



Holy Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

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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 Pastor Grant (pastor@stjamesgp.org).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

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 11. If you would prefer to commune in the pew, please alert an usher prior to the start of worship.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy*

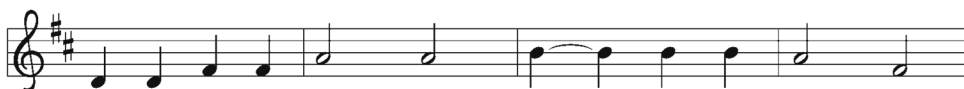
Michael Burkhardt

GATHERING

ENTRANCE HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy*

ELW 413

STAND



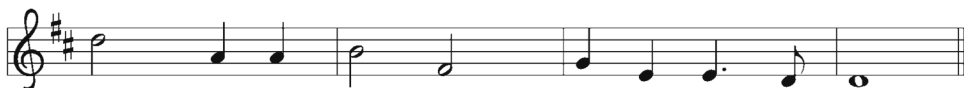
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

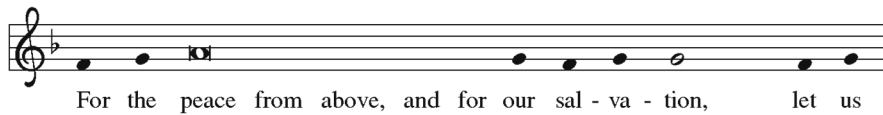
*The sign of the cross
is made in
remembrance
of Holy Baptism.*

INVOCATION & APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE



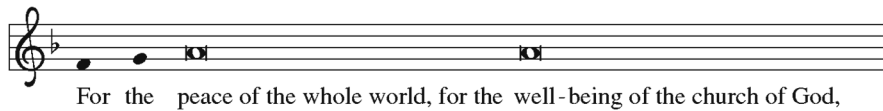
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



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



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



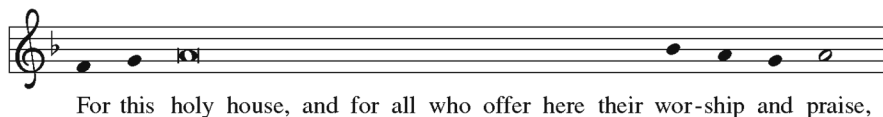
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Notice the use of the word 'us.' This indicates that the Kyrie is a corporate (common to everyone) prayer in which together we pray for God's mercy and peace to be upon us and all people: our community, the Church, and the world.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Drawn from the hymns in the book of Revelation, the words of this hymn of praise joins Passover and Easter with a glimpse of the kingdom now, and reign of God yet to come.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 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.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

SIT

WORD

FIRST LESSON

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following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

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SECOND LESSON

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following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STAND & SING as the procession moves to the center of the sanctuary.

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

Verse: *Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; God's glory fills the whole earth. (Isa. 6:3)*

The Holy Gospel (God's Word) is a reminder that our Lord is in our midst.

REPEAT ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL

see page 14 of this bulletin

before the Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

after the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The procession returns to the chancel as the Acclamation is sung by ALL.

chancel: the front of the sanctuary (the entire worship space) where Word and Sacrament is celebrated. The Word is proclaimed in reading, preaching and singing.

3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

HOMILY

SIT

HYMN OF THE DAY *Rise, Shine, You People!*

ELW 665

STAND

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

The Creed is a statement of what Christian people believe about God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — the One who created us, the One who saved and redeemed us, and the One who still stirs in us as we carry on the ministry of Jesus.

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 or
 hello.

REMAIN
 STANDING & SING
 as the ushers
 bring the gifts of
 bread and wine
 forward as the
 table is set.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord, in your mercy.
 Hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 And also with you.

TABLE SETTING

In the Singing

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1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
 in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Refrain
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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 Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926
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PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

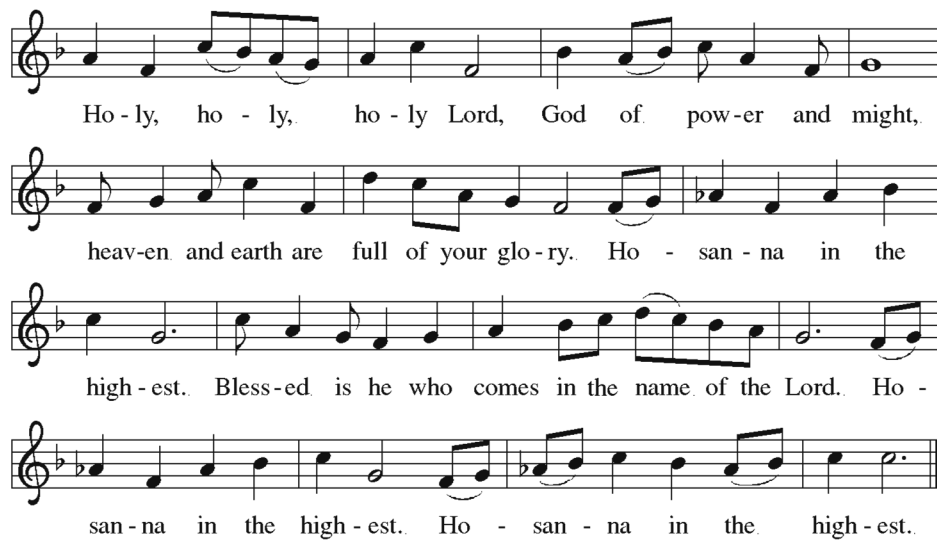
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)



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 -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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.

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).

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.

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.

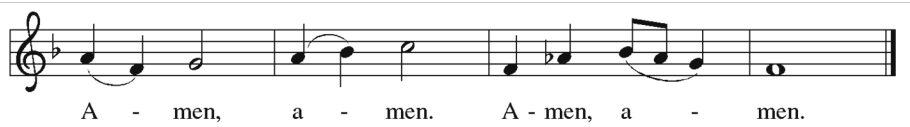


The word eucharist means 'thanksgiving.' When we use this term for the sacrament the emphasis is on the joy and celebration with which we thank the Risen Lord Jesus for his real presence as we receive his body and blood.

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.

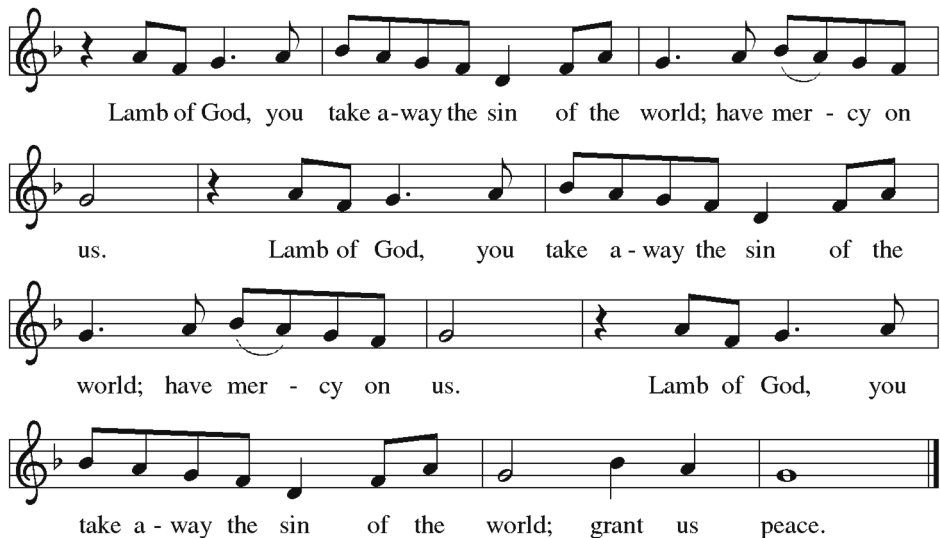


LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.
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.

DISTRIBUTION

SIT

HYMN *Father Most Holy* ELW 415
HYMN *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity* ELW 412

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.

STAND **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

SENDING

SENDING PRAYER

O Lord, we thank you for your Spirit who calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies us by the means of grace. As we have received you in this meal, so send us out that we may faithfully feed others with the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

BENEDICTION

HYMN *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* **ELW 414**

DISMISSAL

Go forth in the name of the Triune God,
proclaim the gospel throughout the earth!
We are sent in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Jeffrey Blersch

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FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

Today's FIRST LESSON is quite lengthy and therefore not printed today.

It is a familiar text, and perhaps by listening alone you'll hear something in a new way.

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8



¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them? **Refrain**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth! **Refrain**

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

following the lesson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Return to page 6 for the Gospel Acclamation

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

before the Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

after the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Return to page 6 for the Gospel Acclamation

Worship Leaders for May 31 (10 AM)

Assisting Minister: Richard Ferrara
Communion Assistant: Emily Richardson
Lector: Nancy Kopka
Altar Guild: Karol Evard & Gini Buncek
Livestream: Lisa Shrader
Ushers: Hank & Tracey Simpson

June 7 10 AM at St. Paul (Jazz Worship)

Worship Leaders for June 14 (10 AM)

Assisting Minister: Susan Allison
Crucifer: Andrew Picek
Communion Assistant: Gini Buncek
Lector: Sammie Bessner
Altar Guild: Marcia & Mark Wilson
Livestream: Lena Picek
Ushers: TBD

Full June schedule available 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

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 fill out a flower form or send an email to the office or to pastor by Tuesday of that week.



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, May 31

Holy Trinity
10am: Holy Eucharist
Fellowship immediately following worship

Monday, June 1

Office Closed on Mondays

Tuesday, June 2

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

Wednesday, June 3

Pastor Grant's Office Day
9am-1pm: Office Hours

Thursday, June 4

9am-12pm: Office Hours

Friday, June 5

Pastor's Day Off
Office Closed on Fridays

Sunday, June 7

Pentecost 2
10am: Jazz Worship (at St. Paul)
Fellowship immediately following worship
3pm: Social Hour (at Saint James—Gathering Area)
4pm: Jazz Concert (at Saint James—Patio)

Monday, June 8

Office Closed on Mondays

Tuesday, June 9

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

Wednesday, June 10

Pastor Grant's Office Day
9am-1pm: Office Hours

Thursday, June 11

9am-12pm: Office Hours

Friday, June 12

Pastor's Day Off
Office Closed on Fridays

Sunday, June 14

Pentecost 3
10am: Holy Eucharist (at Saint James)
Congregational Meeting immediately following worship
Fellowship immediately following the meeting

LOOKING AHEAD:

June 21 — Worship at St. Paul

June 28 — Worship at Saint James

July 5 — Worship at St. Paul

*The Weekly Newsletter of Saint James Lutheran Church
For the Week of May 31, 2026*



FLOWERS on the altar this morning were given by H.R. Nicholson, "Happy Birthday Ray Klausen, my loving partner."

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!



JAZZ CONCERT The 5th annual Jazz Concert featuring **Planet D Nonet** will take place on the patio on next **Sunday, June 7**. A social hour (NA beverages available) begins at **3 PM** and the concert begins at **4 PM**. Help us spread the word! The concert is free and open to the public. Bring a lawn chair and join us!

WOMEN OF THE WORD women's bible study meets next on **Thursday, June 11** at Nancy Kopka's home (see your directory or contact the office for the address). Bible study begins at **11:30 AM** followed by lunch at **1:00 PM**. Contact **Nancy Kopka** with any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS the Spring Congregation Meeting will be held on **June 14th** immediately following worship. Please plan to attend this important meeting, the agenda includes a review of our year-to-date financials and approving the new Council slate. A copy of the meeting packet will be sent out electronically this week. Please contact the office (office@stjamesgp.org) to be added to the eNews email list.



REHEARSALS a reminder that choir & handbells rehearsals are suspended for the summer. We will start back up again in September. Please contact **Kurt Heyer** if you are interested in singing or ringing in the fall!

CHURCH COUNCIL There will be **no** church council meeting in June, the next meeting will be set sometime after the new council term begins on July 1.

SUMMER SCHEDULE our Summer Schedule continues next week **Sunday, June 7** at **St. Paul** at **10 AM**. Each week there will be one worship service at 10 AM, either at Saint James or St. Paul. St. Paul is located at 375 Lothrop Rd (at Chalfonte) in Grosse Pointe Farms. We will be alternating every other week between the two churches. The full schedule can be found on the kiosk and in your Saturday eNews. Copies are available to take with you on the front pews.

All services are at 10 AM

June 7 at St. Paul (Jazz style worship) — Jazz Concert at Saint James at 4pm!

June 14 at **Saint James** (Congregational Meeting to follow)

June 21 at St. Paul

June 28 at **Saint James**

July 5 at St. Paul

The full schedule is available on the kiosk