

Saint James Lutheran Church

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All Saints Sunday

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

We Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are † forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *For All The Saints* ELW 422

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

² **For the Lord has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴ **Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory?**

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory?**

Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-6a

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a} Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Setting 3)

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

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 11:32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table* ACS 977



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ’s ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f’rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they’re in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con-verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

APOSTLES CREED

We join with the Great Communion of Saints in confessing our faith, using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

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

IN MEMORIAM

God, we remember those Saints who have gone before us;
**We lament their passing,
And honor their legacy.
We give thanks for all we have learned from them.**

The congregation sits for the prayers of remembrance.

We especially remember members, family, and friends of this community of faith:

Members

- † Lorraine Breisch (11/26/23)
- † Warren Porter (03/02/24)

Friends & Family		Remembered by
† Travis Lights	December 12, 2023	Williams Family
† Evelyn Gardner	December 16, 2023	Williams Family
† Benjamin Smith (SSG, US Army Retired)	December 31, 2023	Lindsey & Erin Smith
† Kevin Steffen	January 03, 2024	Marcia Katt
† Scottie Sue Wyant	January 03, 2024	Sarah Parrish
† Sharry “Misty” O’Steen	January 11, 2024	Marcia Katt
Leroy Thomas	January 16, 2024	Avery & Mary Walker
Jordan Edward Thomas	March 16, 2024	Marcia Katt
James Reese	April 18, 2024	Avery & Mary Walker
Madison Lytch	May 01, 2024	Marcia Katt
John Niemyjski	May 3, 2024	Agnes Rybar
Jeff Bell	May 9, 2024	Teri Bumphrey
Pandora Brown	May 30, 2024	Marcia Katt
Rick Brown	June 5, 2024	Kathy, Richard & Lily Brown
Lucy Smyre	June 14, 2024	Delores & Larry Schiebe
Diane Gorsuch	June 15, 2024	Linda Stellfox
Lisa Johnson	June 25, 2024	Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius
Anne Kinney Dacey	August 4, 2024	Jim Schlenker
Wesley McKelvey	September 15, 2024	Delores & Larry Schiebe
Jeanette Webster	September 20, 2024	Barbara Azzarelli
Carolyn Swindell	September 21, 2024	Williams Family
Bill Scholl	October 4, 2024	Fran DeSilva
Ann McAllister	October 06, 2024	Tonie Neal
Rudoff Huff	October 11, 2024	Penny Kendall

And others we remember in our hearts ...

We give thanks, O Lord for
 Those who followed the Way of Christ faithfully,
We follow their example.
 Those who made mistakes along the way,
We learn from their experience.
 Those who made progress for peace,
We continue their work.
 Those who lived simply and quietly,
We are enlightened by them.
 Those who gained honor and distinction without pride,

We are humbled by them.

Those who were martyred for their faith,

We commend them to your care.

They have finished their work on earth,

And it lives on,

Reverberating into our lives now

As the work of Christ lives on.

May the peace of Christ continue to inspire us

To good works, humility, simplicity and peacemaking,

As those foremothers and forefathers were inspired by him

To live in grace and love.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of God be with you always.

And also with you.

We share this peace as a sign of our baptismal unity as children of God. The “exchange of peace” (also commonly called “sharing the peace” or “passing the peace”) is an act of reconciliation that serves as a transition point between the Word and Meal portions of the liturgy.

We sit.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.



Your support of the ministries of St. James, as well as the wider church, is appreciated. You may donate with cash or check (you may use an envelope from the back of the pew). You may also scan the QR code above with your cell phone, and donate digitally. Thank you for your generosity.



ANTHEM *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,* arr. By Philip Young

We stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.

Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Names are listed on the insert)*

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

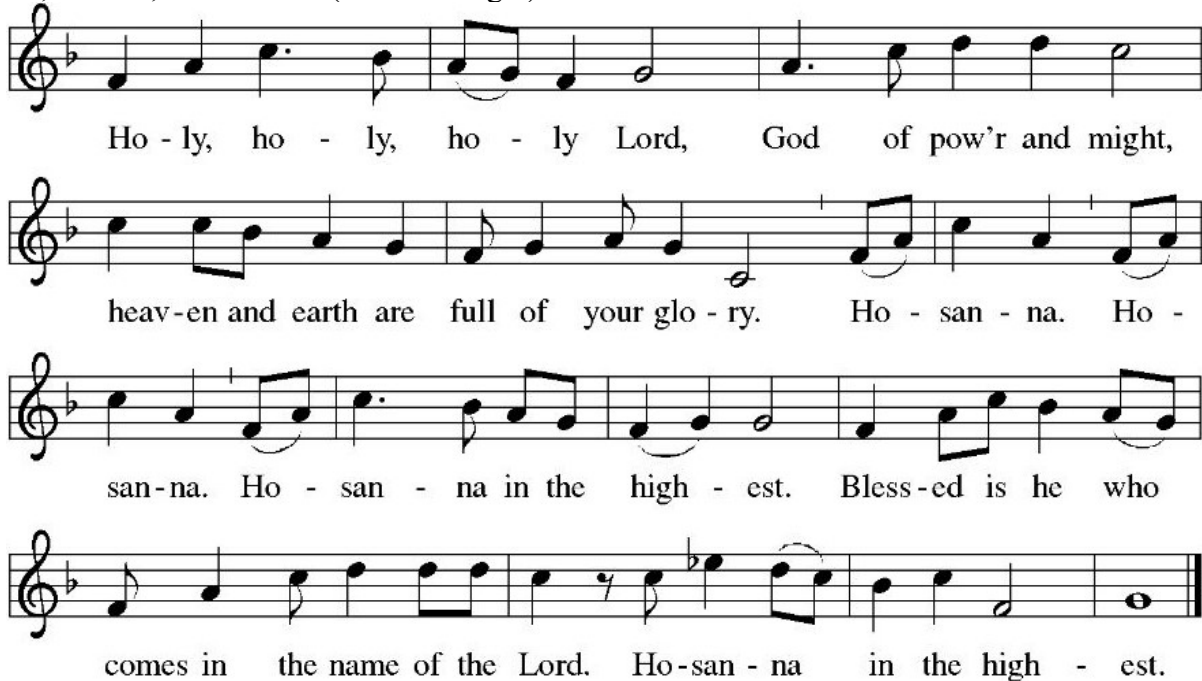
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW setting 3)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

All are welcome at Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that Jesus' real presence is in, under, and through the bread and wine. The sacrament is effective in either bread or wine, so if you have an issue with either bread or wine, you may commune with one element. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available for those who prefer. We will distribute bread and wine by individual cup. Children and others not communing may fold arms across their chest, and they will receive a blessing from the communion minister.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond **Amen.**

COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb of God (Setting 3)

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

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.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart ELW 800

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life ELW 816

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *We remain seated.*

Faithful God,
 you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
 in the body and blood of your Son.
 Now send us out to labor with you,
 in service to the world you have made,
 and among the people you have made your home,
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

We stand.

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned,
 the Crucified One, now risen,
 the Indwelling One, poured out,
 † bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *For All Your Saints, O Lord* ELW 427

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE