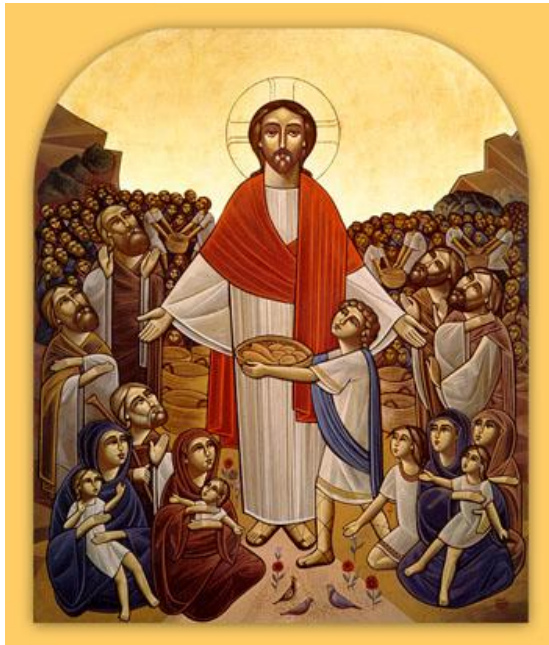


Saint James Lutheran Church

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Christ feeding the multitude

As was traditional in Christian art, Jesus' outer robe is red, to signify that for us he is royalty. In accord with Matthew's accounts of the miraculous feeding, women and children are part of the picture.

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Worship Leaders		
	August 2 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	August 9 11 th Sunday after Pentecost
Assisting Minister	Lindsey Smith	Scott Marosek
Lector	Anna Lisa Johannessen	Jim Wright
Communion Assistant	Dave Runkle	Jacky Hummel
Ushers	Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius	Teri Bumphrey, Lindsey Smith
Greeter	Fran DeSilva	Erika & Glenn Stockwell
Acolyte	Gianna Orellano	Holden Linkous
Rover	Paula Burns	Ed Samuelian
Worship Nursery	Sue Rink, Patsy Linkous	Verena Min, Jennifer Linkous

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

We stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *My God How Wonderful Thou Art* ELW 863

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 together.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Sarah Locke

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-5

- ¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ **Lord, you are good to all,
 and your compassion is over all your works.**
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
 and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
 and you give them their food in due season.**

- ¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**
- ²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
- ²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

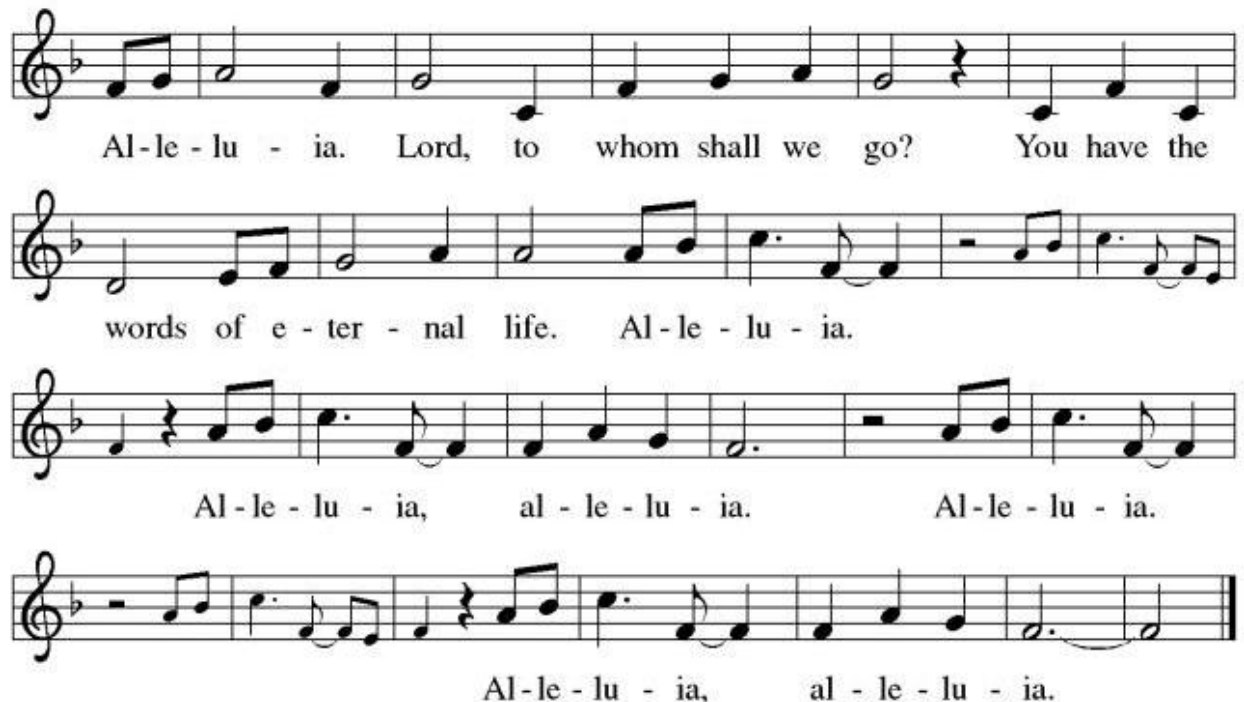
SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Setting 8)



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

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

GOSPEL The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor John

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY *You Satisfy The Hungry Heart*

ELW 484



THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM OF
Jaxton Asher Habermehl

PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The candidate is presented for baptism.

I present Jaxton Habermehl for baptism, and I present for membership Amber and Alex Habermehl.

The presiding minister addresses parents:

Amber and Alex, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Jaxton baptized into Christ?

Response I do.

As you bring Jaxton to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Jaxton may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Jaxton grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the sponsors:

Leesa Plumblee and Michael Gilbert, do you promise to nurture Jaxton in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Jaxton and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Response: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The assembly stands. Pastor addresses all the candidates.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God; the powers of this world that rebel against God; and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water is poured into the font during the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes Jaxton.

Water is poured on Jaxton's head:

I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

After the baptism, the assisting minister leads the assembly in the response:

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Jaxton with the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,

the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

The pastor makes the sign of the cross on Jaxton's forehead.

Child of God,

you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and

marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

PRAYERS

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

The pastor will place both hands on the head of Jaxton. A member of congregation council will stand with new members.

Sustain Jaxton, and all these who enter into membership with St. James congregation, with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

The assisting minister presents a lighted baptismal remembrance candle for Jaxton.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

MEMBERSHIP FOR ALEX AND AMBER HABERMEHL

Let us welcome the newly baptized, and these new members of St. James.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming world to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Names of those on the congregation's prayer list are listed in the back of the bulletin)

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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.



Support of the ministries of St. James, as well as the wider church, is appreciated. To donate with cash or check use an envelope from the back of the pew or scan the QR code to donate digitally. Thank you for your generosity.



ANTHEM *Break Now the Bread of Life*

Adult Choir

We stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW setting 8)

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional Version)*

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

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!
Thanks be to God!

We sit.

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

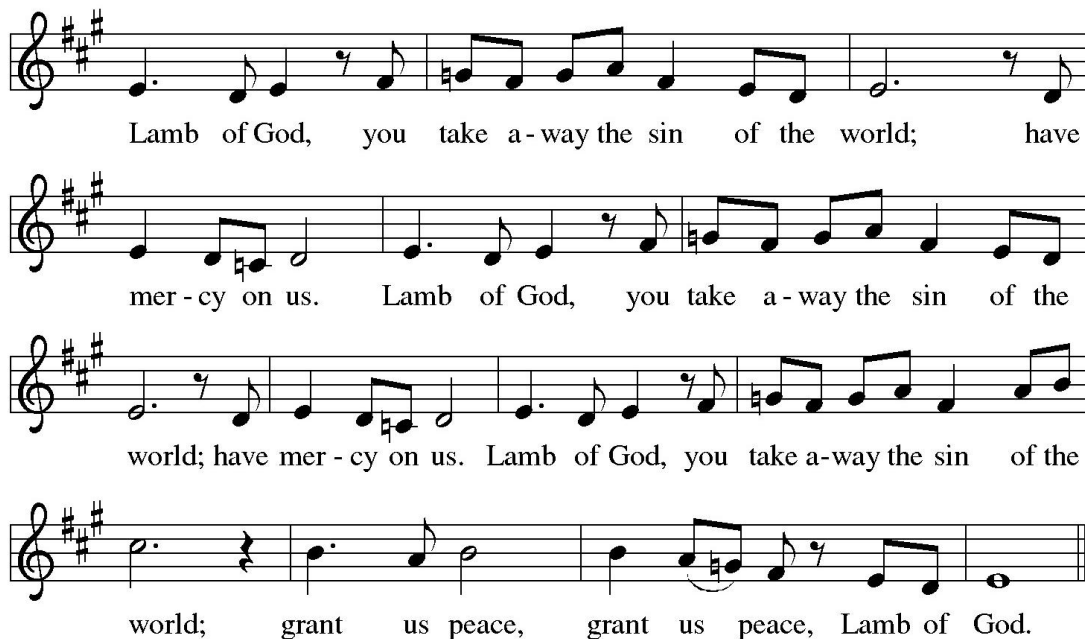
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

And each person may respond **Amen.**

COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb of God (Setting 8)



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, Lamb of God.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW 461

Jesus Loves Me ELW 595

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* ELW 674

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



We welcome Rev. Sarah Habermehl Locke, who will preside at the baptism today.

Sarah Locke is currently the campus minister for Jacksonville Campus Ministry, as well as assistant rector for Redeemer Episcopal Church, both in Jacksonville, FL. Previously she served in various capacities at Jacob's Porch (Ohio State's Lutheran Campus Ministry), and Gamecock Lutheran (University of South Carolina's Lutheran Campus Ministry).

Sarah is well known throughout the ELCA as a creative and passionate leader for young adult ministry. She met her husband Daniel in 2013 at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in South Carolina. They now both serve in Jacksonville as pastors and try to keep up with their children Bennet and Madeline as well as their dogs Ollie (foster) and Rocky.

They have several close connections to Saint James Lutheran Church. One of which is their nephew Jaxton Habermehl.



Do you love music and enjoy singing? Join our choir!



Our choir rehearsal starts back up August 9th after worship. We would love to have new choir members! You can reach out to our pianist, Alyssa at alyssahall826@gmail.com or at 910-818-7116 if interested in joining. Or talk to her on Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

August 2, 2026

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally, those names will be moved to the newsletter after 3 weeks. The newsletter has our long-term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

Members · Beth Sessoms · Larry Schiebe · Philip Williams · Anna Lena Andersen · Cayla Chaplin
· Nikki Rettmann · Gary Eissinger

Friends & Family

· Diane Stultz · Peter Lundell · Gregg Nazario · Sandy Pangle · Stasha · Alan Carlson · Katie Maxwell
· Charlotte Choice and family · Sara Brown · Mindy Quinby · Morgen Jensen · Bob Matlack · Yvonne Wheeler
· Buddy Prevatte · Chuck Warren · Betty Beale · James Rose · Ethan Thompkins

People at Home or in Care facilities: · Charlotte Davis · Brenda Killett · Carolyn Uchtorff · Brenda Killett
· Betty Kern

Our military members (*deployed)

· Earl Stockham · Dan Gibson · Joshua Trogdon* · Bella Fish · Hochang Min · Alex Habermehl
· Robert James · Matthew Porter* · Derek Carlson · Howard Hogan* · Justyce Crecelius* · Zach Fuhr
· Addie Piatz*



Ministry at St. James ... August 2 - 9, 2026

Sun. Aug 2

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Sunday Morning Faith Formation (Men's class only)
10:00 am Worship and Baptism of Jaxton Habermehl

Mon. Aug 3

NO Quilting

Tue. Aug 4

12:00 pm Prime Timers Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 747
7:00 pm Fellowship on Zoom

Wed. Aug 4

5:30 pm Theology on Tap (Men's Fellowship on back lawn)

Sat. Aug 8

7:00 pm Rivermist Concert in Eastover

Sun. Aug 9

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Sunday Morning Faith Formation (Men's class only)
10:00 am Worship
11:30 am Choir Practice
11:30 am Congregation Council
2:00 pm Memorial Service for Valerie Brewer



Join us every first Tuesday, at Noon!
Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall
August 4 at Noon

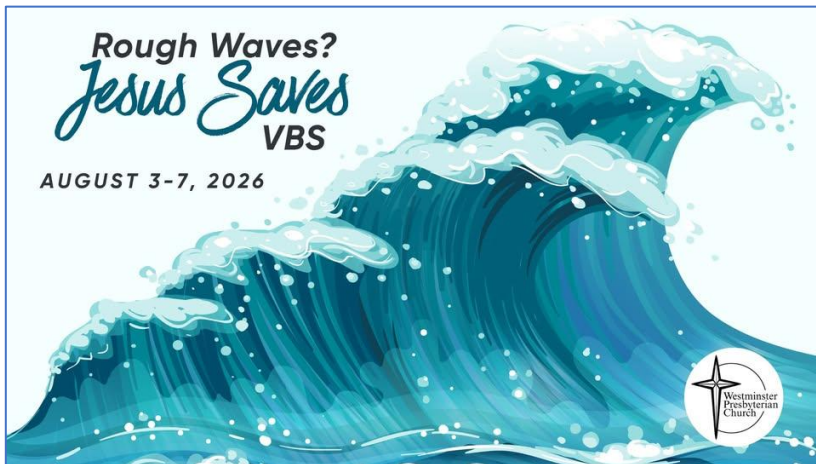
The Prime Timer group is designed as a fellowship opportunity for all members over 55.

Men's Fellowship – August 5



Come join us every first Wednesday 5:30 pm - 8 pm on the back lawn of St. James for brats, beans, and beverages.
If you are coming, let Dave Runkle or Todd Burns know in advance.

Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking lot



8:30 am – 12:15 pm
2505 Village Drive, Fayetteville

Register at saintjamesfay.org

Rivermist Concert at Ballpark Road, Eastover, NC

Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM



Rivermist is scheduled to perform at Ballpark Road in Eastover, NC, as part of the Sounds of Summer Outdoor Concert Series.

Cost: Free (bring your own chairs and lawn chairs)

Look for the Saint James banner for this fellowship event!



Name Tags – We have name tags in the Gathering Space, and you are encouraged to wear yours. It will help us put a name with the new faces on Sunday morning. If you don't have one and would like one, leave a note on the attendance pad for Michelle in the office.



Our Monday morning Quilters will be on summer break July 27 and August 3.

There will be NO QUILTING those days.



Nursery and Children's Sunday School

Nursery is for Infant - second grade

Children's church (children up until 9th grade or confirmation) will begin again on August 30th.

**To celebrate our 90th anniversary, a small snippet of our history
will be featured in the bulletin each week.**

The completed church building was formally opened on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1938. After the service led by Pastor Fisher, the building cornerstone was laid. This congregation enjoys the distinction of having completed the construction of its building for the amount of the original contract.. With the addition of furnishings and a Hammond electric organ, the total cost of the building was \$16,000.00.

Social Ministry Outreach

This month we are collecting for the Alms House Kid's Assistance Program Plus (KAPP)
The ALMS HOUSE coordinates with the Hope Mills area school social workers to provide packs of food items each Friday for those children who might otherwise have nothing to eat over the weekend.

If you would like to help provide food for these children, the following is a list of items that are put into those bags (no substitutes, please.)

Kids Assistance Program Plus - KAPP



Bottled Water

Cereal Box (*single serving*)

Fruit Snacks



Individual Juice Boxes (*100% juice only*)



Cheese and Crackers (**NO** PEANUT BUTTER, allergies)

Beef Jerky Sticks



Ramen Noodles

Chef Boyardee Microwavable Pastas
(*Spaghetti & Meatballs, Lasagna, Beefaroni, Beef Ravioli*)



Shelf Stable Milk Cartons (*individual size only*)

Zip Lock freezer bags, 1 gallon



Kitchen Garbage bags, tall

Spoons