



Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

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Sunday, November 9, 2025
11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Welcome to Saint James, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Southeast Michigan Synod. Thank you for being part of this gathered assembly as we worship the Risen Lord and receive the sacrament. If this is your first time worshipping with Saint James, we extend a special greeting to you and invite you to introduce yourself to your neighbor in the pew. If you have questions about Saint James or are looking for a spiritual home, please reach out to the Pastor (pastor@stjamesgp.org).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

WORSHIP & HOLY EUCHARIST

All of the materials needed for this liturgy can be found in this bulletin and in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) book found in the pew rack. The celebration of the sacrament, **Holy Eucharist** (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion), is central to our worship. As host of the meal, Jesus extends a wide welcome for all to participate. Distribution information is found on page 10. If you would prefer to commune in the pew, please alert an usher prior to the start of worship.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Charles Ore

GATHERING

STAND

*The ELW
(Evangelical
Lutheran Worship)
is the red worship
book in the pew
rack. In the ELW,
find hymns not
printed in the
bulletin and
harmony to those
printed.*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God, **you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.**

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

**We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**

**Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken, renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you,
in + Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy
Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* **ELW 619**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE



earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and
Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the
Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the
Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

*The Hymn of
Praise is sung in
unison.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

SIT

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

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PSALM

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SECOND LESSON

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Helgen



Verse *Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. (Rev. 1:5, 6)*

REPEAT ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL

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RETURN ACCLAMATION *O Word of God Incarnate* **ELW 514:1**

*The acclamation
is sung as the
procession returns
to the chancel.*

I O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

HOMILY

SIT

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense* **ELW 621**

STAND

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.**

*In the Creed, we
profess our faith
in our triune
(Trinity) God, who
is Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, and
we remember
that the covenant
God made with us
in the sacrament
can never be
taken away. God
has assured us of
eternal life, and
the presence of
the Holy Spirit
throughout our
earthly life.*

INTERCESSIONS

**Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.**

*The sign of peace
is a greeting
between believers
that invites the
peace of God to
dwell within and
between each
person. This
means that
sharing the peace
is much more
than an act of
hospitality.*

PEACE

TABLE SETTING

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

REMAIN
STANDING & SING

*The ushers bring
the gifts of bread
and wine forward
as the table is set.*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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PRAYER

Gracious God, by Christ's death on the cross you have given new life to us. Receive these gifts as tokens of our love for you, that we might give thanks for the fullness of your salvation in Jesus Christ our LORD,
Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Great Thanksgiving is understood as an act of praise and thanksgiving. Following Jewish customs, the emerging Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked God) for his kindness and love.

PREFACE

SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

The musical notation for the Sanctus is shown on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notation is partially obscured by a large, stylized graphic element on the left side of the staff.

The Sanctus (sanctus, Latin, means holy) is a series of angelic acclamations which accompanied Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3 also Psalm 118:26).

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*In the Eucharistic
Prayer,
the church
gives thanks for
God the Father
and creator; for
Jesus who saves
and redeems us;
and for the Holy
Spirit that stirs
and enlightens
our faith that we
might proclaim
the mighty work
of God in word
and deed.*

You are indeed holy, almighty, and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

The Words of Institution

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



*The word
eucharist means
'thanksgiving.'
When we use this
term for the
sacrament the
emphasis is on
the joy and cele-
bration with
which we thank
the Risen Lord
Jesus for his real
presence as we
receive his body
and blood.*

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

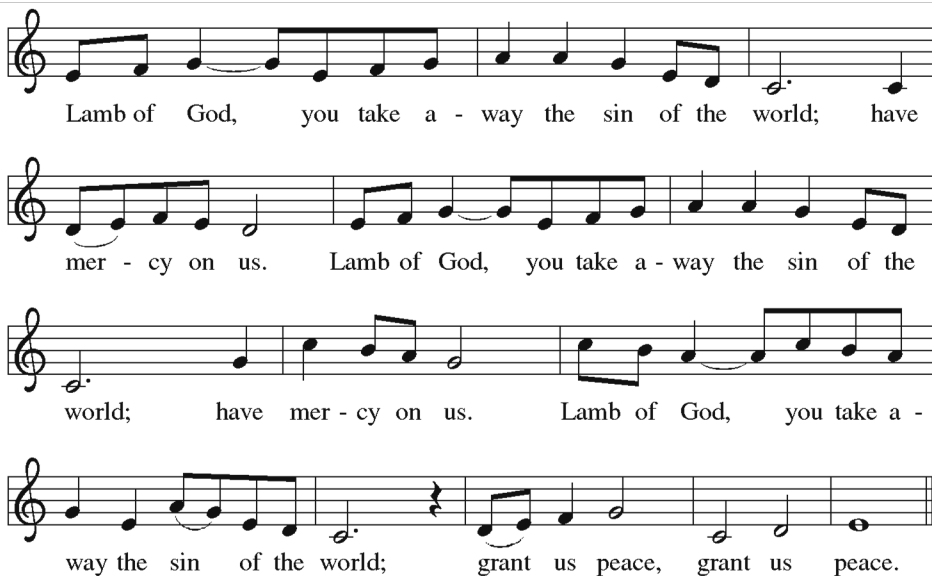
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name...**

The sacrament of the altar is known by several names including Holy Communion, The Lord's Supper, and The Eucharist.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**This is the feast of the Lamb of God
who frees us from our sins, and unites us as one people.
Let us rejoice and be glad!**

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, grant us peace.

SIT

SAINT JAMES COMMUNION PRACTICE

Welcome	Saint James practices an open table for Holy Communion, which means that <u>all people are invited to participate in the sacrament</u> . Jesus is the host of the meal and extends a wide welcome. Children are welcome to participate, but may also come forward with folded arms to receive a blessing.
Benefit	What is the benefit of sharing in the meal? The words “given for you” and “shed for you” show us that the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament. (Luther’s Small Catechism)
Distribution	Come forward via the central aisle. Receive the host (bread/Jesus’ body) in the hand, then dip it into the cup with wine (Jesus’ blood). Or consume it and take an individual cup of wine (purple) or juice (golden). A gluten free host is offered by saying “gluten free” to the pastor. Return to your place via the outside aisles for private prayer.

SIT	DISTRIBUTION		
	CHOIR	<i>When My Last Hour Is Close at Hand</i>	Gumpelzheimer
	HYMN	<i>Sing with All the Saints in Glory</i>	ELW 426

STAND	POST COMMUNION BLESSING
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TITHES & OFFERINGS

Instead of ‘passing the plate,’ Saint James receives offerings in a) offering plates near each sanctuary entrance, b) via online giving at stjamesgp.org, and c) via Zelle app (QR code below). Your gifts support the ministry of the church.

SENDING

SENDING PRAYER

O Lord, our God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The sign of the cross is made in remembrance of Holy Baptism

BENEDICTION

HYMN *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand* **ELW 441**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God!

We are sent into the world to proclaim the good news of God!

POSTLUDE *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense* Anton Wilhelm Leupold SIT

FIRST LESSON Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

- ²³ “O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my redeemer lives
 and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 17:1-9



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me un - der the shad - ow of your wings.



Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed ¹ to my cry;
 listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.

²Let my vindication come forth ¹ from your presence;

let your eyes be ¹ fixed on justice.
³ **Examine my heart, visit ¹ me by night,
 melt me down; you will find no impuri- ¹ ty in me.**
⁴ **I have not regarded what ¹ others do;
 at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways ¹ of the violent. *Refrain***
⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your ¹ well-worn path;
 and my feet ¹ do not slip.
⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will ¹ answer me;
 incline your ear to me and ¹ hear my words.
⁷ **Show me your marvelous ¹ lovingkindness,
 O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
 from those who ¹ rise against them.**
⁸ **Keep me as the apple ¹ of your eye;
 hide me under the shadow ¹ of your wings,**
⁹ from the wicked ¹ who assault me,
 from my deadly enemies ¹ who surround me. *Refrain*

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SECOND LESSON 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters,

stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

before the Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

following the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Worship Leaders for November 9

Assisting Minister: Larry Sabol
Communion Assistant: Pam Perkowski
Lector: Nancy Kopka
Altar Guild: Sue Carson & Mary Mathison
Livestream: Susan Allison
Ushers: Joel & Julie Humphries

Worship Leaders for November 16

Assisting Minister: Joel Humphries
Communion Assistant: Julie Humphries
Lector: Rich Moellering
Altar Guild: Tracey Simpson
Livestream: Lisa Shrader
Ushers: Hank & Tracey Simpson

Full November Schedule on the kiosk

Offering Plates

Saint James places offering plates at each entrance to the sanctuary. For more information about offerings, including electronic giving, see the bulletin. Thank you for your faithfulness in stewardship. Every contribution helps to support Saint James' mission and the proclamation of the gospel in the world. Find us on Zelle using: giving@stjamesgp.org

Remember in Prayer – Nancy Gurs - Laura Blake - Russ Halleen - All deployed military and their families.

Contact Emily Moellering or Pastor to add a name to the Prayer List or to ask the Prayer Team to pray for a specific need.



Coffee Hour Please join us each Sunday after service for Coffee Hour in the Welcome Area (beyond the municipal parking lot doors near the nursery.) Grab a cup of coffee or juice and a goodie and enjoy some Christian fellowship.

Got News? Please send items, for inclusion in the Saturday email newsletter to Alicia Taub no later than Thursday at noon of that week. All items for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to Emily Richardson at office@stjamesgp.org no later than Tuesday.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, November 9

Pentecost 22

11am: Holy Eucharist | *Choir Sings*

Fellowship immediately following worship

Monday, November 10

Office Closed on Mondays

4pm: Joyful Noise Children's Choir (at St. Paul)

Tuesday, November 11

Veteran's Day

8am: Men's Club Chorus (Undercroft)

9am-12pm: Office Hours

1pm: Women of the Word (Meditation Room)

Wednesday, November 12

Pastor Grant's Office Day

8am: Men's Bible Breakfast (at National Coney Island)

9am-1pm: Office Hours

12:15pm: Hebrews Bible Study (at Genesis & Online)

4pm: Handbells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

4:30pm: Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, November 13

9am-12pm: Office Hours

Friday, November 14

Office Closed on Fridays | Pastor's Day Off

Sunday, November 16

Pentecost 23

11am: Holy Eucharist | *Handbells Ring*

Congregation Meeting immediately following worship

Fellowship immediately following worship

Monday, November 17

Office Closed on Mondays

4pm: Joyful Noise Children's Choir (at St. Paul)

Tuesday, November 18

8am: Men's Club Chorus (Undercroft)

9am-12pm: Office Hours

Wednesday, November 19

Pastor Grant's Office Day

9am-1pm: Office Hours

12:15pm: Hebrews Bible Study (at Genesis & Online)

4pm: Handbells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

4:30pm: Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun, Nov. 23 — Advent Workshop & Potluck at St. Paul after 9 AM worship.

Sat, Dec. 13 — Hanging of the Greens 9 AM to Noon

The Weekly Newsletter of Saint James Lutheran Church For the Week of November 9, 2025



SAINT JAMES would like to remind all to please ensure that your phones and other electronic devices are silenced, switched to vibrate or turned off before worship begins. Thank you for your cooperation!



WOMEN OF THE WORD monthly bible study meets next on **Tuesday, November 11 at 1 PM** in the Meditation Room. All women are welcome to join! Contact **Nancy Kopka** with questions.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST The **St. Paul** Men's Bible Breakfast meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at the **National Coney Island** at Mack Ave & Moross. This month's breakfast is on **Wednesday, November 12 at 8 AM**. All men are welcome to join!

CONGREGATION MEETING Mark your calendars! The fall Congregation Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 16** immediately following worship. The agenda will include approving our budget for 2026. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

MISSIONS This month, we will be collecting new and gently used & laundered blankets for **Motor City Mitten Mission**. Please place blankets in the Welcome Area, and reach out to **Sarah Sutherland** with any questions.

We are also once again collecting money in partnership with **Genesis** now through early December to fund Christmas dinner food baskets for Detroit families in need. **Please make checks payable to SAINT JAMES.**

Saint James is also sponsoring one child through **Samaritas'** Christmas Wish program for our Angel Tree. More details to come. Questions about our Samaritas sponsorship can go to **Sarah Sutherland** or **Emily Richardson**.



SMALL CHANGE MINISTRY We are reintroducing our Small Change Ministry, with all proceeds from now until the end of December going to **Mend on the Move**. This organization empowers survivors of abuse through the artistry of salvaged auto parts and car seat leather. You may see Barb Radtke sporting some of their beautiful jewelry! What a great place to donate your extra change!



HANGING OF THE GREENS Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 13th** to join the Hanging of the Greens Celebration in preparation for Christmas. All are invited to lend a hand inside or outside to hang wreaths, make swags and string roping as you are able or simply visit with others in fellowship. We will begin at **9 AM** and end by noon. Bring a friend and enjoy the morning of decorating as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth!

Each year, the purchase of indoor and outdoor greenery and floral arrangements is made possible through donations designated specifically for this purpose. Consider making a donation for the 2025 season. Thank you in advance for these gifts!