



# Baptism of our Lord

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**Worship begins at 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 God 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 Pastor Grant ([pastor@stjamesgp.org](mailto:pastor@stjamesgp.org)).

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES**

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

## **WORSHIP & HOLY EUCHARIST**

All of the materials needed for this liturgy can be found in this bulletin and in the cranberry 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

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PRELUDE

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

David Cherwien

STAND and face  
the entering  
procession

## GATHERING

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HYMN

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

ELW 304

*red songbook in pew rack*

## INVOCATION & GREETING

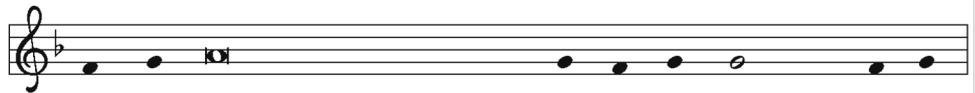
*The sign of the  
cross is made in  
remembrance of  
our Baptism.*

*In the Kyrie we  
ask for God's  
mercy and grace  
to be upon us  
both individually  
and as a  
community.*

## KYRIE



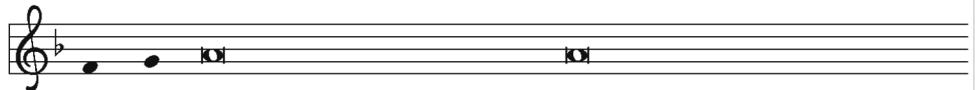
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



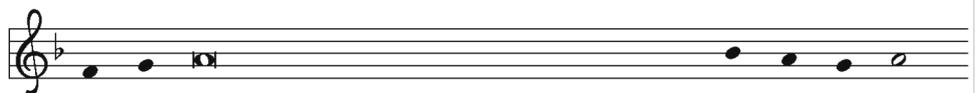
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we

giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one

will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord

heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in

praise you for your glo - ry.  
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

Silence of 5 to 10 seconds may be kept between the invitation to pray and the prayer itself to give people time to focus on the presence of God.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

**WORD**

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SIT

**THE FIRST LESSON**

*see page 12 of this bulletin*

**PSALM**

*see page 13 of this bulletin*

**SECOND LESSON**

*see page 14 of this bulletin*

STAND & SING

as the procession moves to the center of the sanctuary.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

**Verse** *A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:17)*

**REPEAT ALLELUIA**

The Holy Gospel is read in the midst of the people as a sign of our Lord's presence is in our midst in worship.

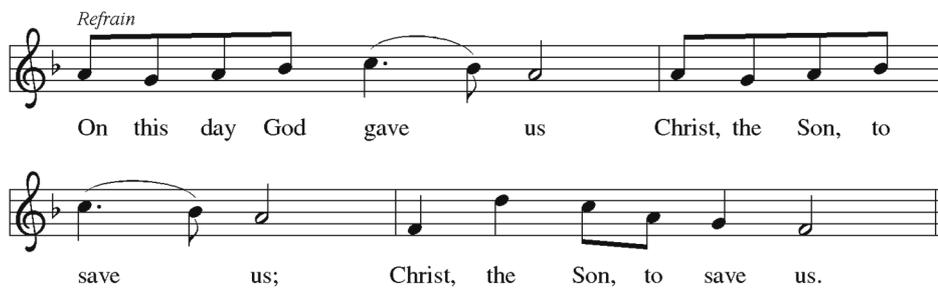
**HOLY GOSPEL**

*see page 14 of this bulletin*

**RETURN ACCLAMATION** *Let Our Gladness Have No End*

1 Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
for to earth did Christ de - scend. Hal - le - lu - iah!

*Refrain*



On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to  
save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

**Into flesh is made the Word, Hallelujah!  
our true refuge and our Lord. Hallelujah! Refrain**

## HOMILY

SIT

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

ELW 305

STAND

## BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

*As today's Gospel recalls Jesus' baptism and the inauguration of his earthly ministry, so now we remember our own baptism and make a concerted effort to live in response to the promises bestowed upon us in the sacrament.*

## RENUNCIATION

Do you renounce the forces of evil? **I do.**

Do you renounce the devil, the father of lies, and all his empty promises? **I do.**

## PROFESSION

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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,**

*We are all baptized in God's Triune name: Father, Son & Holy Spirit.*

**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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Though parents and godparents were once charged with supporting and nurturing a child's faith, adult believers are called to take on these responsibilities themselves. The affirmation of these intentions signifies the desire to live as a disciple of Jesus. Doing these things nourishes our spiritual life so that strengthened by the presence of God, we can go into the world to share the good news of Jesus with others.*

*Sharing the peace with our neighbors is an act of sharing Christ's peace with one another.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

#### **INTERCESSIONS**

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

#### **INTENTIONS**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear his Word and share in his supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **PEACE**

**TABLE SETTING**

**What Feast of Love**

**ELW 487:1,3**

*Remain STANDING  
and SING as the gifts  
are brought forward.*

1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?  
What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!

**3 What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

O God we bring offerings of bread and wine, and the offerings of our lives, to dedicate ourselves and all we have to you. Since everything is useful to make your kingdom come, encourage us by a vision of your generous salvation to live for the welfare of your glorious creation. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

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*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 God's kindness and love.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

### PREFACE

### SANCTUS

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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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

Blessed are you, O Holy God, you are the life and light of all.

By your word you created all things,  
through the prophets you called your people  
to be a light for the nations.

Blessed are you, for Jesus your Son.  
He is your light shining in our darkness  
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

*The Words of Institution are spoken*

Remembering, therefore, his baptism in the Jordan,  
his preaching and healing,  
his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again,  
we give thanks and praise to you, O God, as we await that day  
when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life giving light.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

*In the Eucharistic Prayer, the church gives thanks for God's mighty works in the past, in creation and redemption through Jesus Christ, and thereby proclaims its faith in the blessings that come in the future both in this life and in eternal life yet to come.*



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that refreshed with this heavenly food,  
your body and blood,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.

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

*Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:35*



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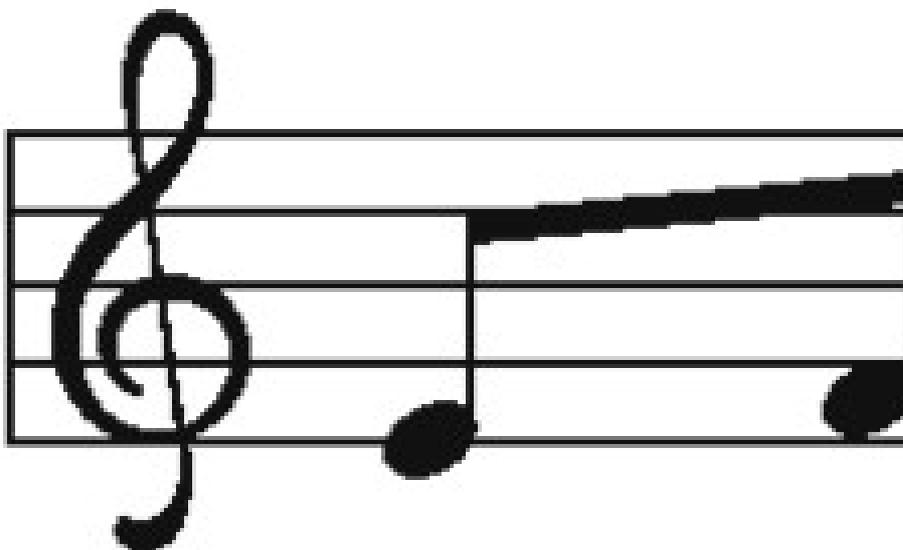
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

**We rejoice in the Beloved Son of God!**

## LAMB OF GOD



SIT

### DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

CHOIR  
HYMN

*The Baptism of Our Lord*  
*This Is the Spirit's Entry Now*

Charles Callahan  
ELW 448

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

#### SAINT JAMES COMMUNION PRACTICE

- Welcome** Saint James practices an open table for Holy Communion, which means that all people are invited to participate in the sacrament. 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.

## SENDING

STAND

### SENDING CANTICLE

### *Nunc Dimittis*

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the  
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

*God promised the temple prophet, Simeon that he would not taste death until he had seen the Messiah. He sings this song of thanksgiving for all that God has done, and asks God to now bless him and give him peace.*

### SENDING PRAYER

O Lord, our Baptism is your sign which made us bold to come and feast at your table. With the power that comes with its forgiveness and fellowship, give us joy in our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

#### HYMN

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

**ELW 310**

#### DISMISSAL

Go forth in the light of Christ. Share the Good News.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*We are sent into the world to share the light of Christ.*

#### POSTLUDE

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Michael Burkhardt

SIT

**FIRST LESSON            Isaiah 42:1-9**

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched  
them out, who spread out the earth and  
what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> I am the LORD; I have called you in righteous-  
ness;

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

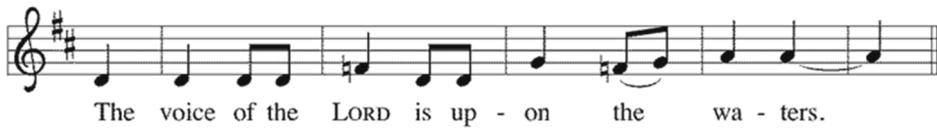
<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

*following the lesson*

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29



Psalm 29:3

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- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo-ry and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- <sup>3</sup>**The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**
- <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. Refrain**
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup>**The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.**
- <sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. Refrain**
- <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- <sup>11</sup>**O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. Refrain**

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## SECOND LESSON      Acts 10:34-43

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*following the lesson*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## HOLY GOSPEL      Matthew 3:13-17

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

*before the Gospel*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*following the Gospel*

The Gospel of our Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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### **Worship Leaders for January 11**

Assisting Minister: Mary Moellering  
Crucifer: Rich Moellering  
Communion Assistant: Sue Stieber  
Lector: Andrew Picek  
Altar Guild: Tracey Simpson  
Livestream: Lena Picek  
Ushers: Hank & Tracey Simpson

### **Worship Leaders for January 18**

Assisting Minister: Richard Ferrara  
Communion Assistant: Gini Bunchek  
Lector: Arnold Brammeier  
Altar Guild: Marcia & Mark Wilson  
Livestream: Sue Martin  
Ushers: Dalton Black & Arnold Brammeier

*Full January 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](mailto: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 at [Ataub6886@comcast.net](mailto:Ataub6886@comcast.net) 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](mailto:office@stjamesgp.org) no later than Tuesday.

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **Sunday, January 11**

*Baptism of Our Lord*  
Choir Sings  
11am: Holy Eucharist  
Fellowship immediately following worship

#### **Monday, January 12**

Office Closed on Mondays  
4pm: Joyful Noise Children's Choir (at St. Paul)

#### **Tuesday, January 13**

8am: Men's Club Chorus (Undercroft)  
9am-12pm: Office Hours  
1pm: Women of the Word (Meditation Room)

#### **Wednesday, January 14**

*Pastor Grant's Office Day*  
9am-1pm: Office Hours  
4pm: Handbells (Sanctuary)  
4:30pm: Choir (Music Room)  
6pm: Joint Parish Lent Planning Meeting (Gathering Area)  
7pm: Church Council (Gathering Area)

#### **Thursday, January 15**

9am-12pm: Office Hours

#### **Friday, January 16**

Office Closed on Fridays  
*Pastor's Day Off*

#### **Saturday, January 17**

7pm-10am: Luther League Youth Lock-In (at St. Paul)

#### **Sunday, January 18**

*Epiphany 2*  
11am: Holy Eucharist  
Fellowship immediately following worship

#### **Monday, January 19**

*Martin Luther King Jr. Day*  
Office Closed on Mondays

#### **Tuesday, January 20**

8am: Men's Club Chorus (Undercroft)  
9am-12pm: Office Hours

#### **Wednesday, January 21**

*Pastor Grant's Office Day*  
9am-1pm: Office Hours  
4pm: Handbells (Sanctuary)  
4:30pm: Choir (Music Room)

**Thursday, January 22** 10am: Prayer Shawls (Second Floor)

*The Weekly Newsletter of Saint James Lutheran Church  
For the Week of January 11, 2026*



**WITH CHRIST IN PEACE** The Saint James church community extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of member **George Buono** (living full tie in Florida in recent years) who entered the Church Triumphant last week after a long illness. For those who would like to send a card or note to Dee, here is the address: Dee Buono, 1035 San Mateo Dr, Punta Gorda, FL 33950-6464

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** The St. Paul Men's Bible Study meets the second Wednesday of each month at **8 AM** at the National Coney Island on Mack Avenue near Moross. This month's meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 14**. All men are welcome - come check it out!

**CHURCH COUNCIL** the next Church Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 14** at **7PM** in the Gathering Area. All members are welcome to attend any month's council meeting.

**MLK WORSHIP SERVICE** The Southeast Michigan Synod's Annual MLK Celebration will be held **Sunday, January 18** at **Gracious Saviour Lutheran Church** in Detroit (19484 James Couzens Fwy, Detroit, MI 4835). The Rev. Dr. Kevin Dudley from the Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University will be the guest preacher. Fellowship with light refreshments begins at **2 PM** and worship begins at **3 PM**.

Sis. Gayle Hill of Gracious Saviour Lutheran Church will lead a synod-wide Mass Choir during the service — are all welcome! Interested Mass Choir participants are invited to rehearsal on Saturday, **January 17** at **1 PM**. Questions about the Mass Choir can be directed to Gayle: 313-923-4433.

**LUTHER LEAGUE** The St. Paul Luther League youth group for grades 5-12 meets next on **Saturday, January 17** at **7 PM** at **St. Paul** for a Lock-In. Please RSVP to **Suzanne Powell** by January 17. The lock-in goes until **10 AM** on **Sunday, January 18**. Questions can be directed to Suzanne.

**SCRIPTURES** You may have noticed that the scripture text in the bulletin does not exactly match what is being read on Sunday mornings from the lectionary. This is due to Augsburg Fortress changing to an updated version of the texts in June. An updated lectionary that matches the updated texts is not available for purchase, so we continue to use our old lectionary. Thank you for your patience & understanding!

 **SMALL CHANGE MINISTRY** We are continuing our Small Change Ministry for another quarter, with all proceeds going to **Mend on the Move**. Note: the Small Change Ministry can take contributions of any kind, not just change. So far, we have raised \$66 for this ministry -- thank you to all who have contributed!

**FOOD PANTRY** Saint James supports the **Iroquois Food Pantry**. Nonperishable food items are needed to support the clients who come to the food pantry. Please take time to pick-up some non-perishable food items to share when grocery shopping this week. Most needed items: powdered milk, canned soup, stews and ready-to-eat meals. Place items on the shelves in the Welcome Area.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Sign up now for altar flowers. The sign-up sheet is found on the kiosk in the Welcome Area. If you'd like to remember or honor someone for the altar flowers, please send an email to the office or fill out the yellow flower form by **Tuesday** of that week.