



The Season of Pentecost 2025

Saint James Lutheran Church – Johnston, Iowa
We're glad you're here and hope you will come again!

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people.**

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Gathering Song

September 6/7	#641 – All Are Welcome
September 13/14	#807 – Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
September 20/21	#583 – Take Take My Life That I May Be
September 27/28	#532 – Gather Us In
October 4/5	#524 – What Is This Place
October 11/12	#822 – Oh, Sing To The Lord
October 18/19	#1038 – God We Gather As Your People

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Glory to God

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, 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

Refrain

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-

est, 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.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, 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. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

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

Prayer of the Day – see insert

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Lessons – see insert

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel – see *insert*

Before: The Holy Gospel according to Saint... **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

September 6/7	#798 – Will You Come And Follow Me
September 13/14	#779 – Amazing Grace
September 20/21	#756 – Eternal Father, Strong To Save
September 27/28	#1004 – Faith Begins By Letting Go
October 4/5	#592 – Just As I Am without One Plea
October 11/12	#593 – Drawn To The Light
October 18/19	#769 – If You But Trust In God To Guide You

The Creed

Let us confess our shared faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession – see insert

Peace

On Saturdays the peace is shared after the dismissal.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

An offering is collected.

On Saturdays, the offering is collected as people gather for worship.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

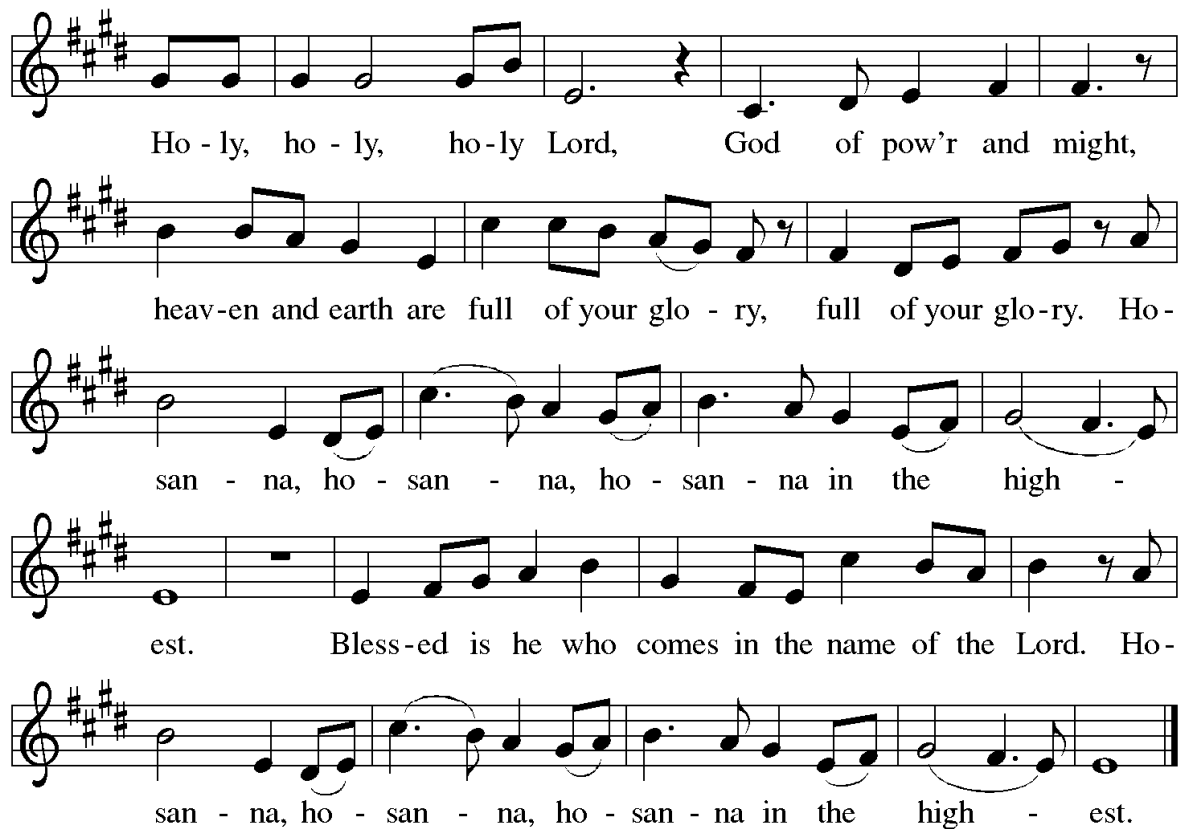
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

The table is set. Come, eat and rejoice.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. We receive communion by dipping the bread into the cup.

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, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn #

September 6/7	#542 – O Living Bread From Heaven
September 13/14	#185 – Create in Me A Clean Heart
September 20/21	#691 – Accept, Oh Lord, The Gifts We Bring
September 27/28	#479 – We Come to the Hungry Feast
October 4/5	#185 – Create in Me A Clean Heart
October 11/12	#840 – Now Thank We All Our God
October 18/19	#962 – In This Feast Of Love

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Post Communion Prayer

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,

✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

September 6/7	#434 – Jesus Shall Reign
September 13/14	#544 – Praise The Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing
September 20/21	#793 – Be Thou My Vision
September 27/28	#723 – Canticle of the Turning
October 4/5	#545 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
October 11/12	#836 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
October 18/19	#534 – Savior, Again To Your Dear Name

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.