

St. James Lutheran Church

Presiding Minister: Bryce Hewlett, SAM Assistant Minister: Ann Larson Acolyte: Dex Hewlett Organist: Linda Gross Church Address: 1705 Oak Street, Bettendorf, IA 52722 Office Email: *stjamesbett@gmail.com* Church Office: 563-355-4161 Website: <u>www.stjamesbett.com</u>

WELCOME!

Guests, we are glad you have joined us today! If you would like to receive contact from St. James following this worship service, please fill out a card from the pew slot and put it in the offering plate. Welcome!

Children's Church for children takes place during our worship service. The children will be dismissed after the *Prayer of the Day* and will be brought back after the *Prayers of Intercession* to join their families.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly rises in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

P: Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 625 Come, We That Love the Lord



GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS AND KITS

Refer to bulletin insert

Children are dismissed for Children's Church.

WORD

FIRST READING Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.
¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— 5

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,

and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,

that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,

just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,

and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

A: Word of God. Word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 90:12-17 (read responsively)

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works,

and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to

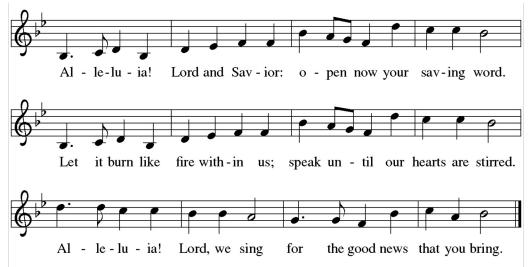
judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A: Word of God. Word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark 10:17-31

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good?₇No one is good but God alone.

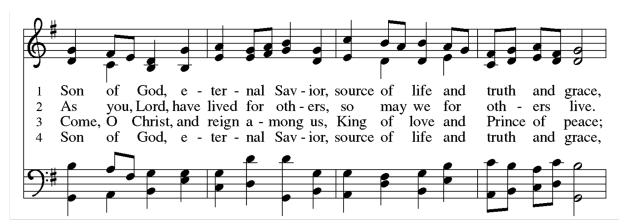
¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

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

<u>SERMON</u>

"The Liberating Look of Love"



HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 655 Son of God, Eternal Savior



APOSTLES' CREED

A: Join me in confessing our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

C: 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.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

Greet one another by shaking hands or with a word or sign of Christ's peace. The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A: Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Sustaining God, as we conclude harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others, especially **Anthony, Brandon, Eli, and Samantha.** God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely, especially Addie, Amy, Barry, Bev, Carol, Connie, Donna, Dotty, Drew, Frieda, Grant, Jason, Jeanne, Jerry, John, Jon, Konnor, LaVonne, Lon, Lora, Lynn, Mary, Michelle, Michelle, Minhon, Phil, Russ, Ruthann, Sandy, and Sherry. God of grace, C: hear our prayer.

A: Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living, especially **Chris, Karen, Paul, and Bishop Sendoro.** In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

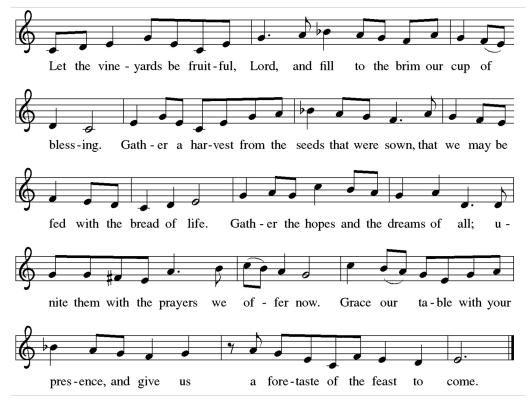
MEAL

OFFERING your offering may be placed in the plate as it is passed. We thank all who support God's ministry here and in the world. Stand as the offering is presented at the rail.

CHOIR SPECIAL MUSIC

In The Garden Arranged by Mark Hayes

OFFERTORY Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



OFFERING PRAYER

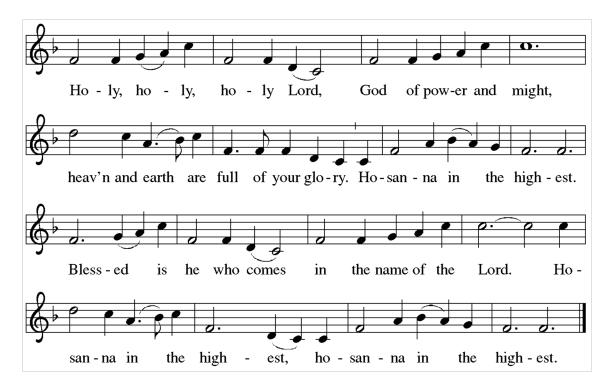
A: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.** ¹²

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

- P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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:



- P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
 - Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.
- P: 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

P. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
C: 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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. All are welcome here. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is seated.

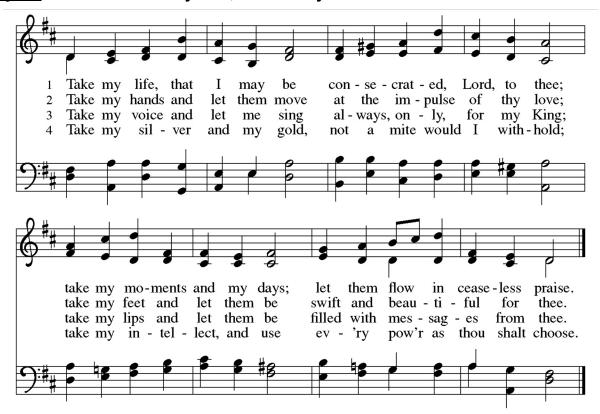
Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed at the altar rail (please stand or kneel, as you are comfortable), the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (which is gluten-free) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white). For those who prefer, pre-packaged communion elements are available in the Narthex.

Hymn: Lamb of God

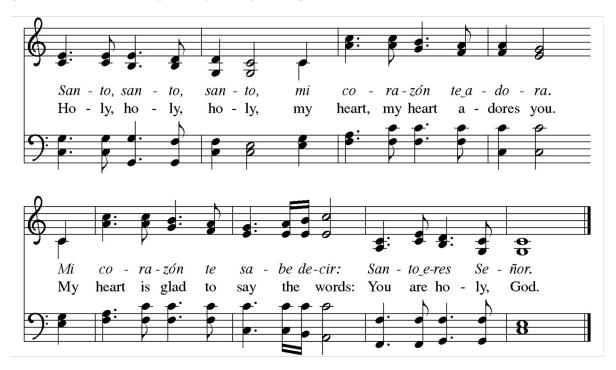


COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn ELW 685 Take My Life, That I May Be







The assembly rises in body or spirit.

BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you,

and give you peace. C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

TEMPLE TALK

Property Committee

BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

P: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 705 God of Grace and God of Glory





P: Go in peace. Share the good news. C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/19— 9AM-3PM Fall Women's Retreat—Sign up using our online form or using the paper form located in the Narthex. Completed forms can be placed on the desk in the Church Office. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

10/13—1PM Sarah Circle.

10/17—11:30AM St. James Gang.

10/28-2:30PM-5:30PM Blood Drive.

<u>Fall 2024</u>—In the past weeks, you may have received a Member Information Census form in the mail to update our member records. We only contacted those where there are gaps in your record. Participation in this project is voluntary, of course, but we encourage you to participate as fully as possible so we can keep our records current. If you have any questions you can contact the church office at (563) 355-4161.

Food Pantry—The food pantry is accepting donations—there will be a spot at the front door to place your donations!

The pantry is also in need of egg cartons! If you have egg cartons you're able to donate, drop them off at the pantry or the church office!

Starting the first week of October and continuing through the rest of the month there will be a food drive with a different request each week;

October 6—CerealOctober 13—64oz JuiceOctober 20—Peanut ButterOctober 27—Cans of Tuna

<u>All Saints Sunday</u>—On Sunday, November 3rd, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints Day at our 9 AM worship service.

All are invited to send in the names of loved ones who have died during the past year to be included in this service's Remembrance of Saints. During the service, we will give thanks for these lives by reading each name aloud and lighting candles. You will have an opportunity to come forward to light a candle in honor and memory of your beloved saint. Thank you for participating in this holy day as we believe and trust in the communion of saints who gather and rest in God's presence and promises.

Please send names to be included in the bulletin and service to stjamesbett@gmail.com or call the church office at (563) 355-4161.

<u>Adult Prayer and Learning Groups</u>—Wednesday, 11/13 at 2PM and Thursday, 11/14 at 6PM. See bulletin insert for more information. Sign up in the Narthex.

We livestream our services on YouTube each week to help us worship together and stay connected even when we are not at full health. Please take advantage of that option if you need it - even if it's just for one Sunday!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjngGF4g_QWtn_I2SqpL5Q

Attendance last week:	Saturday Evening	No Service		
	Sunday Morning	70	Youtube	5

This week's birthdays:

10/13 Oliver Southwell 10/14 Jim Martens 10/19 Tammi Meyer

This week's anniversaries:

10/14 Dave & Angie Schmidt 10/15 Darryl & Diana Worley 10/18 Steve & Terese TouVelle

The flowers are given today by Darryl and Diana Worley for their anniversary.

Worship Assistants

October 13 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion Bryce Hewlett, SAM Presider **Assisting Minister** Ann Larson Acolyte Dex Hewlett Usher Janene Anderson & Ellen Hogbin YouTube Assistant Deb Crooks Altar Guild Ellen Hogbin & Terry Martens **Dee Worley** Counters 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion October 20 Presider Bryce Hewlett, SAM **Assisting Minister** Pat Larson Acolyte Anthonise Abel Usher Kelly Crooks & Ron Mekalson YouTube Assistant Deb Crooks Marilyn Pieart & Dee Worley Altar Guild Counters **Dee Worley** 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion October 27 Bryce Hewlett, SAM Presider **Assisting Minister** Marilyn Pieart Acolyte Lennox Abel Caroline Hicks & Dee Worley Usher YouTube Assistant Deb Crooks Marilyn Pieart & Dee Worley Altar Guild Counters Mary Meaumann Dee Worley

Copyright Acknowledgements

From sundaysandseasons.com, copyright 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #31109. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission. Hymns reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net #A-739519. Hymns reprinted/streamed with permission under OneLicense.net #A-739519.

Prayers for Healing and Support Congregational Members

Lynn Chamberlain, Bev Chappen, Sherry Germanio, Lora Gwin, Sandy Henry, Frieda Houldsworth, John Leder, LaVonne Mienke, Jeanne Peters, Minhon Ridenour,

Family and Friends

Addie (Diana Worley's co-worker's daughter), Amy (friend of Jenny Martin), Barry (cousin of Ellen Hogbin), Carol (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), Connie (friend of Maggie Bayliss), Drew (Pat Larson's friend), Dotty (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), Donna (Ed Arp's sister), Grant (grandson of Carol Leacox), Jason (Lynn Chamberlain & Sherry Germanio's son), Jerry (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken)
Jon (Joleen Bakken's nephew), Konnor (Bert Leder's grandson), Lon (friend of Deb Crooks),
Mary (friend of Pat Larson, Ann Larson & Ellen Hogbin), Michelle (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), Michelle (friend of Jason & Melissa Forari), Phil (Steve Miller and Pat Sorensen's brother), Russ (friend of Steve & Sue Miller, husband to Chris), Ruthann (Justina Pessein's mom)

Military Personnel

Anthony Karasek (Judy Larson's great nephew) Lt. Col. Brandon Sandoval USAF, (Pat Larson's grandson) CPT Eli Smith (Jerry and Myrna Mattly's grandson) Samantha Richard (friend of Larson family)

In Memoriam

Chris (friend of Steve & Sue Miller, wife to Russ), Karen (Pat Larson's sister), Paul Jones, Bishop Sendoro

If you have anyone who needs to be taken off or added, please notify the church office.

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9/29 9AM Worship	9/30	1 6PM Words with Women	2 6-8PM Food Pantry	3 9-11AM Food Pantry	4	5 NO 5PM SERVICE
6 9AM Worship Rally Day!	7 4PM Social Ministry mtg.	8 4PM Property Mtg.	9 2PM Prayer & Learning Group 6PM Supper at St. James 6-8PM Food Pantry	10 9-11AM Food Pantry 6PM Prayer & Learning Group	11	12 5:00 PM Saturday Service
13 9AM Worship Blessing of the Quilts & School Kits 10:15 Finance Mtg.	14 9:30 AM Monday Morning Fellowship 4:30 Christian Ed. Mtg.	15 1PM Sarah Circle	16 6-8PM Food Pantry	17 11:30AM St. James Gang 2PM Bingo @ Bettendorf Health Care	18	19 9AM-3PM Women's Retreat 5:00 PM Saturday Service
20 9AM Worship 10:15AM Council mtg.	21	22 12-4PM Quilting	23 6PM Choir Practice	24	25	26
27 9AM Worship	28 9:30AM Monday Morning Fellowship 2:30-5:30 PM Blood Drive	29	30 8AM Worship and Music Mtg.	31	11/1	11/2