



Summer 2026

Saint James Lutheran Church in Johnston, Iowa
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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.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

To you, O God, **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✝ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

May 24 400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

May 31 665 Rise, Shine You People

June 7 556 Morning Has Broken

June 13 1097 Ten Thousand Reasons

Join us June 14 at 9:30am for Green Days Worship at Terra Park

June 21 821 Shout to the Lord

June 28 641 All are Welcome

July 5 525 You are Holy

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

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



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.

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

May 24	396	Spirit of Gentleness
May 31	673	God, Whose Almighty Word
June 7	764	Have No Fear Little Flock
June 13	579	Lord, you Give the Great Commission
June 21	857	Lord I Lift Your Name on High
June 28	796	How Firm a Foundation
July 5	838	Beautiful Savior

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 *(Sunday only)*

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.

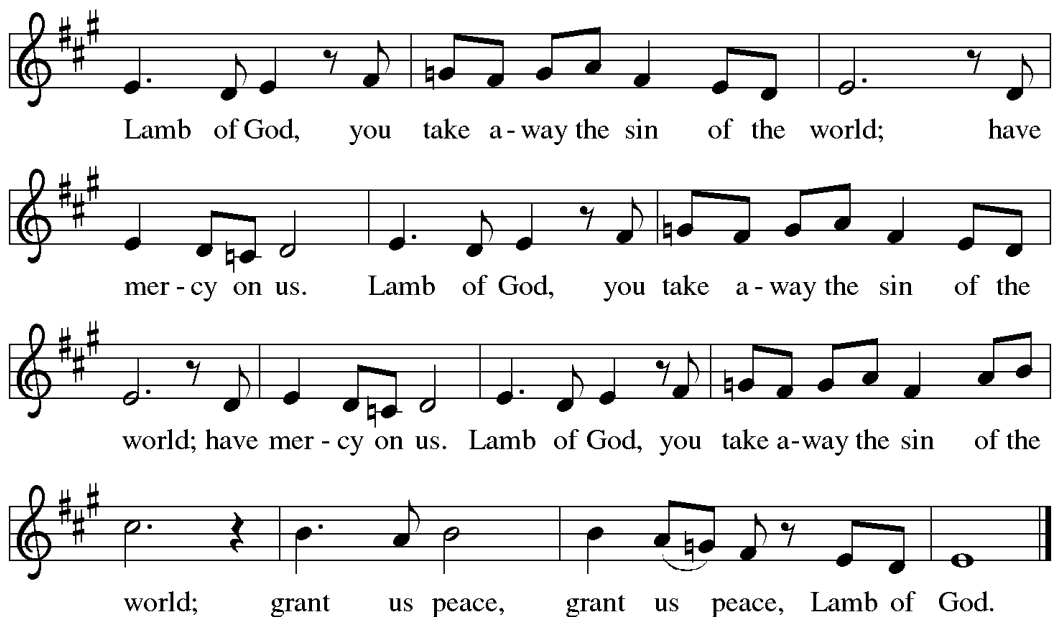
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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 Songs (Sunday only)

May 24	398	Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
May 31	413	Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
June 7	807	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
June 13	502	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
June 21	471	Let Us Break Bread Together
June 28	732	Borning Cry
July 5	592	Just As I Am

THE SENDING

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

Announcements

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✚ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song

May 24 401 Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading

May 31 881 Let All Things Now Living

June 7 834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

June 13 661 I Love to Tell the Story

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June 21 669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!

June 28 546 To Be Your Presence

July 5 545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.