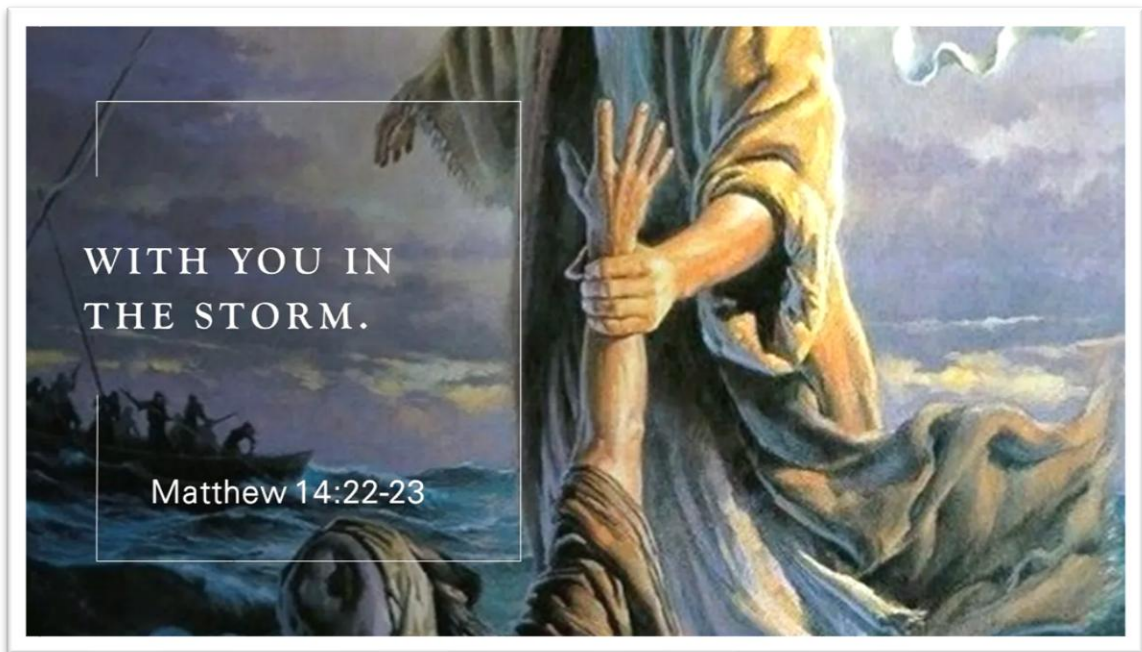


Saint James Lutheran Church

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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Communion Assistant	Jacky Hummel	Jaye-Lynn Orellano
Ushers	Teri Bumphrey, Lindsey Smith	Edward Samuelian, Avery Walker
Greeter	Erika & Glenn Stockwell	Teri Bumphrey
Acolyte	Holden Linkous	Ricky Van Pelt
Rover	Edward Samuelian	Tom Liedig
Worship Nursery	Verena Min, Jennifer Linkous	Amber and Alex Habermehl

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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

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, Sing to the Lord* ELW 822

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.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

PSALM Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other,

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
And our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the Lord.
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 14:22-33

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor John

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

ELW 755

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.



OFFERING SONG *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

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

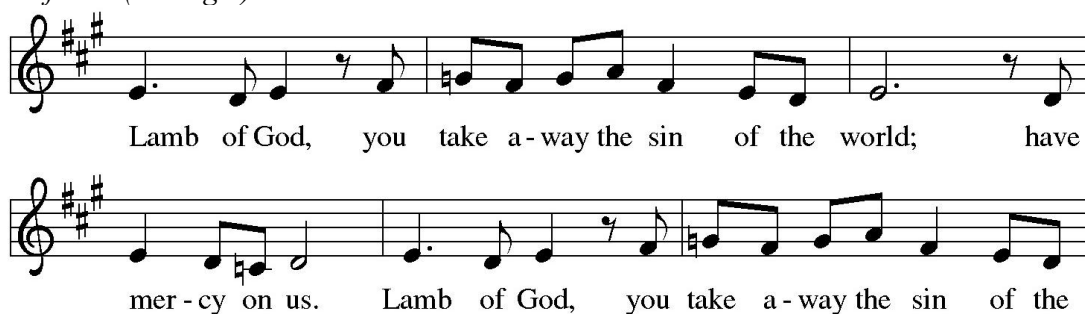
All are welcome at Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that Jesus' real presence is in, under, and through the bread and wine. The sacrament is effective in either bread or wine, so if you have an issue with either bread or wine, you may commune with one element. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are 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

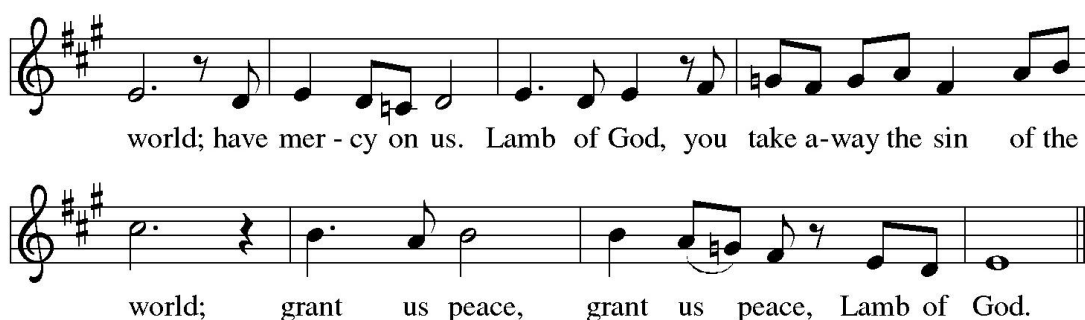
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
And each person may respond **Amen.**

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



Precious Lord, Take My Hand ELW 773

Instrumental

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

May the God who walks toward us on the water,
 the Christ whose reach is immediate,
 and the Spirit who is our courage in every storm
 go with you, ahead of you, and within you-
 this day and to the end of the age. Lord save us!
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* ELW 774

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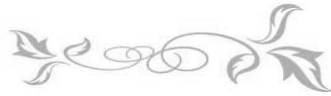
Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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.

The flowers on the altar are given today in memory of Valerie Brewer by her family.



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

August 9, 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*



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 9 - 16, 2026

Sun. Aug 9	<i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> 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
Mon. Aug 10	9:00 am Quilting Ministry (Annex) 6:00 pm Property Team
Tue. Aug 11	6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 747 7:00 pm Fellowship on Zoom
Thu. Aug 13	9:00 am Women's breakfast at <i>Eggs Up Grill</i> (2951 Town Center, Hope Mills)
Sat. Aug 15	7:30 am Honeycutt Park clean up (352 Devers Street) 8:30 am Property Work Day (St James Campus)
Sun. Aug 16	<i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 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

Next Sunday we will do a special blessing of bookbags. Make sure to bring yours to worship!
Our prayers will include students, teachers, staff and parents.



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

Rev. R. B. Fisher (pictured on right) resigned on September 30, 1935 and was succeeded by Rev. C. L. Miller, who served as a supply pastor for one year. During this time several auxiliary organizations were established at the church including the Women's Missionary Society, and the Brotherhood, and organization for men with the Lutheran Church.



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!!!

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