Science teacher for the upcoming academic year. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, you can reach out to Principal Wil Stelzer by emailing him at wil.stelzer@osnas.org or by calling the school at 631-588-2757.

SENIOR CITIZEN INFORMATION/HELP: Copies of The Senior Advocate booklet can be found in the Narthex. It is a wealth of information and resource guide for Long Island seniors and the people/family who love them. If you need more copies, contact Liz Wagner at 631-862-7508.

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.

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!

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 August 17

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Worship/Children's Church/Baptism of Hailey Sophia Kouril

MONDAY August 18

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

7:30pm Smithtown Stitchers (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY August 19

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

WEDNESDAY August 20

10am Mom's Meet Up/Playdate (Playground)

5pm – 8pm Church Beach BBQ (Schubert's Beach)

6:30pm Outreach (Parish Hall)

THURSDAY August 21

10:30am Summer Bible Study (Youth Room)

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

FRIDAY August 22

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY August 23

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

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

5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY August 24

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Worship/Children's Church/New Member Sunday

4pm-6pm Summer TOF Pool Party