



November 26/27, 2022

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.

Choral Introit

As the choir sings, the assembly stands as the light is carried forward and the candles of the advent wreath are lit.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings, **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Song #259 – Fling Wide the Door

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.**

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The Kyrie: *The choir sings the verses. The assembly responds:*

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 122 (Saturday, spoken responsively; Sunday, The Choir sings Antiphon once and congregation repeats it. The Choir sings the light verses and congregation will sing bold verses. All sing the Antiphon as marked by the R)



I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

¹I was glad when they | said to me,

“Let us go to the house | of the LORD.”

²**Now our | feet are standing**

within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built | as a city

that is at unity | with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,**

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD. R

⁵For there are the | thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:**

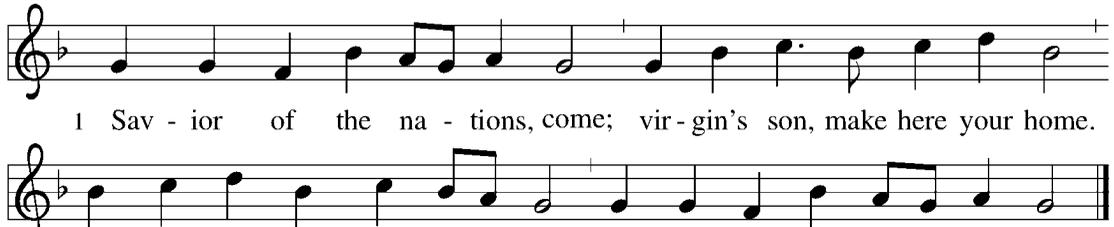
“May they pros- | per who love you.

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls

and quietness with- | in your towers.**R**

Gospel Acclamation

Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.

Gospel: Matthew 24:42-44

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

[Jesus said,] ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon Text: Exodus 33-34

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day #244 – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Holy Baptism on Sunday (pages 227-231):

Theodore Stroh, son of Jordan & Megan Messerole, was born in Des Moines, on October 2, 2022. His baptismal sponsors are Erik & Kari Carlson and Jerrod & Tara Messerole. "Welcome Saint Theodore Stroh!"

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

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Bless our friends in the Ivuga Parish. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **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 be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

The offering plates are passed.
This QR Code will take you to online giving via Tithely.

Offering Music: (Sunday Only)

Choir: Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus



Please stand as you are able.

Saturday: Pastor is out of town, continue with the Lord's Prayer (Page 9)

Great Thanksgiving

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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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 proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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.**

Saturday: Pastor is out of town, continue with the Benediction on P. 10.

We will sing the Lamb of God before receiving communion.

Lamb of God

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.

Please be seated.

Communion Music (Sunday):

ELW #245 – Creator of the Stars of Night

ELW #247 – Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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.

SENDING

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

The assembly stands.

Prayer after Communion

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.**

Blessing

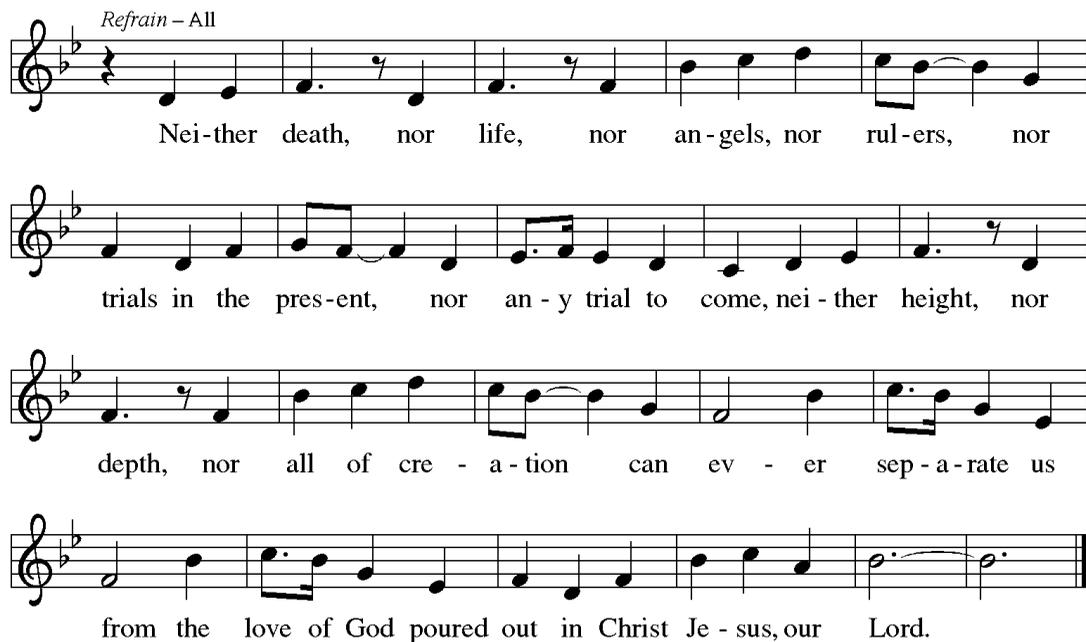
The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

Amen.

Sending Song #622 – Neither Death nor Life (*congregation will sing refrain*)

Neither Death nor Life

Refrain – All



Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor
trials in the pres-ent, nor an - y trial to come, nei - ther height, nor
depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us
from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the melody and lyrics with a double bar line.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

This Weekend at Saint James (1st Sunday in Advent):

- **Bulletin available on webpage:** <https://www.stjamesjohnston.org/>
- **Bible Study** after worship.
- **Fellowship for all in Gathering space.**
- **High School Youth:** Join us at 6 pm tonight to watch Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets and complete some Christmas service projects! Silver Cord hours apply, and friends are ALWAYS welcome. Contact Vicar Tori for more information.
- **Giving Tree will be up through December 4!** Take an ornament from the tree in the fellowship hall with items to purchase that will be donated to: Trinity Center at Luther Park (red); ChildServe (green); Johnston Partnership (yellow) Please bring new, unwrapped items to Saint James and put them under the tree by Sunday, December 4.

Coming Up at Saint James:

- **Bible Study this week:** Exodus 40
- **November 30 & December 7, 14, 21 Holden Evening Prayer!**
This is an opportunity to step back from the busyness, noise, and rush the season often imposes on us. 6:00pm Soup Supper with free-will offering, 6:45pm Holden Evening Prayer (Confirmation students are expected to attend this service instead of having class during Advent), 7:15pm Choir Practice and High School Youth Group
- **December 11 at 10:30am:** Christmas Program (dress rehearsal December 4)