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# Saint James Lutheran Church

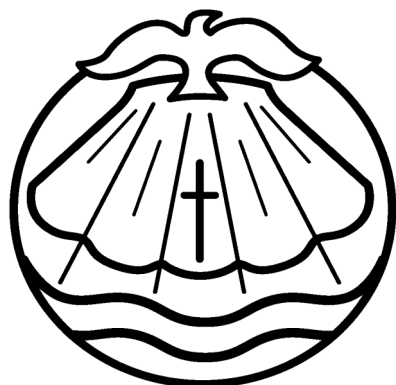


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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning, Fellowship, and Service"

JANUARY 12, 2020  
10:00 A.M.



## Welcome!

Saint James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At Saint James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transforms contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of the city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

## HOLY COMMUNION BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

THE INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S LITURGY...

**I**n the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

# Welcome!

**We welcome everyone on this Lord's Day to the liturgy of Holy Communion.**

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this parish opens wide its doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Newcomers and visitors**, we hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available in the narthex during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns.

**If you are a visitor or guest**, please be sure and sign the guestbook located in the narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor or to an usher so that we can extend to you a warm welcome.

**Although there are customary postures** (such as standing and kneeling) in Lutheran worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

**This Service Leaflet** contains all of today's hymns and liturgy.

**Children are most welcome in worship** at Saint James Church. Children's Ministry Bags are located in the narthex for use during worship. Please return them to the narthex area or leave them on the pews at the end of worship. Be sure to take home the Children's Worship Bulletin and color sheets for your child. For those who desire it, nursery care is provided on the first floor of the Education Building.

**The First Aid Kit and the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)** are located outside the church office door, immediately behind the sanctuary. **Fire Extinguishers** are located in the sacristy and in the narthex.

**If you are interested in membership** to this parish or desire a call from the Pastor, please indicate this to an usher or to the Pastor.

**Restrooms are available** on the first and second floors of the Education Building.

## About the Liturgy During Christmas & Epiphany

**T**he celebration of Jesus' birth and his manifestation as the Son of God comes in a pair of seasons with common characteristics. These seasons have been particularly popular in western Christendom and were, in the past, times of such levity and rejoicing that puritans in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries sought to do away with them. In the last century, when the puritan influence had waned, Christmas became popular in this country again, but by then the churches had all but lost their memory of the old feast. As a result, Epiphany season and the intervening Twelve Days of Christmas were not part of the secular celebration. A host of new secular customs and legends developed during Advent primarily as a means of supporting business. We need to recover our own special heritage if we are to make Christmas and Epiphany central to our faith and life.

**U**nderlying these two feasts, then, is the central proclamation of Christianity: the dying and rising of Jesus. Recovery of this earliest level of meaning can help us rescue Christmas from a limited emphasis on the birth of a baby; for that birth is of ultimate importance only because of the saving event of his death and resurrection.

**T**he period of Christmas and Epiphany has three primary days and themes: Christmas, or the Nativity of Christ (December 25th); Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles (January 6th); and the First Sunday after Epiphany: the Baptism of Christ. Other celebrations came to be associated with this time as well.

# GATHERING

*We gather together for worship on this first day of the week, the day Christ Jesus rose from the dead, for an intimate communion with our Lord. He comes to us, speaks to us, and blesses us through his Word and Sacrament. We come to him and speak to him in prayer and praise and thanksgiving. This liturgy is the recurring moment of high splendor in our earthly lives, a God-given foretaste of the heavenly life to come. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate and those sitting around you, help us create sacred space by powering down your cell phones and electronic devices.*

## *Congregational Responses in **Bold***

### **RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**

### **PARISH NOTICES**

### **OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** *(Stand)*

*All may make the sign of the cross ✝ in remembrance of baptism:*

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

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*Oh, Love, How Deep*



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er  
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of  
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion  
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.  
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, alt.  
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

## 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.**

## KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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## GLORIA



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and  
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the  
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we  
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and  
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to  
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,  
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O  
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank  
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your  
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and  
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!  
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.  
 on us all have mer - cy.  
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite  
 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Following the children's message your children will go with their teachers to room 109 in the education wing for a lesson. They will return prior to communion.*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 42:1-9*

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

A reading from Isaiah, the forty-second chapter.

**H**ere is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

### EPISTLE READING *Acts 10:34-43*

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

A reading from Acts, the tenth chapter.

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY   *When Jesus Came to Jordan*   (Stand with Choir)



1 When Je - sus came to   Jor - dan to   be bap - tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our   ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to   keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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## HOLY GOSPEL   *Matthew 3:13-17*

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the third chapter.   **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary,**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 THE PEOPLE *(kneel or sit, as able)*

*An intercessor invites the assembly into prayer with these words*

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

*A brief silence.*

Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism. Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises. Tear down obstacles of injustice so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we rejoice in the glory of your creation: the beauty of rivers and streams, glaciers and oceans, lakes and ponds. Bring restoration to your earth, and free us from overuse and abuse of water, air, and land. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we give thanks for order in the midst of chaos, though we long for greater justice in our world. Raise up wise and compassionate servant leaders so that all experience your reign of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, thank you for the powerful healing we witness through doctors and nurses, medication, therapy, and holistic means. Break through clouds of pain and anguish with your voice of comfort. Proclaim hope to all who grieve, and send healing to all who are sick. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of courage, we rejoice in this community of hope. Strengthen all who are preparing for baptism and renew the faith of sponsors, mentors, parents, grandparents, friends, and all who guide the newly baptized in this life of joy. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**



God of hope, unleash your Spirit to increase our trust in you. We give thanks for the lives of the saints who inspire us with lives of baptismal witness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words.*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

# **HOLY COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion at Saint James. If you desire to receive Communion at the altar, please proceed to the altar and kneel at the communion rail. If you desire to receive Communion at the station located below the pulpit, please proceed toward the chancel steps for reception of Communion on the nave level. Communion is administered by intinction. Take the wafer from the assistant then dip it in the wine. Communion will be brought to persons in the pews who are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so.*

## **PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND OFFERING**

### **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY**

*The Baptism Carol*

Donald Busarow (1934 - 2011)

The sinless one to Jordan came,  
To share our fallen nature's blame;  
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled,  
And chose the path his Father willed.

Uprising from the waters there,  
The voice from heaven true witness bear  
That Christ, the Son of God, had come  
To lead his scattered people home.

Above him see the heavenly dove,  
The sign of God the Father's love,  
Now by the Holy Spirit shed  
Upon the Son's anointed head.

How blest that mission then begun  
To heal and save a race undone!  
Straight to the wilderness he goes  
To wrestle with his people's foes.

Dear Lord, let those baptized from sin,  
Go forth with you a world to win:  
And send the Holy Spirit's power  
To shield them in temptation's hour.

On you may all your people feed,  
And know you are the Bread indeed,  
Who gives eternal life to those  
That with you died, and with you rose.

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Stand)*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## 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 God thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

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

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

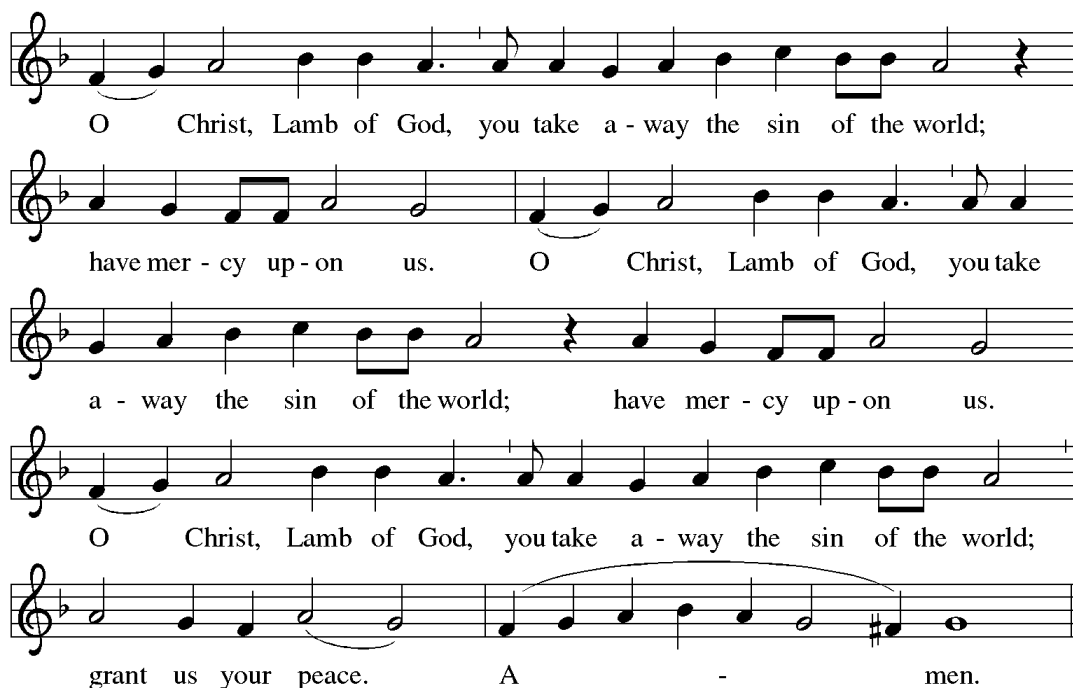
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

## AGNUS DEI (Sit)



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

Music: J. Bugenhagen, *Christliche Ordnung*, 1528



## COMMUNION HYMN

### *The Only Son from Heaven*



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, oh, bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,  
4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you with God the Ho - ly Ghost,

by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.  
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
in faith to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it to a - dore,  
and Je - sus, we a - dore you, O pride of an - gel - host:

No sphere his light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly  
grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be -  
that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en  
be - fore you mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,

shin - ing as he, our Morn - ing Star.  
fore us and bring us life a - gain.  
prov - ing, may reap its full - ness there.  
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500–1535; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–1874, alt.  
Music: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*Christe, du Lamm Gottes*, BWV 619 (prior to the hymn)

J. S. Bach

*Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottessohn*, BWV 601 (at the conclusion)

J. S. Bach

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (Stand)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation.

Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**SENDING**

## BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**Thanks be to God!**

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

SALZBURG

Gerald Near

## RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*The Liturgy Has Ended; The Service Begins!*

# Weekly Announcements

*The deadline for notices to be included in the weekly notices is 9:00 on Wednesday morning.  
Please e-mail all information to the church office at keith@sjnc.net*

## PRAYER LIST

*(additions to full listing of names in monthly newsletter)*

Alex Barnhardt  
Ann Ridenhour  
Nancy Faggart  
Sadie Hurlocker, *daughter of Zach and Amy Hurlocker*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given by Samantha Hillegass to the Glory of God and in honor of her granddaughter, Kristen Hillegass' 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12-Jan David Trott  
14-Jan Kim Johnson  
Lex Patterson, Jr.  
15-Jan Craig Craver  
16-Jan Judy Benz  
Fred Lambert  
Jennifer Winterhalter  
Meredith Wyatt  
17-Jan Eugene Brown, Jr.  
Mike Graham  
Becky Phillips  
18-Jan Sonny Pruette, Jr.

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

**Contributions and Receipts  
for January 5, 2020:**  
**\$7,183.00**  
*(\$8,414.00 needed per week)*

## CONTRIBUTE ONLINE

You may make contributions online by visiting our website at [www.sjnc.net](http://www.sjnc.net). You may contribute to the General Fund or to a designated fund. Look for the link "On-Line Giving" on the Saint James home page.

## WEEKLY E-NEWS

If you have not received your copy, please make sure the church office has your correct email. 704-786-0166 or [info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net) If you have family or friends who would like to receive, provide us with their email address.

## 2020 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2020 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board. Sign up now! Please complete a flower reservation form when you sign up and turn into the office.

## NIGHT SHELTER

The week of January 26<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup> St James will prepare and serve a meal each night at the Salvation Army City of Hope Night Shelter. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the portico. One or more persons can plan and prepare meal. Breakfast items are also donated for the following morning's breakfast. Contact Juanita Fitts with questions. [Juanita Wilson Fitts jwilson1152@outlook.com](mailto:Juanita.Wilson.Fitts@outlook.com)

## MY FATHER'S HOUSE

We are serving those in transition a meal at My Father's House on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Sylvia Corl if you can provide an item for the meal. [shcorlatcarolyn@aol.com](mailto:shcorlatcarolyn@aol.com)

## LIVELY LEISURES

The January Lively Leisures' luncheon will be at the church at 12:00 on Tuesday, January 21. Mandy Smith-Thompson, Environmental Educator-City of Concord will present the program on New Recycling Program.

## IT'S A BOY

Audrey and Lyle Glatz are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Arthur Joseph Glatz, on January 7th. Please join his big sisters, Isla and Charlotte, and his big brother, Edwin, in welcoming him to our church family!

## COAT DRIVE

Social Ministry is partnering with Cabarrus Partnership for Children to collect coats (new and gently used) children sizes 0—5, hats and gloves. We will have this collection thru **January 30th**. This is to provide coats to children that do not have a coat at all. Please consider donating a coat or coats to help us help those in our community stay warm this winter. Coats are distributed to preschools in Cabarrus County. A box is located in the portico area marked Cabarrus Partnership for Children Coat Drive.

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M-Th 8:30-4:00, F 8:30-1:30

Closed for lunch from 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

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## Worship Assistants

### ACOLYTE

Today:

TBD

Next Week:

TBD

### GREETERS

Today:

Dee Pieschel

Next Week:

Mauren Hollmeyer

### LECTOR

Today:

Juanita Fitts

Next Week:

Francie Davis

### INTERCESSOR

Today:

Gretchen Walker

Next Week:

Taylor Pruette

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Today:

Deb Bradshaw

Dale Merrell

Lois Marlow

Next Week:

Tom Ridenhour

Dee Hodges

Frank Irvin

### USHERS

Mark Murphy / Jimmy Harris /

Jeff Jones / Tony Eury / Jeff

Gilbert / Phil Tesh / Luke Baker

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Today:

Lisa Moran

Next Week:

Julie Burroughs

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today:

Vero Grady / Lori Stevens

Next Week:

Julie Burroughs / Laura Baker

### ALTAR GUILD

Laura Patterson

Ann Blackwelder

### MONDAY COUNTERS

Samantha Hillegass

Dale Merrell

### BUILDING SUPERVISOR

## This Week's Calendar

### SUNDAY, January 12

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
5:00 Jr. Youth  
6:00 Sr. Youth

### MONDAY, January 13

10:30 Quilting Group  
6:30 Boy/ Cub Scouts

### TUESDAY, January 14

*No Scheduled Events*

### WEDNESDAY, January 15

12:05 Chapel  
1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga  
6:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
6:30 Guys' Small Group  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, January 16

10:30 Singing Seniors Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, January 17

*No Scheduled Events*

### SATURDAY, January 18

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

### SUNDAY, January 19

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
11:15 Evangelism Committee  
11:30 Pre-Confirmation  
2:00 Confirmation

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pictures and/or articles you  
would like to have posted at  
[jeremy@pbnjay.com](mailto:jeremy@pbnjay.com).

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