



## Epiphany 2024

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

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### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

#### Gathering Song

January 6/7	#423 – Shall We Gather at the River
January 13/14	#696 – Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult
January 20/21	#661 – I Love to Tell the Story
January 27/28	#665 – Rise, Shine, You People!
February 3/4	Page 101 – This is the Feast
February 10/11	Page 101 – This is the Feast

**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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Please be seated.

## Children's Sermon

### WORD

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

## Lesson(s)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation

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

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*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel

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

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

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Hymn of the Day**

January 6/7	#305 – When Jesus Came to Jordan
January 13/14	#798 – Will You Come and Follow Me
January 20/21	#817 – You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
January 27/28	#614 – There is a Balm in Gilead
February 3/4	#773 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand
February 10/11	#838 – Beautiful Savior

### **CREED**

Let us confess our 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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

#### **Peace**

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

*We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with one another. Please be seated.*

### **The Offering**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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. **Amen.**

## 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.**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

*Please be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's table. We receive communion by intinction (i.e. dipping the wafer into the cup). Please use a little Purell on your hands before coming forward. For those who would prefer not to dip their wafer, you may be assured that the crucified and risen Christ is fully present for you in, with and under one element.*



## **Communion Hymn #**

January 6/7	#459 – Wade in the Water
January 13/14	#583 – Take My Life, That I May Be
January 20/21	#815 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
January 27/28	#612 – Healer of Our Every Ill
February 3/4	#787 – On Eagle's Wings
February 10/11	#715 – Christ, Be Our Light

## **SENDING**

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

## **Announcements**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ☩ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

January 6/7	#673 – God, Whose Almighty Word
January 13/14	#549 – Send Me, Jesus
January 20/21	#540 – Go, Make Disciples
January 27/28	#434 – Jesus Shall Reign
February 3/4	#860 – I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me
February 10/11	#671 – Shine, Jesus, Shine

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**

This is our schedule for worship on Sundays, Wednesdays during Lent and Holy Week.

Each passage can be read in about 5-10 minutes. Need a Bible? Borrow or buy one at church.

Sunday, January 7	Mark 1:1-20	<i>The Beginning of the Good News!</i>
Sunday, January 14	Mark 1:21-45	<i>Jesus' Ministry Begins</i>
Sunday, January 21	Mark 2	<i>Jesus Heals and Teaches</i>
Sunday, January 28	Mark 3	<i>Disciples &amp; Family</i>
Sunday, February 4	Mark 4	<i>Parables</i>
Sunday, February 11	Mark 5:1-20	<i>The Gerasene Demoniac</i>
Wednesday, February 14	Mark 5:21-43	<i>Jairus' Daughter</i>
Sunday, February 18	Mark 6	<i>Rejection!</i>
Wednesday, February 21	Mark 7	<i>The Traditions of the Elders</i>
Sunday, February 25	Mark 8	<i>The Transfiguration</i>
Wednesday, February 28	Mark 9	<i>A Passion Prediction</i>
Sunday, March 3	Mark 10	<i>First is Last</i>
Wednesday, March 6	Mark 10	<i>Blind Bartimaeus</i>
Sunday, March 10	Mark 11	<i>Cursing &amp; Cleansing</i>
Wednesday, March 13	Mark 12	<i>The Parable of the Tenants</i>
Sunday, March 17	Mark 12	<i>The Great Commandment</i>
Wednesday, March 20	Mark 13	<i>End of the Age</i>
Sunday, March 24	Mark 13	<i>Jesus is Anointed</i>
Thursday, March 28	Mark 14	<i>The Last Supper</i>
Friday, March 29	Mark 14-15	<i>The Passion</i>
Easter Sunday, March 31	Mark 16:1-8	<i>Easter</i>
April 7	Mark 16:9-18	<i>More Easter</i>