



Fall 2026

Saint James Lutheran Church in Johnston, Iowa
Pastor Bill Bernau

We're glad you're here and hope you will come again!

THE GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin... Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

Sept 13	1097	Ten Thousand Reasons
Sept 20	401	Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading
Sept 27	531	The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing
Oct 4	526	God is Here
Oct 11	826	Thine the Amen
Oct 18	532	Gather Us In
Oct 25	836	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Greeting The Lord be with you. **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-



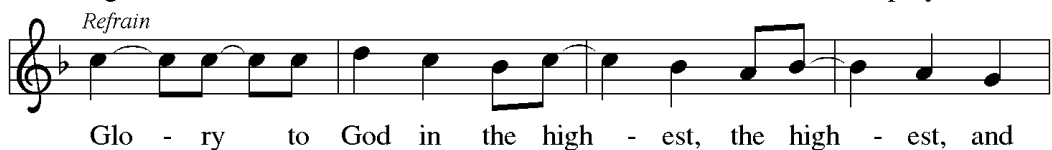
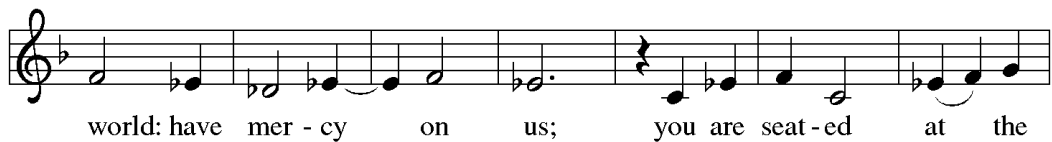
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

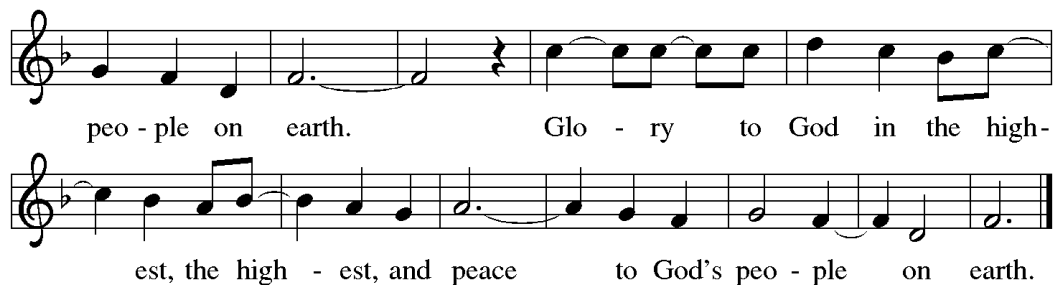


2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the





Prayer of the Day (see insert)

THE WORD

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

The Lessons (see insert)

The Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel: (see insert)

Before the reading...

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading...

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

Sermon

Song of the Day

Sept 13	609	Chief of Sinners Though I Be
Sept 20	453	Baptized and Set Free
Sept 27	723	Canticle of the Turning
Oct 4	631	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Oct 11	629	Abide with Me
Oct 18	619	I know That My Redeemer Lives!
Oct 25	779	Amazing Grace

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.

The Prayers of Intercession (see insert)

The Peace *(Sunday only)*

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

The Offering – *Choir Anthem*

THE 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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'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.

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.**

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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.

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 Hymns

Sept 13	484	You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Sept 20	487	What Feast of Love
Sept 27	515	Break Now the Bread of Life
Oct 4	595	Jesus Loves Me
Oct 11	491	Come, Let Us Eat
Oct 18	466	In the Singing
Oct 25	708	Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

THE SENDING

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

Announcements

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Sept 13	669	Rise Up, O Saints of God!
Sept 20	543	Go, My Children, with My Blessing
Sept 27	987	Guide My Feet
Oct 4	732	Borning Cry
Oct 11	547	Sent Forth by God's Blessing
Oct 18	705	God of Grace and God of Glory
Oct 25	545	Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.