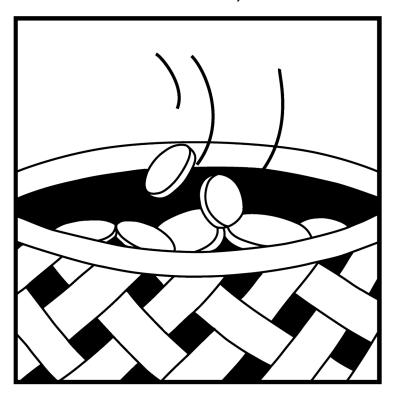
St. James Lutheran Church 25th Sunday after Pentecost November 10th, 2024



St. James Lutheran Church

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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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PRELUDE

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 679 For the Fruit of All Creation





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: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Children are dismissed for Children's Church.

WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me

a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. A: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY Psalm 146 (read responsively)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- 2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- ³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
- ⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
- ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
- ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.
- ⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- ⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

10 The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

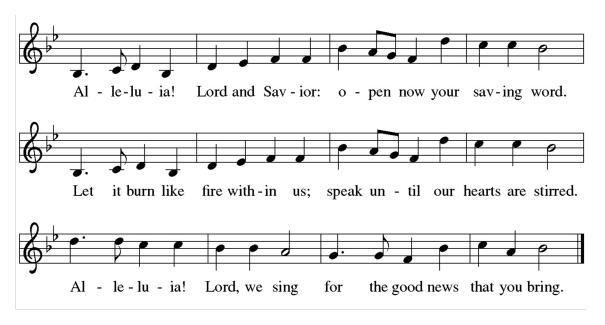
SECOND READING Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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 12:38-44

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

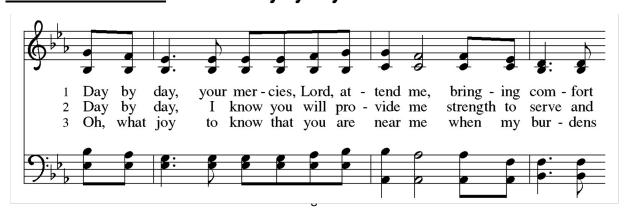
P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

<u>SERMON</u>

The assembly rises in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 790 Day by Day





APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church let us confess our faith.

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: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A: Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders, especially Bishop Amy Current and the Ministers in this congregation.

Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

A: Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate healing.

Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

A: Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land, and pursue peace. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others, especially **Anthony**, **Brandon**, **Eli**, **Nathan**, **and Samantha**. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer**.

A: Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill, especially Addie, Amy, Barry, Bev, Carol, Connie, Donna, Dotty, Drew, Frieda, Grant, Jason, Jeanne, Jerry, John, Jon, Julia, Konnor, LaVonne, Lon, Lynn, Mary, Michelle, Michelle, Minhon, Phil, Russ, Ruthann, Sandy, and Sherry. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

A: Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity.

Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

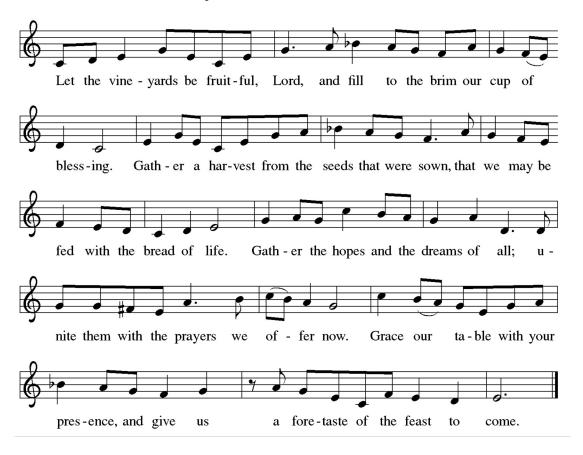
A: Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service, especially **Mary**. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer**.

A: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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.

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

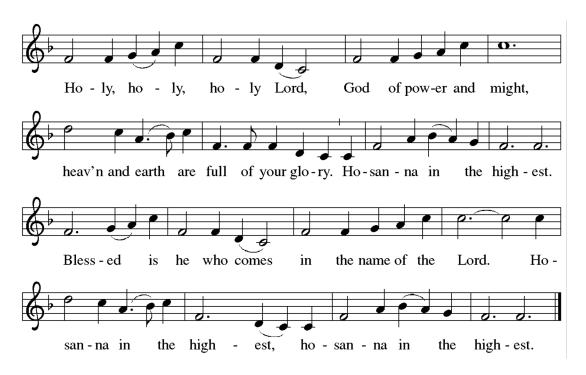
P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

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).

Hymn: Lamb of God



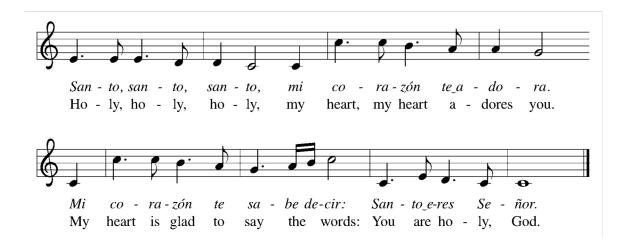
COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn ELW 638 Blessed Assurance





Hymn ELW 473 Holy, Holy, Holy (sing 3 times)



The assembly rises in body or spirit.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

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.

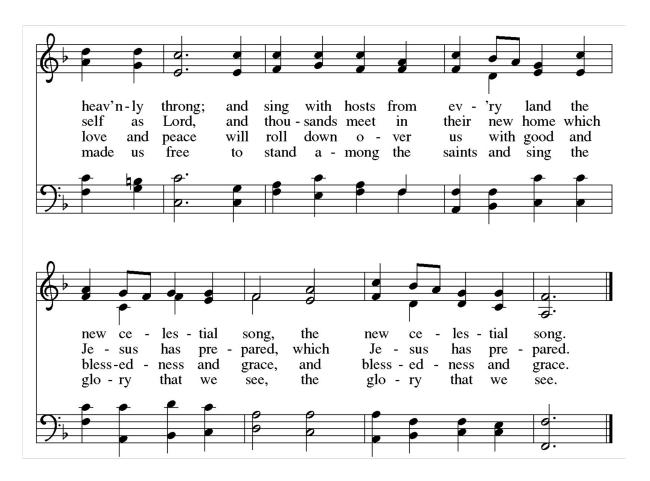
Amen.

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 441 O Happy Day When We Shall Stand





P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

<u>11/13</u>—Supper at St. James. All are welcome and encouraged to come! For more information, contact **Mandy Peters-Speidel** at **(563) 370-8262 or mandypeters8720@gmail.com**.

<u>11/16</u>—Potluck after Saturday service! Come join us for the last potluck of 2024! Contact Amanda Southwell with questions at amandajaynesouthwell@gmail.com

<u>11/25</u>—Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport, IA. The last Monday of each month Social Ministry cooks and serves a meal at Zion Lutheran—we would love to have more volunteers! For more information about volunteering, please contact **Angie Schmidt at (563)570-4928.**

<u>12/14</u>—Live Nativity! We will have another Live Nativity December 14th from 5PM-7PM. Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex—one for carolers, nativity actors, setup and kitchen help, and soups, sides or desserts to share! For questions, contact Ellen Hogbin at ehogbin65@gmail.com.

<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.

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/UCzjnqGF4g_QWtn_I2SqpL5Q

Attendance last week: Saturday Evening 24

Sunday Morning 69 Youtube 4

This week's birthdays:

11/16 Everett Manthe 11/18 Shirley Richlen

This week's anniversary:

11/14 Terry and Jim Martens

The flowers are given today by Sherry Germanio & Lynn Chamberlain in honor of loved ones.

Worship Assistants

November 10 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Presider Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Assisting Minister

Reader

Acolyte

Janet Brakel

Mary Meumann

Lillian Speidel

Usher Fritz Voss & Judy Larson

YouTube Assistant Deb Crooks

Altar Guild Mary Meumann & Terry Martens
Counters Erik Bakken & Joleen Bakken

November 17 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Presider Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Assisting Minister Tom Sladky
Acolyte Lennox Abel

Usher Jerry Nichols & Yvonne Nichols

YouTube Assistant Deb Crooks

Altar Guild Mary Meumann & Shirley Richlen Counters Erik Bakken & Joleen Bakken

November 24 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Presider Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Assisting Minister Diana Worley Acolyte Lillian Speidel

Usher Janene Anderson & Pat Larson

YouTube Assistant Deb Crooks

Altar Guild Mary Meumann & Shirley Richlen Counters Erik Bakken & Joleen Bakken

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Prayers for Healing and Support Congregational Members

Lynn Chamberlain, Bev Chappen, Sherry Germanio, 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), Julia (Keegan's girlfriend), Konnor (Bert Leder's grandson), Lon (friend of Deb Crooks),

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), Theo (Lora Gwin's Godson)

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)
Nathan Pearson USAF (Jenna & Kane Schmidt's friend)
Samantha Richard (friend of Larson family)

In Memoriam

Mary (friend of Pat Larson, Ann Larson & Ellen Hogbin)

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

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5:00PM Saturday Service
3 9AM Worship All Saints Day Daylight Savings Time Ends	4 4PM Social Ministry Mtg. 4:30PM Personnel Mtg.	5 6-8PM Words with Women	6 6-8PM Food Pantry	7 9-11AM Food Pantry	8	9 5:00PM Saturday Service
10 9AM Worship	11 9:30AM Monday Morning Fellowship 4:30PM Property Mtg. Veterans Day	12	13 2PM Adult Prayer & Learning group 4:30 Finance Mtg. 6-8PM Food Pantry 6PM Supper at St. James	14 9-11AM Food Pantry 6PM Adult Prayer & Learning Group	15	16 5:00PM Saturday Service & Potluck
17 9AM Worship	18	19 1PM Sarah Circle	20 6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry 11:30AM St. James Gang 2PM Bingo at Bett Health Care	22	23 5:00PM Saturday Service
9AM Worship Christ the King 10:15 Choir Practice	25 9:30AM Monday Morning Fellowship Meal at Zion Lutheran	26 NO QUILTING 6:00PM Pie Fest 7PM Thanksgiving Service	27 6-8PM Food Pantry	28 9-11AM Food Pantry Thanksgiving	29	30 5:00PM Saturday Service