

St. James Lutheran Church

Our Mission

Welcoming all people to abide in Christ, to experience God's love, and to do God's work in the world around us.



“YOU INTENDED TO HARM ME, BUT GOD INTENDED IT FOR GOOD TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT IS NOW BEING DONE, THE SAVING OF MANY LIVES.”

GENESIS 50:20, NIV

Season of Pentecost
Welcome to our Service

Please rise or remain seated as you are able. Congregation responds with indented bold printed parts. Where you see † you may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked on our forehead at baptism.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come. Wrestle with God, who receives us and welcomes us just as we are.

Come, let us worship!

Come. Look around with questions, look around with wonder, turning your head in every direction you can find.

Come, let us worship!

Come. God calls us into renewed relationships with one another.

Come, let us worship!

Come. God invites us into new beginnings.

Come, let us worship!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gathered into one by God's Spirit, we are bold to confess our sins, our shortcomings, our failures, right here in the open, in the presence of God and of one another. Let us take time for silent reflection.

(silence for reflection)

God of grace,

**We confess that we have failed you,
failed ourselves, failed one another.**

**We assume the worst about those around us,
rather than giving anyone the benefit of the doubt.**

**We do the same to ourselves,
and sometimes, even, we do the same to you.**

We are stubborn and determined to hold a grudge.

**We fail to exercise our imaginations,
fail to recognize your works waiting to be born,
if only we would step up to help,**

or sometimes, if only we would move out of the way.

Forgive us, O God, and show us another way forward. Amen.

Hear the good news of the risen Christ: God is making all things new!
Our sins are forgiven. God invites us to another way of living.

Thanks be to God!

God of Grace and God of Glory



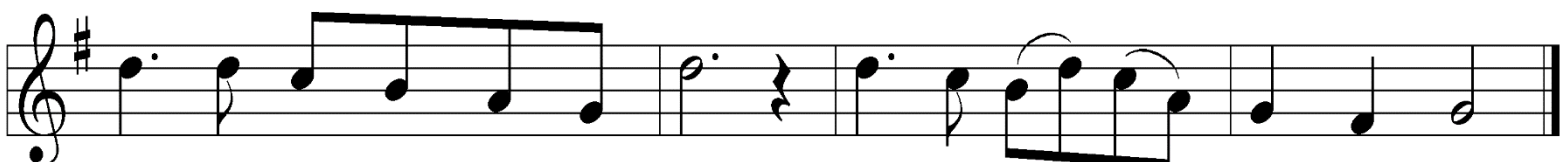
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

PRAYER OF DAY

Let us Pray

O God, you call us to repentance and repair, when so often we'd prefer bitterness and revenge. Remind us of your plans for good, even in the midst of our own worst choices. Help us to remember your own grace and forgiveness, that we might use them as a model for our own.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

THE FIRST READING IS WRITTEN IN THE 50TH CHAPTER OF GENESIS.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

WE WILL READ PSALM 145 RESPONSIVELY.

All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power.

That all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

THE SECOND READING IS WRITTEN IN THE 3RD CHAPTER OF EPHESIANS.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

Please rise as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE 6TH CHAPTER OF JOHN.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

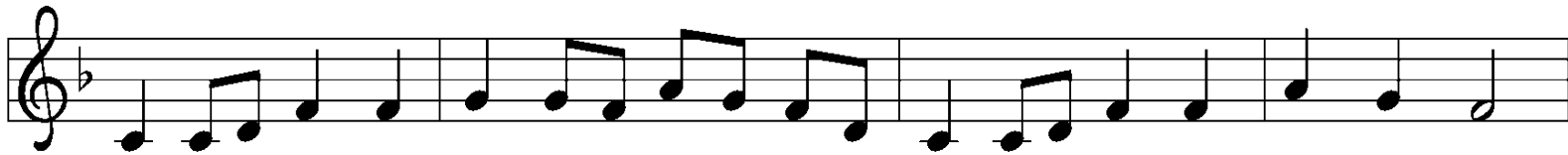
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SERMON - *J is for Joseph*

Sermon Series based *A is for Alabaster* by Anna Carter Florence

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



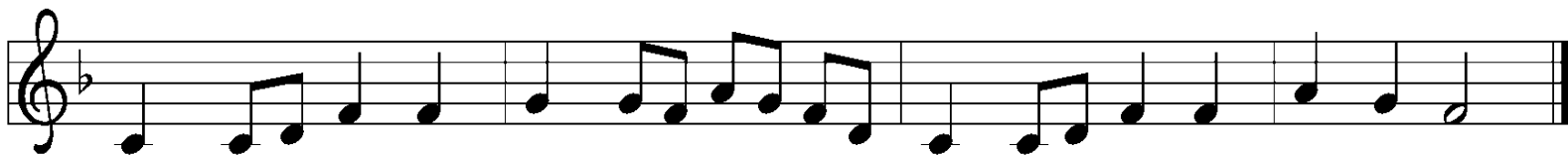
- 1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
- 3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

*At end of each prayer when the pastor says: In your mercy,
the response is: **Hear our prayer.***

SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

Please be seated as the communion table is prepared. Please remember to place your offering in the tray as you leave. Your gifts of thankfulness to God help us to share the Good News of God's love.

OFFERTORY - GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the holy one

Give thanks because we're given

Jesus Christ, God's son (repeat)

And now let the weak say "I am strong"

Let the poor say "I am rich

Because of what the lord

Has done for us" (repeat)

Give thanks (repeat 3x)

Please rise or remain seated as able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance beyond measure,

It feels like a privilege to offer back to you even a portion of the blessings you have poured out upon us. Keep us ever-mindful of what we call our own, ever-seeking new ways to come alongside you in the creation of abundance for the world.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

On the cross, Christ showed us the way of love.

**He showed us a love that gave fully and wholly,
and revealed God's amazing grace.**

And so we again listen to Christ's Words, when on the night of his betrayal, Christ took the bread, 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, Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *"Take and drink, this 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."*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in a manner as our Lord taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This table is set for you –

you who wrestle with God and you who would rather not,
you who stand tall in the face of fear and you who turn away,
you who are misunderstood and you who are understood all too well.
Come. Share in God's meal of new beginnings.

Amen.

Please be seated. As a church of the ELCA we welcome all people to the table to receive our Lord's meal and experience Christ's presence. Come forward to receive an empty cup from the tray. Then come forward to receive the wafer and wine (or grape juice, no cup needed). If you prefer, pre-packaged cups are available (Gluten free is available and have printing on them).

SHARING OUR LORD'S SUPPER

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior strengthen and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, you have fed us with bread of the new creation, wine of new promises for tomorrow. May this meal strengthen us to be your strong and steady hands in the world, reaching always for more connection with one another and with you, Amen.

BENEDICTION

May you rest in the knowledge that God holds you,
like the strong and steady hands of a midwife
on a slippery newborn baby.

May you delight in the grace and forgiveness of Jesus,
inviting us again and again to repentance and repair.

May you recognize new birth all around,
the spirit of God made manifest in abundant imagination.

Amen.

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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Go now in peace, Love your God, Serve your neighbor.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia.

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Joseph Forgives His Brothers


 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers


Please Pray for: Dolores Fiori, Laura Librizzi, Claire Gilmore, Joan & Marx Heller, Diane Eby, Winnie Ziegler, Hannah Bonchi, Margaret Rea, Jennifer Johnson, Linda Kisby, Rita Ricca, Gillian Lee Phillips, Don & Betty Haines, Dorcas Schellhas, Henry Butterhof, Bette Jackson, Maggie Rider, Marlene Triggian, Toni Marinelli, Bob & Ellie Frietag, Ed Shine, Christina Spahn, George Cappucio, Karin Cerrato, Jessica Lewis, Dan P., Tom Dixon, Arlene Calletta, Ed Volpa, Mike Fountas, Nick Pobletti, Arlene Deptula, Sophie Stites, Thomas Rose, Linda Slater, Mike Gigliotti, Annette Scipione, Baby Octavia Marie Kozole, John Thame, George Castine, Ken Ausborn, Chip Stewart, Rose Jones, Joe Chille, Lisa D'Ambrosia, Chenza Cerrato, and Sadie Peterson, Kathy Gorbis, Bill Link, Carl Anderson, Edythe Aselta, David Butterworth, Louie Rider, Gabriel, Emily Shemansky, Karen Fiorilli, Lori Truitt.

The Prayer List is available in the Narthex - – You may submit names after receiving the person's permission for their name to be shared publicly. **Each month, the list is created anew, and you may resubmit name(s).** Please share your name so we may follow up on the progress of your loved one.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WED. JULY 31	7:00 PM	EVENING WORSHIP
SUN. AUG. 4	10:00 AM	WORSHIP
	2:00 PM	PRAYER AND HEALING SERVICE
TUE. AUG. 6	5:30 PM	VBS – CAMP FIRELIGHT
WED. AUG. 7	5:30 PM	VBS – CAMP FIRELIGHT
	7:00 PM	EVENING WORSHIP
THUR. AUG. 8	5:30 PM	VBS – CAMP FIRELIGHT

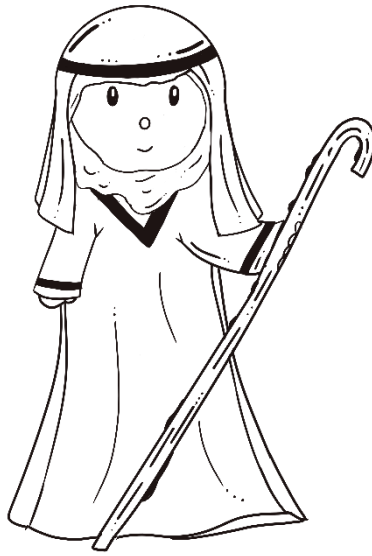


**CAMP FIRELIGHT
A SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE WITH GOD
AUGUST 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

If you are interested in having your child join us, please sign up in the narthex so we can make sure to have enough supplies for everyone. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

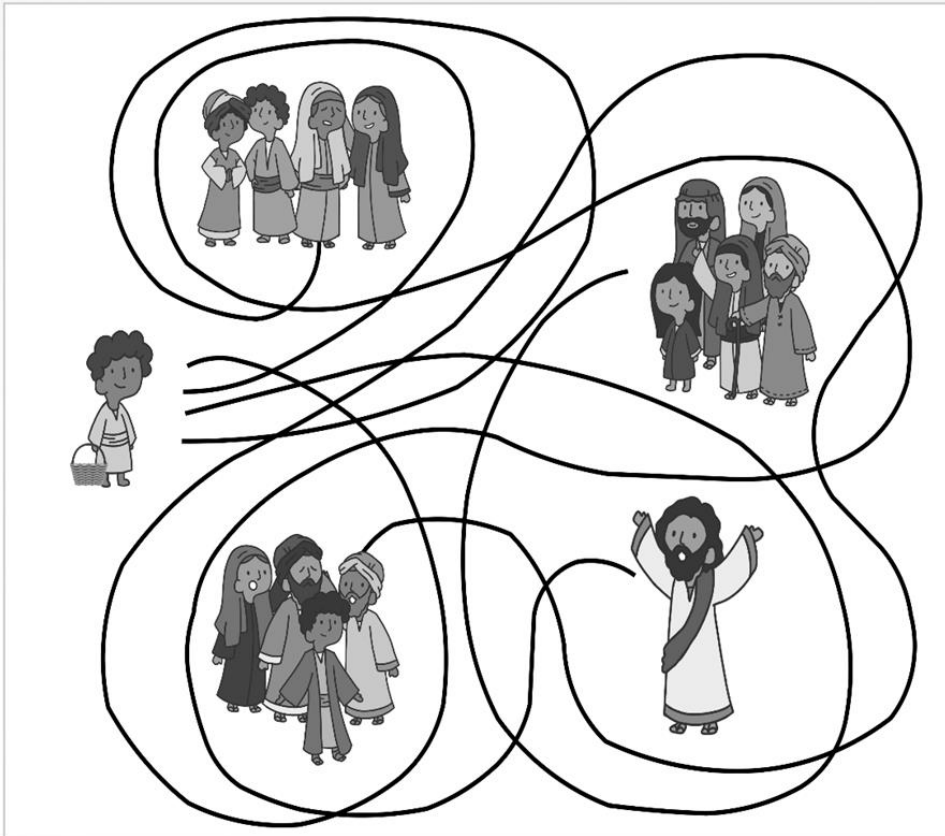
We need your help: Each week we need people to help set up and clean our communion ware, plus people who are willing to assist with communion. We also need readers (scriptures are sent out prior so that you can read over them.) We will train you. Please help. Thank you.

Worship Ministers	This Week: 07/28/24	Next Week: 08/04/24
Reader	Debbie Caglianone	Judy May
Communion Assistants	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Altar Guild	Betty Pollock	Betty Pollock ¹³



FIND THE WAY!

Choose the correct line to get the boy with his five loaves and two fish through the crowd to Jesus.



Did You Know?

In 1925, a banquet was held for 8,000 Freemasons in England. There were more than 5 miles of tables and more than 1,300 people serving food. I'm sure they served more than 5 loaves and 2 fish!



TRY IT AT HOME!

Have a simple meal of bread and fish (maybe a fish sandwich?).
Imagine you are one of the crowd listening to Jesus.

KidStuff

By Clergy Stuff

RCL Kid's Bulletin

July 28, 2024

John 6:1-21

Jesus Feeds 5,000

Everywhere Jesus went, huge crowds followed him. One day, he was teaching a big crowd of people and it was getting late. Jesus said, "We should give everyone dinner."

Philip said, "There's no way we'd have enough money to buy food for five thousand people."

"Well," said Andrew, "there's this little boy here who says he has five loaves of bread and two fish."

"That should be plenty," Jesus said.

Andrew said, "Are you kidding? That's impossible."

Jesus told the crowd to sit down. He prayed to God to bless the boy's food then told his friends to pass it out.

"Wow!" said Susanna. "Everyone got enough to eat."

"And there were twelve baskets of leftovers!" said Joanna.

Philip said, "Jesus is amazing. There's nothing his love can't do."



REMEMBER THIS

MIRACLE

A wonderful thing that happens that no one can explain—something Jesus did a lot!

Draw & Color

Color the five loaves and two fish from the boy's lunch.
Then draw twelve baskets for all the leftovers!

