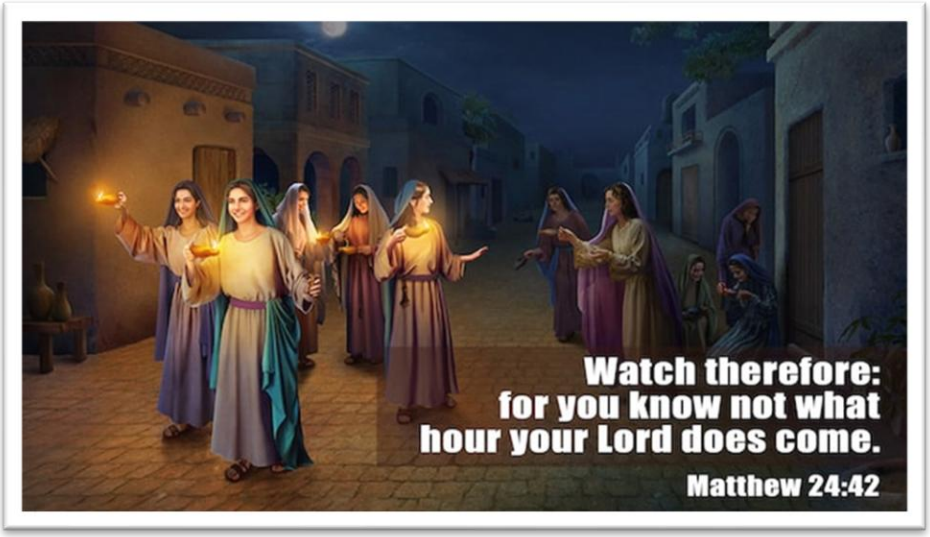
Saint James Lutheran Church

November 8, 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost



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	November 8 24th Sunday after Pentecost	**November 15 25th Sunday after Pentecost**
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Lector	Johannes Min	Daniel & Holden Linkous
Communion Assistants	Tonie Neal	Hannah Rea
Ushers	John & Gayle Frinak	Sharon VanPelt, Edward Samuelian
Greeter	Patsy Linkous	Nancy Oliver
Acolyte	Willow Linkous	Victoria Acolyte
Rover	Todd Burns	Dave Runkle
Worship Nursery	Kathy Brown, Amber Habermehl	Sue Rink, Erin Fuhr

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S TIME

A VETERANS' DAY REMEMBRANCE



We stand

THE PRESENTATION OF COLORS

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" (America, The Beautiful) ELW 888 *will be played during the presentation of colors. Once all flags are in place, we will sing verse 1.*

A LITANY OF PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY'S VETERANS

God of love, peace and justice,
it is your will for the world that we may live together in peace.
You have promised through the prophet Isaiah that
one day the swords will be beaten into ploughshares.
Yet we live in a broken world,
and there are times that war and conflict seem inevitable.
May we recognize with humility and sadness
the tragic loss of life and destruction that is a result of war.
Even so, as we gather here, free from persecution,
we give thanks for those that have served and those who continue to serve.

Strengthen the fathers, mothers, siblings, spouses, children and grandparents
and all other family members of those currently serving.
Their own sense of duty and sacrifice, especially during times of family separation,
is known and understood by few.

God, we are grateful for those that have served and those who are currently active
in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Space Force
As they serve with honor, pride, and compassion,
protect their hearts from the actions they are often called to take.
Bring understanding in the confusing times,
peace of mind and soul in the circumstances of doubt or anxiety,
and bring relief in the moments of regret and despair.

God, we praise you for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice;
offer consolation to loved ones.
God, we praise you for those that have served;
Bring comfort in the midst of painful experiences.

May we honor those who have served by working for peace.
May we never forget those that have served,
And may we never let go of your promises of grace, mercy, healing, and hope.
AMEN.

GATHERING HYMN

Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies (verses 2-3) ELW 888

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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

We sit

FIRST Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

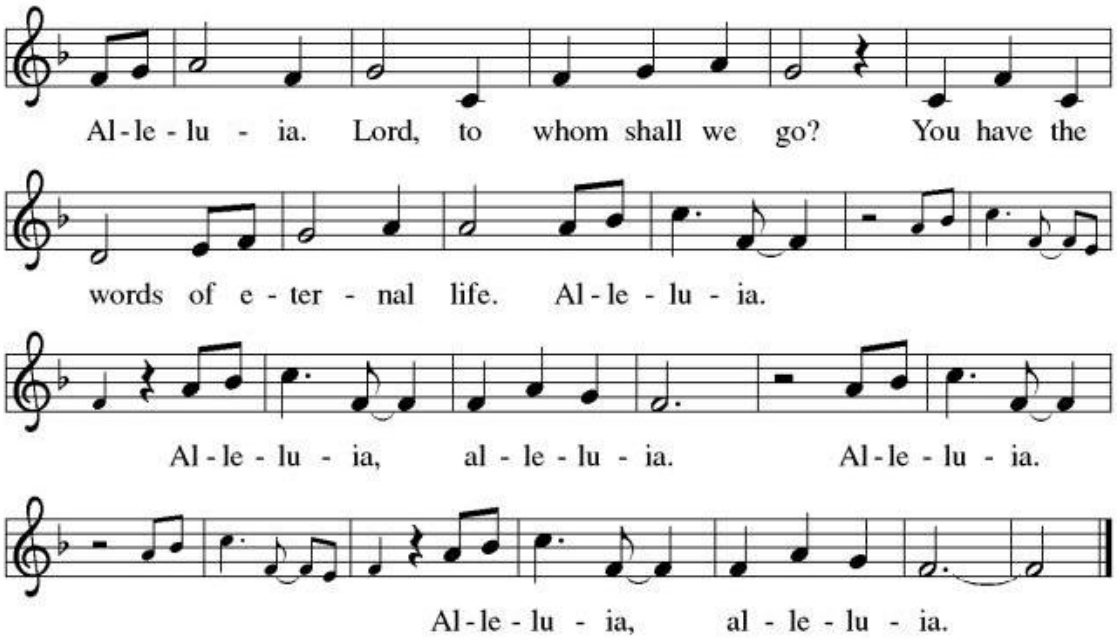
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and ⌊ be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Setting 8)



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

Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

We sit

SERMON Pastor John

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow ELW 327

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 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 *We Shall Behold Him*

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

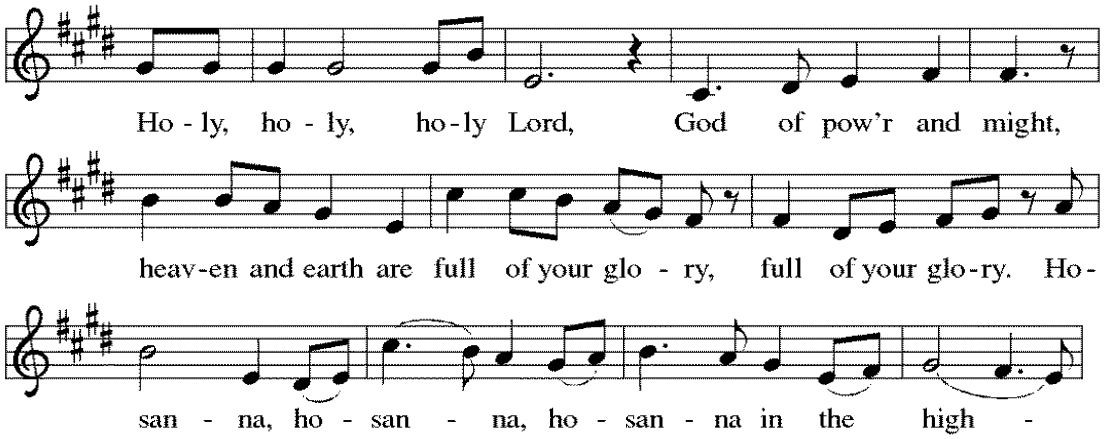
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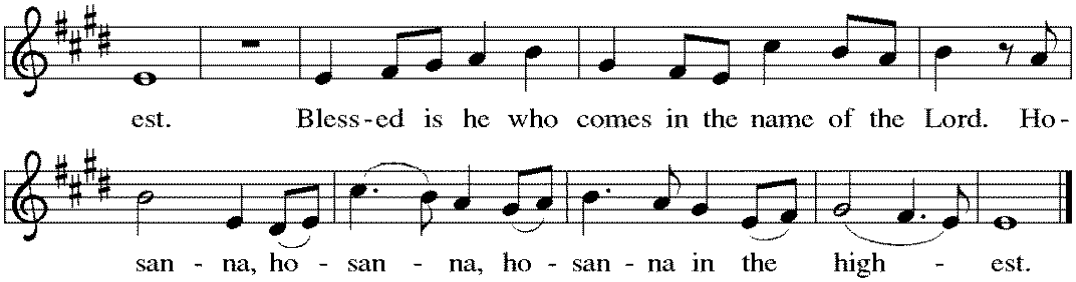
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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)





EUCHARISTIC 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

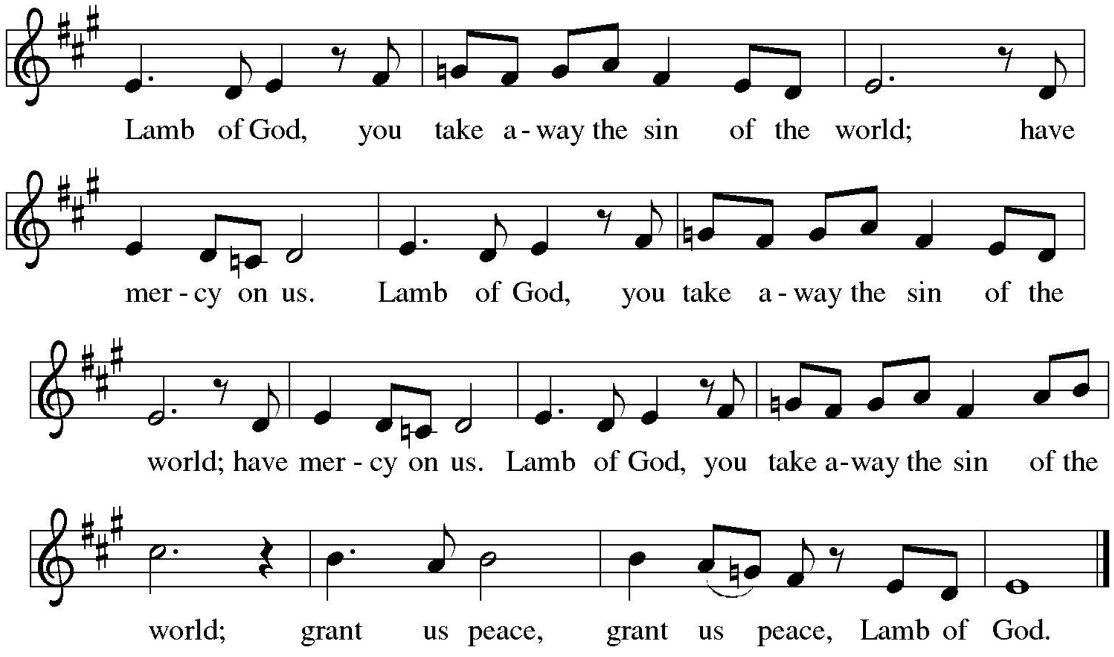
All are welcome at Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that Jesus' real presence is in, under, and through the bread and wine. The sacrament is effective in either bread or wine, so if you have an issue with either bread or wine, you may commune with one element. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are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



My Lord, What A Morning ELW 438

Soon, and Very Soon ELW 439

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 *Blessed Assurance* ELW 638

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

November 8, 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 · Betty Beale · Nicole Bordley · The family of Wyatt Duchon

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 8 - 15, 2026

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
Mon. Nov 9	9:00 am	Quilting Ministry (Annex)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Den Meeting
Tue. Nov 10	6:00 pm	Property Team (Office meeting room)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 747
	7:00 pm	Fellowship on Zoom
Wed. Nov 11	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
Thu. Nov 12	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast at *Eggs Up Grille* 2951 Town Center Dr. Hope Mills
Sun. Nov 8	***25th Sunday after Pentecost***	
	9:00 am	Sunday Morning Faith Formation
	10:00 am	Worship and Blessing of the Boxes of *Operation Christmas Child*
	11:30 am	Choir Practice
	11:30 am	Congregation Council

Upcoming Worship Highlights:

Nov. 15	Blessing of Boxes for Operation Christmas Child
Nov. 22	Christ The King Sunday Renewal of Vows for Agnes and Georgette (10 year anniversary)
Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent; Baptism of Colt Broding (Riley and Caitlyn)



If you know someone you think has skills, passions, or gifts for Council, please speak with one of the nominating team members below; and remember, self-nominations are allowed. Elections are scheduled for December 27.

Nominating Committee 2026

Edward Samuelian	910-551-9082	**Joan Eissinger**	910-850-8444
Amber Habermehl	864-704-3482	**Daniel Linkous**	910-527-6633
Lindsey Smith	812-272-8161	**Illya Tietzel**	504-334-1166

MEMORIES of NINETY YEARS

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

The following is taken from an insert in the worship bulletin on May 18, 1969.

ARMED FORCES SUNDAY
May 18, 1969

St. James Lutheran Church Fayetteville, North Carolina

The Committee on Service to Military Personnel of St. James Congregation is our newest standing committee, but it is becoming one of our most active working units. The committee at a recent meeting selected this Sunday as a

MILITARY RECOGNITION DAY

to be the occasion for us to take note of our military members and to remember them in a special way with our prayers for divine guidance and protection for them. The members of St. James who are in the armed services of our country are necessarily "on the move" in the performance of their duties. At any given time these people of our congregation are scattered in many parts of the world, The present distribution of our military members is typical, and at any given time there are those who are departing from this area, either permanently or temporarily, and there are those who are coming in. It is the function of our Military Committee to see that we maintain contact with our military members and support them in an appropriate manner.

Today we recognize the military members of the families of St. James Congregation. A few of thes people are not themselves members of St. James. but in these few cases the wife is a member, and for this reason we feel a vital concern and responsibility for their welfare. Names of our military people appear on the opposite page. As of this writing, they can be classified as follows:

Now serving at local installations	- 43
Serving elsewhere in the States	- 17
Serving overseas without family	- 15
Serving overseas with family	- 11
Total military members	- 86



A community Thanksgiving worship will be held on **Monday, November 23, 7:00** at

The Church of The Latter Day Saints.

This is a wonderfully ecumenical gathering: LDS, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Fayetteville Friends, Community Church UMC, St. James Lutheran.

youth activities

Our next youth program will be with Westminster Presbyterian. (Supermarket Sweep! The first is **THIS Sunday, Nov 8.**
I'm not sure of every detail, but sounds fun - and worthwhile!!

