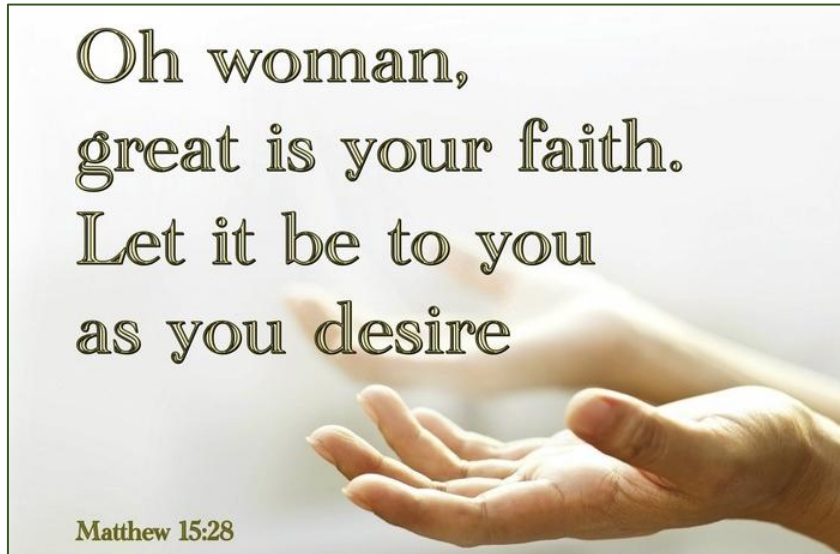


Saint James Lutheran Church

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



The healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter

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	August 16 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	August 23 13 th Sunday after Pentecost
Assisting Minister	Ruth Ann Crecelius	Jacky Hummel
Lector	Johannes Min	Holden & Daniel Linkous
Communion Assistant	Jaye-Lynn Orellano	Sue Rink
Ushers	Edward Samuelian, Avery Walker	Agnes Rybar, Georgette Miller
Greeter	Teri Bumphrey	Kathy Brown
Acolyte	Ricky Van Pelt	Henry Orellano
Rover	Tom Liedig	Todd Burns
Worship Nursery	Amber and Alex Habermehl	Erika Stockwell, Amber Habermehl

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK – Jane Boelke

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 *Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing* ELW 886

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.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME and BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS

FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

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

PSALM Psalm 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;**

God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God give us blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING **Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15:10-28

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” ²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

We sit.

SERMON

Rev. David Sloop

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY *In Christ Called to Baptize*

ELW 575

APOSTLES CREED

We join with the Great Communion of Saints in confessing our faith, using the words of the Apostles 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.**

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 *Praise Him, Praise Him!*

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

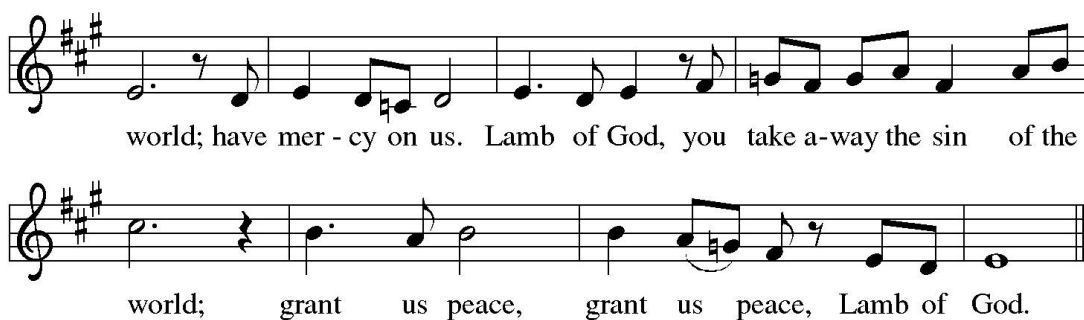
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
And each person may respond **Amen.**

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



One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service

ELW 712

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 *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* ELW 759

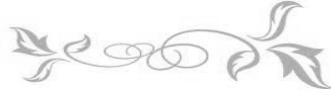
DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

We welcome David Sloop as our guest preacher today

Sally and David live in Durham where they worship at St. Paul's Lutheran. Both retired since 2013, they are fortunate to have raised 5 children and enjoy 8 grandchildren. During retirement, Pastor David happily served with the NC Synod's Lifeline Fund, which assisted pastors and deacons across NC in reducing their educational debt. He thanks St. James for our previous support of Lifeline.



Pastor John and Anna Lisa will be on vacation August 10-17.

A local pastor will be on call. In case of a pastoral emergency, contact the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

August 16, 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
· 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 · Yvonne Wheeler
· Buddy Prevatte · Betty Beale · James Rose · Ethan Thompkins · Erik Liedig

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*



Calling all parent of infants to 5th graders

Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30 pm we will have a blended (in person and online) meeting to talk about Children's Ministry. What you would like to see and how you can be involved. Email the office for the link if you want to join online: saintjameslutheran@gmail.com



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

Our choir rehearsal starts back up today 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.



Ministry at St. James ... August 16 - 23, 2026

Sun. Aug 16

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 am Sunday Morning Faith Formation (Men's class only)
- 10:00 am Worship and Blessing of the bookbags
- 11:30 am Choir Practice

Mon. Aug 17

- 9:00 am Quilting Ministry (Annex)

Tue. Aug 18

- 10:00 am Finance Meeting
- 6:30 pm Children's Ministry Meeting for Parents (in person and online)
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 747
- 7:00 pm Fellowship on Zoom

Sun. Aug 23

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 am Sunday Morning Faith Formation (Men's class only)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:30 am Choir Practice



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

The Rev. George W. Lingle became our pastor on June 1, 1939. In November of 1940 a house and lot behind the church property was purchased for the sum of \$4,000.00. The house was to be used as a parsonage. Over the next two years the entire indebtedness of the church and parsonage was liquidated. A service of dedication was held on Palm Sunday, April 18, 1943. The President of the synod and former pastors Rev. R. B. Fisher and Rev. C. L. Miller were in attendance.



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, see the list in the Gathering Space.



Save the Date: God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 13th.

"God's Work. Our Hands." is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) annual day of service, designed to celebrate the church's mission and engage members in acts of service within their communities



**LUTHERAN
MEN IN MISSION**
Building men for Christ

*As iron
sharpens iron...
so one man
sharpens another.*

Proverbs 27:17



St. James Lutheran Church

"Men's Retreat"

Theme: Rest for Your Souls (Matthew 11)

Friday & Saturday

October 16 & 17, 2026

**Camp Agape & Conference Center
Gerhard Cabin**

- **What to Bring:** Bible, Paper, Pen or Pencil, your favorite book...other than the Bible, clothing appropriate for light outdoor activities, overnight bag.
- **NO COST** to all attendees!

St. James Lutheran Church Men's Ministry, Lutheran Men in Mission, is sponsoring a Men's Retreat, October 16 to 17. Our Retreat will be held at Camp Agape, a short 45-minute drive north of Fayetteville. Come join us for a weekend of fellowship, food, some light outdoor activities and spiritual growth. The sign-up sheet and informational flyers can be found on the message board near the Men's Bible Study area or contact the Church Office or Todd Burns. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity!!!

For more information contact Todd Burns, (910) 308-5431, burnst37@gmail.com