



October 2023

Saint James Lutheran Church – Johnston, Iowa

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

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.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

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

Gathering Song

Oct 1	#807	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Oct 8	#343	My Song is Love Unknown
Oct 15	#167	Now the Feast and Celebration
Oct 22	#583	Take My Life, That I May Be
Oct 29	#503	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Prayer of the Day

Printed in the insert.

Children's Sermon

WORD

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

	Psalm	Gospel	Sermon Text
Oct 1	Ps 23	Mark 1:9-11	1 Sam 16-17
Oct 8	Ps 118	Mark 9:2-8	2 Sam 1-2
Oct 15	Ps 122	Mark 10:46-11:11	2 Sam 5
Oct 22	Ps 30	John 14:1-7	2 Sam 7
Oct 29	Ps 51	John 7:53-8:11	2 Sam 11

The Psalm

Read responsively from the insert.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.



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

Repeat alleluia



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

Gospel Lesson

*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.***

Sermon Text & Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Oct 1	#631	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Oct 8	#342	There in God's Garden
Oct 15	#462	O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine
Oct 22	#787	On Eagle's Wings
Oct 29	#708	Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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 (*printed in the insert*)

*Each petition ends: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*The prayers conclude: ...in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

Peace

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

The assembly may share a sign of God's peace and then is seated.

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



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.**



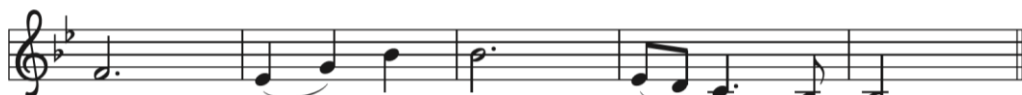
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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.

Come to the Lord's Table There is a place for you and enough for all.

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.

Choral Offering

Communion Hymn

Oct 1	#396	Spirit of Gentleness
Oct 8	#595	Jesus Loves Me!
Oct 15	#705	God of Grace and God of Glory
Oct 22	#623	Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
Oct 29	#732	Borning Cry

SENDING

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

Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Oct 1	#547	Sent Forth by God's Blessing
Oct 8	#826	Thine the Amen
Oct 15	#540	Go, Make Disciples
Oct 22	#665	Rise, Shine, You People!
Oct 29	#543	Go My Children, with My Blessing

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

October Announcements

October Newsletters were emailed on September 27, and hard copies are available in the display racks at entrance to church.

October 21 & 22 is Food Pantry Weekend. Please consider bringing canned vegetables, macaroni & cheese or a financial donation to feed those who are hungry!

Social Impact Ministries Service Project for LSI (Lutheran Services in Iowa) A gathering of items for LSI's refugee resettlement program is now underway. St. James members and friends are invited to donate new towels, washcloths, dishcloths and new/gently used twin-sized pillowcases. These may be brought to church where bins/boxes will be in our fellowship space. They will be added to pillows and cleaning items purchased with a Thrivent Care Team Grant and gathered/organized on "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, October 8 for delivery to LSI. A final component of our effort will be to use budgeted funds to purchase over 100 bus tokens for LSI clients. Thank you for your generous support and participation in this activity.

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, October, 8: Plan now to stick around after worship on this Sunday to participate in our annual service project program during fellowship time. An LSI service project (detailed below), garden work, a possible casserole build for Hop Ministries, and other opportunities are being planned. Further information and details will be shared as this Sunday approaches.