



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.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

July 12	524	What is this Place
July 19	857	Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
July 26	532	Gather Us In
Aug 2	461	All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
Aug 9	763	My Life Flows on in Endless Song
Aug 16	886	Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Aug 23	771	God who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
Aug 30	660	Lift High the Cross
Sept 6	731	Earth and All Stars

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

July 12	681	We Plow the Fields and Scatter
July 19	693	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
July 26	793	Be Thou My Vision
Aug 2	712	Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Aug 9	761	Evening and Morning
Aug 16	612	Healer of our Every Ill
Aug 23	597	My Hope is Built on Nothingless
Aug 30	798	Will You Come and Follow Me
Sept 6	603	God, When Human Bonds are Broken

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 – First 2 Verses*)

July 12	512	Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil (sung twice)
July 19	465	As the Grains of Wheat
July 26	167	Now the Feast and Celebration
Aug 2	484	You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Aug 9	773	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Aug 16	496	One Bread, One Body
Aug 23	623	Rock of Ages, Cleft for me
Aug 30	466	In the Singing
Sept 6	471	Let Us Break Bread Together

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:

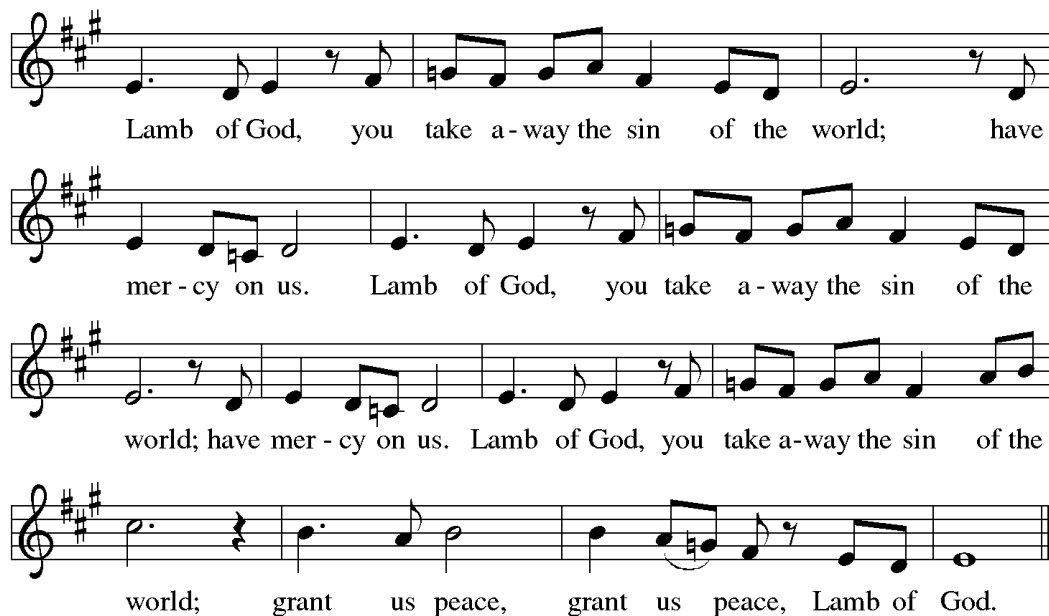
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Instrumental Music

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

July 12	679	For the Fruit of All Creation
July 19	622	Neither Death Nor Life vss 1, 3, 5
July 26	867	In Thee is Gladness
Aug 2	674	Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Aug 9	785	When Peace like a River
Aug 16	434	Jesus Shall Reign
Aug 23	813	Faith of Our Fathers
Aug 30	656	Blest Be the Tie that Binds
Sept 6	543	Go My Children

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.