

Saint James Lutheran Church

November 1, 2026

All Saints Sunday



All Saints Day is a Christian festival when the church gives thanks for all God's saints—those known and unknown—who have died and now rest in God's mercy, trusting the promise of resurrection in Christ. In the ELCA, we remember especially those who have died in the past year, celebrate that we are "knit...together in one communion" with them, and pray for grace to follow their example in lives of faith, love, and justice.

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Worship Leaders		
	November 1 All Saints Day	November 8 24 th Sunday after Pentecost
Assisting Minister	Ruth Ann Crecelius	Jane Boelke
Lector	Beverly Beale	Johannes Min
Communion Assistants	Sue Rink	Tonie Neal
Ushers	John & Gayle Frinak	Tonie Neal, James Peterson
Greeter	Fran DeSilva	Patsy Linkous
Acolyte	Ricky Van Pelt	Willow Linkous
Rover	Tom Liedig	Todd Burns
Worship Nursery	Erin Fuhr, Patsy Linkous	Kathy Brown, Amber Habermehl

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.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
**we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.**

We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.

**We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.**

We are not awake to the coming of your reign.

**Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.**

Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.

† Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.

You are forgiven.

Blessed are you.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

ELW 628

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.

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.

WORD

We sit.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Following Children's Time, children (Up to 5th grade) are invited and encouraged to participate in the Children's Worship Time in the lower level. They will return prior to Holy Communion.

- Children up to Kindergarten will be in the nursery for a supervised play time.
- Children 1st - 5th grade will participate in a more structured learning time led by Jacky Hummel.

(Adult volunteers are needed in both areas. If you can help, please talk with Amber Habermehl, Pastor, or call the church office.)

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

SECOND READING Philippians 4:10-13

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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

We stand

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

Matthew 5:1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

We sit

SERMON

Carly Burks

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let My Spirit Always Sing

ACS 1020



1 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, though my heart be
2 Though my bod - y be con - fined, let your word en -
3 Let your wis - dom grace my years, choose my words and
4 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, to your Spir - it



win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair
gage my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern
chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change,
an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain



give no sign that you are there, God to whom my
how much more there is to learn, see a world be -
to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be
know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er



days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.
com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.
full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.
on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

IN MEMORIAM

NICENE CREED

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

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

We Sing **FOR ALL THE SAINTS** ✝

I For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

We sit for the prayers of remembrance.

Living God, we remember in celebration those Saints who have gone before us.
We may lament their death

But we celebrate their life among us, their legacy, and their faith in you.

We give thanks for the love that God has shared through their lives.

We remember members of St. James congregation, family, and friends who have died since last All Saints Day, November 1, 2025. Bells will toll and a candle lighted during the reading of the names.

Members of Saint James

✝	01/15/26	Bill Vittoe
✝	01/16/26	Betty Nunnamaker
✝	02/08/26	Al Peuster
✝	04/22/26	Marjorie Hendrix
✝	06/02/26	Stella San Miguel
✝	07/09/26	Valerie Brewer
✝	10/11/26	Carolyn Uchtorff

Friends and Family of St. James' Members

Date Passed	Name	Relation	Submitted by
11/21/25	Donald Wyant	Brother	Sarah Parrish
12/02/25	Diane Moerkirk	Sister	Linda Schlenker
12/17/25	James "Russ" Boring	Nephew-in-law	Marcia Katt
01/20/26	Hans-Günter Haas	Father	Verena Min
01/20/26	David Gilmore	Good friend	Dave Runkle
01/23/26	Edward Rink	Ex-husband	Susan Rink
01/26/26	Janet Killinger	Sister-in-law	Marcia Katt
02/12/26	Twyleah Mitcham	Sister-in-law	Donna Runkle
02/21/26	Donald Hastings	Grandfather	Erin Fuhr
02/25/26	Christine Infinger	Sister	Nancy Oliver
03/06/26	Jennifer Pittman Basham	Daughter of a friend	Beverly Beale
03/21/26	Mary Lambert	Friend's mother	Delores Schiebe
05/19/26	Floss Tesch	Friend	Delores Schiebe
05/22/26	Virginia Bordley	Aunt of my wife	Illya Tietzel
05/30/26	Patricia Dwyer	Sister	Marcia Katt
06/11/26	Matthew Low	Nephew	Brenda Williams
06/20/26	Thomas Oliver	Son	Nancy Oliver
06/26/26	Jewel Lunford	"Red Hat" friend	Tonie Neal
06/26/26	Rodney Bolick	Cousin	Penny Kendall
06/26/26	Hal Hagaman	Cousin	Penny Kendall
07/18/26	Ronny Brown	Friend	Pastor John
07/30/26	Joseph Oliver	Father-in-law	Susan Oliver
09/18/26	David Wright	Son / Brother	Mary / Jim Wright
09/24/06	Freda Stockham	Son-in-law's mother	Susan Rink
09/26/26	Eric Bell	Friend from work	Tonie Neal
10/07/26	Janice Cloer	Cousin	Pastor John
10/09/26	Lois	Mother's Cousin	Tina Smith
10/15/26	Mary Leak	Former Co-worker	Avery Walker
10/23/26	Buddy Prevatte	Neighbor	Beverly Beale
10/24/26	Sharon Decatur	Friend	Fran De Silva
10/26/26	Marjorie Francis	Aunt	Brenda Williams

And others, especially those who led the way in faithful ministry here at Saint James for 90 years,
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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Names are listed in the back of the bulletin)*

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

God, in your mercy.
hear our prayer.

We stand.

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 *For All the Saints*

We stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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.
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 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

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

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.

Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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.

Oh God Beyond All Praising

ELW 880



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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

Holy God,
 we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
 You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured,
 and feed your people abundantly.
 Now send us out, awake to your presence,
 now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BLESSING

The holy Trinity,
 Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
 today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Rejoice! Give Thanks and Sing!* ELW 873

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE



WELCOME HOME CARLY BURKS!

Ms. Carly Burks will share with us during the Sermon portion of our worship. Carly is a life-long member of St. James; she is the daughter of Amy Burks, and the granddaughter of Barbara and Ron Gearing. A graduate of Grays Creek High School, she currently lives in Greenville, NC with her dog Tootsie. She attends Wilson Community College in a preparatory program before entering nursing school, hopefully at East Carolina University. She recently had a powerful spiritual experience at a weekend church retreat. Pastor John invited her to share her story. **Welcome, Carly!**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

November 1, 2026

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally, those names are 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 · Barbara Azzarelli · Suzi Wilkinson · Paul Orose

Friends & Family

· Diane Stultz · Stasha · Katie Maxwell · Charlotte Choice and family · Mindy Quinby · Morgen Jensen
 · James Rose · Ethan Thompkins · Simone Ryan · Mike Crecelius · Connie Vargas · Priscilla Unger
 · Irene Ferguson · Sal LoGalbo · Kathy Huling · Karrie Hawkins · The family of Buddy Prevatte
 · The family of Sharon Decatur · Betty Beale

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

Our military members (*deployed)

· Earl Stockham · Dan Gibson · Joshua Trogdon* · Bella Fish · Hochang Min · Alex Habermehl
 · Matthew Porter · Derek Carlson · Howard Hogan* · Zach Fuhr · Addie Piatz* · Douglas Gearing*
 · Chad Kennedy · Riley Broding



Ministry at St. James ... November 1 - 8, 2026

Sun. Nov 1

All Saints Sunday

9:00 am Sunday Morning Faith Formation
 10:00 am Worship
 11:30 am Choir Practice

Mon. Nov 2

9:00 am Quilting Ministry (Annex)
 6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tue. Nov 3

ELECTION DAY - Take time to vote

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

Wed. Nov 4

5:30 pm Theology on Tap
 6:30 pm Handbell Choir

Sun. Nov 8

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Veterans' Day Observance

9:00 am Sunday Morning Faith Formation
 10:00 am Worship
 11:30 am Choir Practice
 11:30 am Congregation Council