

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Ethics and American Politics on Wednesdays during June: What does Jesus teach about right and wrong? Pagliai's Pizza at 6pm.

VBS details are now here!

- Join us **June 29-July 2 from 8:45-11:30** for *Operation Restoration: Mending God's World*, hosted by St. James Lutheran, St. Paul Presbyterian, and First Baptist Churches. VBS will be held at St. Paul, 6426 Merle Hay Road this year. All preschool-5th grade students are welcome, so invite your friends, neighbors, grandkids and more!
- **Register for VBS here:** <https://forms.gle/VuDjktcFYjuCjsKm6>
- **Sign up to volunteer here** (or contact Rebecca):
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGpRR0AML7jrocx-iXFG-ZUZregLYoWh7t8Y0wXJL3lvrPfQ/viewform>

Reminders:

- **"Free summer meals for kids 18 and under"**. The Johnston Community School District truck will be at Saint James every Monday–Friday at 12:00-12:30 p.m. from June 3 to August 7 (except June 29-July 3).
- **ChildServe is using our facility from 8:00-4:30 (M-F)** daily for their summer program.
- **Peanut Butter & Jelly collection will continue until this service on June 14.** Help us win this "friendly competition" for a great cause.



Green Days Ecumenical Worship Service

All Are Welcome!

Sunday, June 14, 2026

9:00am Fellowship & Music

9:30am Worship

**Hosted by: Saint James Lutheran, St. Paul Presbyterian, Johnston River of Life,
First Baptist Church of Greater Des Moines**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Matthew 4:12-25

¹² Now when Jesus^[a] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”^[b]

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus^[c] went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news^[d] of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, people possessed by demons or having epilepsy or afflicted with paralysis, and he cured them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:1-12 *Read responsively by whole verse. In your hymnal before the Hymns.*

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-20

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

5 When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,^[c] not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks^[d] one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

Prayers of Intercession

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world...

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

What's Happening

June 3–5

- Wednesday 10:30am Chair Yoga
6:00pm Community meal; Pagliai's pizza (freewill donations)
6:30pm Confirmation for the Rest of Us
- Friday Church Offices Closed

June 6–12

- Saturday 5:00pm Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
- Sunday 9:30am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
10:30am Fellowship
- Monday 9:00am Bible Study
10:30am Chair Yoga
- Tuesday 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group at HyVee
9:00am Online Bible Study (Connect Here)
7:00pm Congregation Council
8:00pm AA meeting, all are welcome
- Wednesday 10:30am Chair Yoga
6:00pm Community meal; Pagliai's pizza (freewill donations)
6:30pm Confirmation for the Rest of Us

Celebrations June 6–12:

Birthdays: Rebecca Allison, Isaac Rodenberg

Anniversaries: Keith & Lisa Wells, Matthew & Michelle Christen, Steve Wonder & Sherleen Clausen, Aaron & Nichole Heley Lehman

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- Our calendar
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