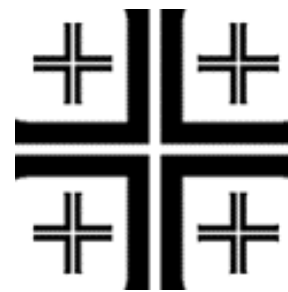


St. James Lutheran Church

*God calls us to follow Christ, make disciples,
and live the Gospel.*



Worship Plan
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023

Welcome to St. James!

PRELUDE Fanfare to 'La Peri' by Paul Dukas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *As We Gather At Your Table* (ELW 522)

As We Gather at Your Table



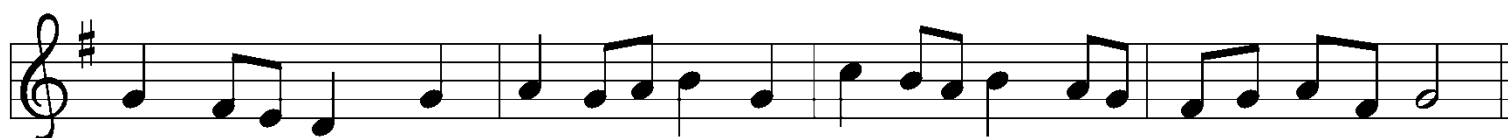
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710
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APOSTOLIC 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.

KYRIE (ELW p. 120-121)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from Ezekiel.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the

wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40 (*sung responsibly*)

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way^l of your statutes,
and I shall keep it^l to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall^l keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with^l all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of^l your commandments,
for that is^l my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to^l your decrees
and not to^l unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from be-^l holding falsehood;
give me life^l in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise^l to your servant,
which is for^l those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach^l that I dread,
because your judg-^l ments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for^l your commandments;
by your righteousness en-^l liven me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Romans.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Amy Gillespie

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken* (ELW 603)

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

*Prayers **Each week throughout the year we will pray for several St. James households by name. After each portion of the prayers:*

A. Merciful God. C. Receive our prayer.

The congregation is welcome to pray for persons by their first names when invited to do so. You are encouraged to pray some of the names of those who are listed on the prayer list.

The prayers conclude: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE *(please share signs of peace with others)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Be seated)

OFFERTORY *Psalm 119 by Carl Fasch / arr. By Ryan Ringnalda*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 129)

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff contains 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and phrasing slurs.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD (ELW p. 130)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
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Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer and Healer . . . Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Jesus invites you to this table.
Come, eat and live.

(be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

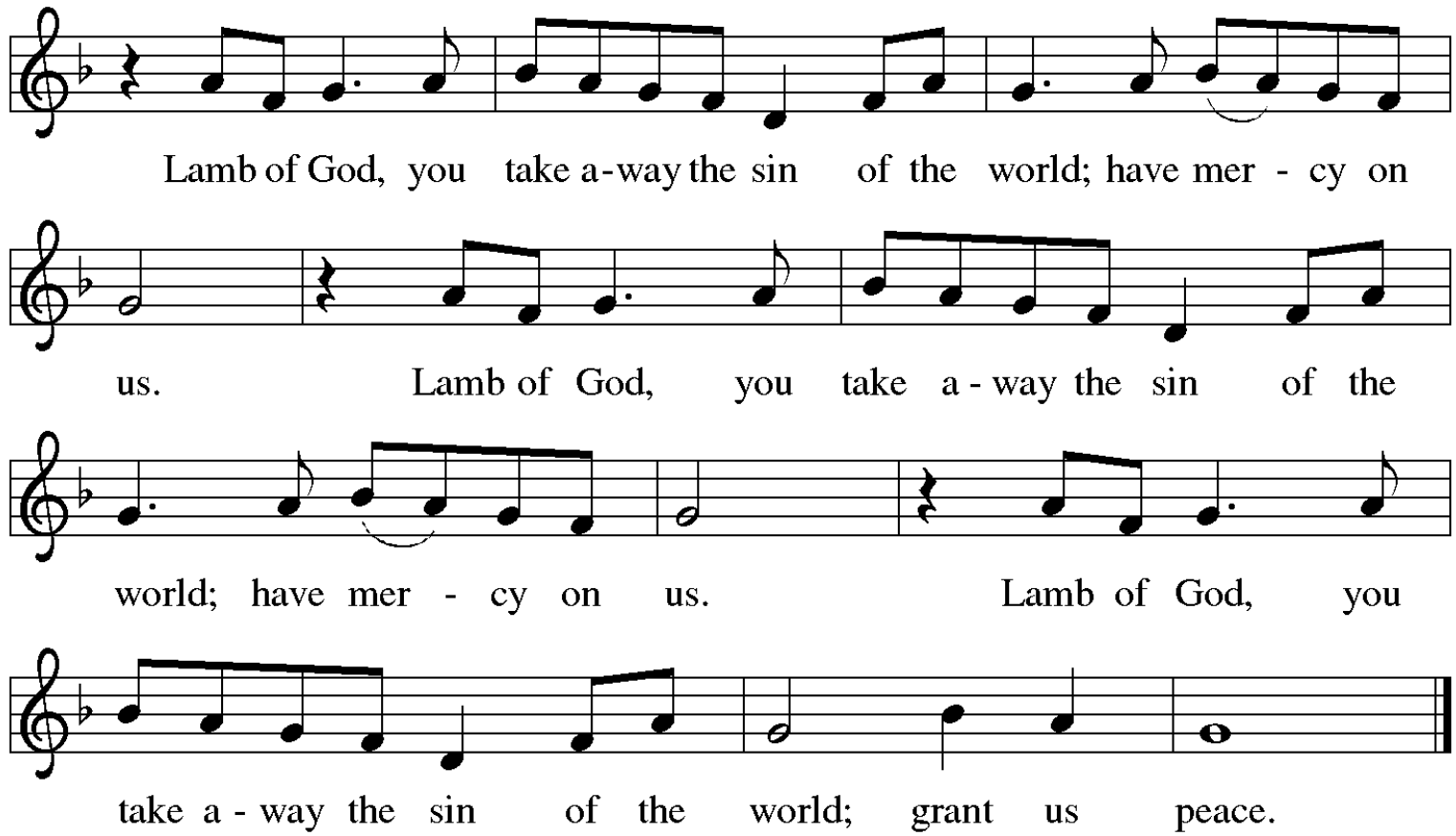
Our Lord Jesus welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink. Those who are not able to consume wine are able to commune fully by receiving only the wafer. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children may come and receive a blessing. We commune on all four sides of the altar. Come forward in two lines up the main aisle, take a glass from the usher and kneel around the altar. After you receive the bread, the server will fill your glass. Return to your seat using the side aisles, placing your glass in the tray on the table.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Chorales* by J.S. Bach

COMMUNION (ELW p. 134)

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

(please stand as you are able)

The Lord's body and blood strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others.

Amen.

BLESSING

God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you, and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, ✝ bless you this day, that you may be Gods's hands and heart and voice at work in the world.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (ELW 836)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Voluntary* by Charles Aviation / arr Ryan Ringnalda

Your Worship Leaders
September 10, 2023

Pastor Amy Gillespie

Assisting Minister Paul Moss
Reader Annie Moss

Musicians – St. James Brass Ensemble

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Ryan Ringnalda, Brass Ensemble
Director
Doug Dusthimer, Youth Ministry
Coordinator
Wendy Unrath, Organist
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Director
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CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 2023

**Sunday, September 10,
2023**

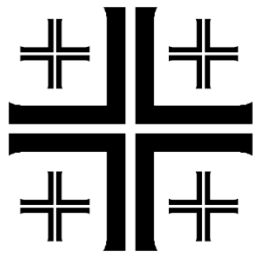
God's Work. Our Hands. Service Project
Church Picnic

**Sunday, September 17,
2023**

Sunday School Volunteer Commission
Start of Sunday School Program
8:45 – 9:25 Parent Orientation
8:45 – 9:25 Class begins
9:25 – 9:50 Children's Choir
Installation of Office Coordinator

**Sunday, September 24,
2023**

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
8:45 Sunday School
9:25 Children's Choir



**St. James Lutheran Church
Lake Forest, Illinois**

Prayer List We remember in our prayers:

We remember in our prayers:

Sandy Abby	Dave Marsden (friend - Alane Wanda)
Carol Amrhein (friend - the Wandas)	Kristin Marsden (friend - Alane Wanda)
Eleanor Arneson (aunt - Nancy Clemens)	Roy Meyer (friend - the Bohacs)
Nancy Bensinger (friend - Marge Triplett)	Sue Milligan (friend – Melissa/Detlef Koska)
Linda Berner	Joy Mishkin (friend - Alane Wanda)
Warren Bjork (great uncle - Tom Bohac)	Molly Morris (friend - the Davoux family)
Anna Braun (friend - Richard/Brigitte Kaeske)	Anita and Roger Norem (friends - the Triplett family)
Emily Collins (friend - the Wanda family)	Ryan Olliges (relative - Gina Husemoller)
Phyllis Dettmann (aunt - Nancy Clemens)	Carolyn Omietec (friend - the MacAyeal family)
Margie Elkins (friend - MaryBeth Buschmann)	Peter O'Rourke (friend - Sue Thomas/Bob Hughes)
Kerstin (friend - Sue Thomas/Bob Hughes)	Deb Russell (aunt - Emily Bohac)
Kristi Gerken (niece - MaryBeth Buschmann)	Jean Schmidt (grandmother - Kelly Duncombe)
Kathryn Gilbertson	Jennifer Schlueter (cousin - Nancy Clemens)
Alexis Gladstone (friend - Sue Thomas/Bob Hughes)	Susan Shipman (sister-in-law - Alane Wanda)
Jeremy Gugel (nephew - Liz Behring)	Mary Ann Sopko (aunt - Mark Wanda)
John Gugel (brother-in-law - Liz Behring)	Debbie Stonich (friend - MaryBeth Buschmann)
Jenerfer Harrison-Okarski (cousin - Donna Jarvi)	Zelmira Tomaska (mother - Paula Doyle)
Daniel Heiman	Paula Van Singel
Mike Jarvi	Chary and Sieg Voss
Sandy Jaeger (sister - Chary Voss)	Nancy Wanda (mother - Mark Wanda)
Peter Jorgensen (son - Madeleine Jorgensen)	John Robert Webster (son - John Webster)
Barbara Kollacks (relative – Linda/Wolf Kollacks)	John Webster
Craig Larsen (friend - the Moore family)	Matt Wetherbee (brother - Tiffany Alexander)
Michael Lorenson (father - Choosri Goebel)	
The MacAyeal Family	

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Lectionary 23 / Proper 18
ELW Holy Communion Setting Two
