

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

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

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. Come forward by the central aisle. Receive the host, then either *dip it* in the cup (wine) or take a small glass with wine (purple) or juice (golden). If you would prefer to commune in the pew, please alert an usher prior to the start of worship.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & GATHERING

PRELUDE *Jesus Shall Reign* Richard Wienhorst

STAND

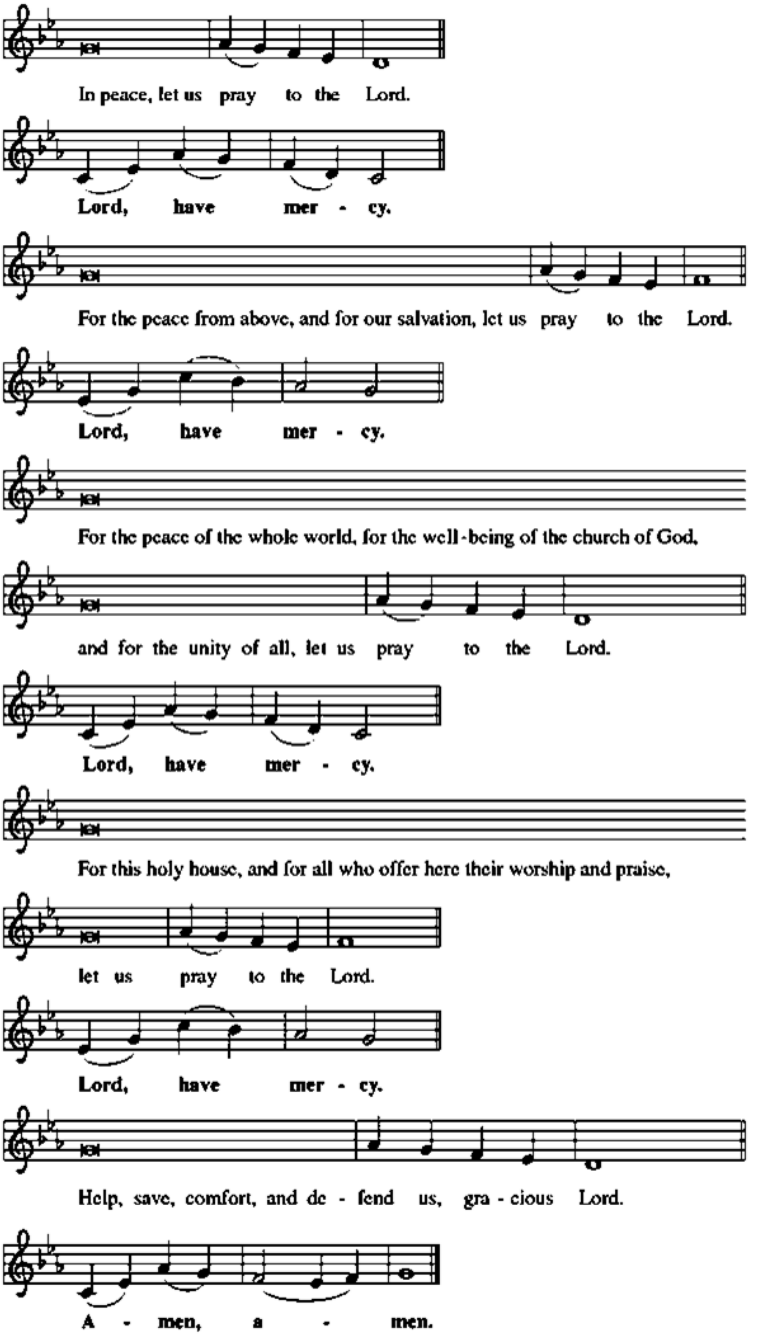
ENTRANCE HYMN ***Jesus Shall Reign*** **ELW 434**



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

INVOCATION & APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

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FIRST LESSON *see page 14 of this bulletin*

PSALM *see page 15 of this bulletin*

SECOND LESSON *see page 16 of this bulletin*

STAND

ALLELUIA

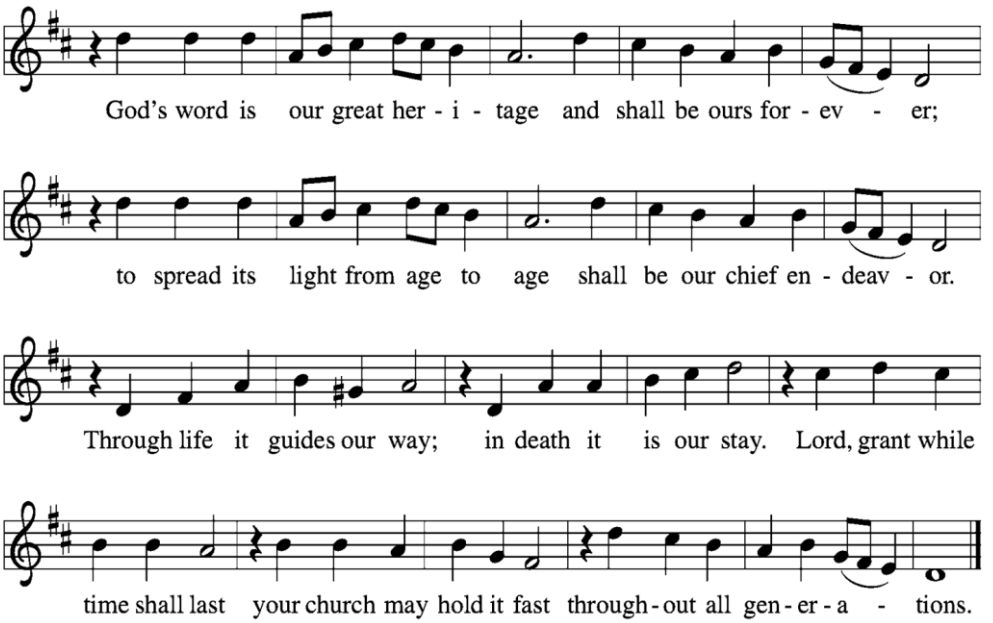


VERSE: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.* (Mark 11:9)

REPEAT ALLELUIA

GOSPEL *see page 17 of this bulletin*

ACCLAMATION ***God's Word is our Great Heritage*** **ELW 509**



Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

SIT

HOMILY

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY ***O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us*** **ELW 431**

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.

INTERCESSIONS

after each petition

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

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

REMAIN STANDING

TABLE SETTING ***O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*** **ELW 658 verses 1& 2**



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

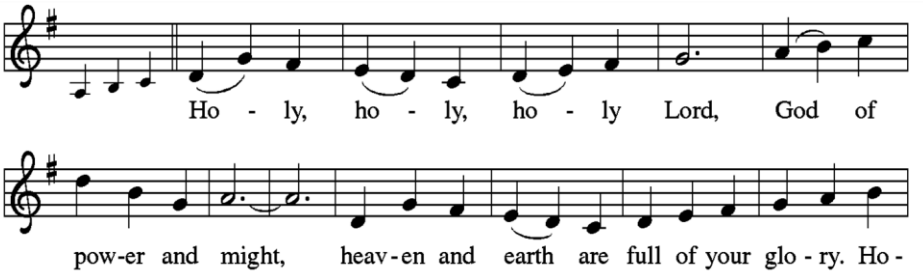
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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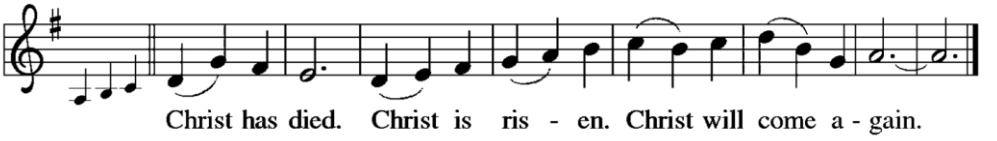


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty, and merciful God. You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.
You have filled all creation with light and life,
and your reign endures forever.
Through the prophets you renewed your covenant with your people
and at this end of the age
you sent your only begotten Son
who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom,
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

The Words of Institution are spoken

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



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
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
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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….

BREAKING OF BREAD

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
Let us rejoice in this holy meal.

LAMB OF GOD



SIT

DISTRIBUTION

CHOIR	*We Sing of Jesus Christ*	Thomas Gieschen
HYMN	***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***	**ELW 693**

STAND

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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.**

BENEDICTION

HYMN ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*** **ELW 634**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SIT

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in F Major* David N. Johnson

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CHRIST THE KING READINGS **November 22, 2026**

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. [12] As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out
my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a
day of clouds and thick darkness. [13] I will bring them out from the peoples and gather
them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on
the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.
[14] I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their
pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich
pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15] I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I
will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back
the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and
the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

[20] Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat
sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at
all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save
my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and
sheep.

[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he
shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the LORD will be their God, and my
servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95 Mark Sedio



Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
[2]Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms. ***Refrain***

[3]For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
[4]In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.
[5]The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land. ***Refrain***

[6]Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
[7a]For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.
Refrain

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the

riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA



VERSE: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.* (Mark 11:9)

REPEAT ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

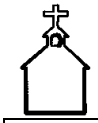
[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the
angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and
the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who
are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of
the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave
me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'
37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and
gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we
saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was
it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them,
'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of
mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are
accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels,
42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to
drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me
clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord,
when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison
and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you
did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go
away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

RETURN ACCLAMATION *return to page 6 of this bulletin*

The Weekly Newsletter of Saint James Lutheran Church

For the Week of November 22, 2026



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!

CONGREGATION MEETING Our fall Congregation Meeting is **today** immediately following worship. The agenda includes approving the budget for 2027. Please plan to stay and attend this important meeting.

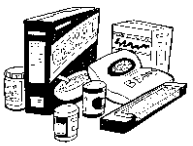


HAPPY NEW YEAR! Today we celebrate Christ The King and mark the end of the church year. The new church year begins next Sunday with Advent 1. Our white paraments will come down and be replaced with blue, the color of the Advent season. Each week during worship we will light a candle on the Advent wreath and encourage you to do the same at home!

BOOK CLUB Meets next on **Tuesday, November 24** at **1 PM** at Emily Moellering's home (1330 Audubon, GPP). This month's selection is *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. All are welcome! Contact **Nancy Kopka** for more information.

OFFICE HOURS The church office will be closed this week on **Thursday, November 26** in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will be open for usual office hours on Tuesday, November 24 & Wednesday, November 25.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE Saint James will be handing out hot chocolate on **Friday, November 27** before the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade! Volunteers are needed! We will meet out front on McMillan near the sign at **9:30 AM** and hand out hot chocolate to the community until the parade starts at **10 AM**. Please sign up on the kiosk or at the Sign-Up Genius link in the eNews if you can help **Sarah Sutherland.**



FILL PASTOR'S OFFICE Don't forget to fill Pastor's office to support the Iroquois Food Pantry! If we fill Pastor's office with needed items like **cereal, paper towel, and toilet paper,** she will make a **$250 donation** to help Iroquois purchase the perishable groceries they hand out on Fridays! Matching monetary donations are also encouraged, if you prefer to donate that way. We will be collecting donations through the end of **November**.



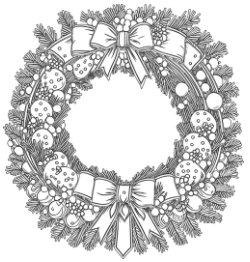
SAMARITAS This year Saint James is once again sponsoring wish lists for 2 at-risk children in **Samaritas**' Christmas Wish program. Simply pick a tag off the tree in the Welcome Area, shop for the item, and return your gift in a gift bag by **Sunday, December 6.** Please contact **Emily Richardson** with any questions.



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS Each year, the purchase of indoor and outdoor greenery and floral arrangements is made possible through donations designated specifically for this purpose. The funds for Christmas greens are nearly depleted. To help Saint James recoup the cost of these non-budgeted expenses, please consider making a donation for the 2026 season.

Gifts for Christmas greens should be designated on the Special Christmas Gift form, found on the front pews. Instructions for returning donations can be found on the Special Christmas Gifts form. Gifts received by Sunday, December 20 will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Thank you in advance for these gifts!

GENESIS HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS Once again, Saint James is collecting money in partnership with **Genesis** to fund Holiday Food Baskets! To participate, simply fill out a Special Christmas Gifts form & return it and your enclosed contribution to the office -- $35 buys a turkey. Your donation towards Genesis food baskets can be designated on the Special Christmas Gifts form, found in the front pews. Please make checks payable to SAINT JAMES. We will be collecting money until **Friday, December 11.** Assembly of the food baskets will take place at **Genesis** (7200 Mack Ave, Detroit) on **Friday, December 18** at **6 PM.** Please contact **Sarah Sutherland** with any questions.



HANGING OF THE GREENS Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 12** to jointhe Hanging of the Grens Celebration in preparation for Christmas. All are invited to lend 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 at noon. Bring a friend and enjoy the morning of decorating as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth!

CHRISTMAS PARTY The Annual Saint James Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, December 13** from **5-7 PM** in the Gathering Area. Children and adults are welcome to attend. Bring a dish to pass, either an appetizer or dessert. Please sign up on the kiosk and let us know what you will be bringing. Drinks will be provided. Thank you to Congregational Care for hosting again this year. Please reach out to **Sue Stieber** with any questions or to help with setup and cleanup.



CHRISTMAS EVE worship will be held at **3 PM** on **Thursday, December 24** at Saint James. A **5 PM** service will be held at **St. Paul.** Invite a friend or neighbor to celebrate Christ's birth with us!

GIVING STATEMENTS October 31, 2026 Giving Statements were sent electronically on 11/10/26. Paper statements for those not choosing email delivery will be available in the church office on **Tuesday** from **9-12**, **Wednesday** from **9-1**, **Thursday 9-12** and **Sunday**. Please contact **Susan Allison** with any questions.

Worship Leaders for November 22
Assisting Minister: Joel Humphries
Crucifer: Joel Humphries
Communion Assistant: Sammie Bessner
Lector: Richard Ferrara
Altar Guild: Sue Carson
Livestream: Lena Picek
Ushers: Mary & Rich Moellering

Worship Leaders for November 29
Assisting Minister: Richard Ferrara
Crucifer: Richard Ferrara
Communion Assistant: Emily Richardson
Lector: Jim Lingscheit
Altar Guild: Emily Richardson
Livestream: Susan Allison
Ushers: Barb & Ray Radtke

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 –Tom Kressbach - 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.

Got News? Please send items. for inclusion in the Saturday email newsletter to Alicia Taub at 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 no later than Tuesday.

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.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, November 22
Christ The King
Choir Sings
11am: Holy Eucharist
Fellowship immediately following worship

Monday, November 23
Office Closed on Mondays

Tuesday, November 24
8am: Men's Club Chorus (Undercroft)
9am-12pm: Office Hours
1pm: Book Club (at Emily Moellering's home)

Wednesday, November 25
Pastor's Office Day
6am: Morning Walk (Meet on McMillan)
9am-1pm: Office Hours
4pm: Handbells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
4:40pm: Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving | Office Closed

Friday, November 27
Pastor's Day Off | Office Closed on Fridays
9am: Hot Chocolate Stand (before parade)

Sunday, November 29
Advent 1
11am: Holy Eucharist
Fellowship immediately following worship

Monday, November 30
Office Closed on Mondays

Tuesday, December 1
8am: Men's Club Chorus (Undercroft)
9am-12pm: Office Hours

Wednesday, December 2
Pastor's Office Day
6am: Morning Walk (Meet on McMillan)
9am-1pm: Office Hours
4pm: Handbells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
4:40pm: Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

LOOKING AHEAD:
Dec 12: 9 AM – Hanging of the Greens)
Dec 13: 5-7 PM – Christmas Party
Dec 18: 6 PM – Holiday Food Basket Assembly (at Genesis)
Dec 24: 3 PM – Christmas Eve Worship