



ST. JAMES

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OUR MISSION:

We are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus through worship, witness, and ministry to our members and community.

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Welcome to St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are visiting and you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your church home, but above all, we invite you to come and worship with us at any time. We worship every Sunday at 9:15 am. If you would like to speak directly to Pastor Randy, please call his cell.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Prelude

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Time for silent reflection)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Most merciful God, you have given your Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you that are penitent pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

Hymn #88 – The Church’s One Foundation

1 The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation, By water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder, This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, May see you face to face.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And with your spirit.

Kyrie Eleison (“Lord have mercy...”)

♪ Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

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Gloria in Excelsis (“Glory be to God on high...”)

P: Glory be to God on High and on earth peace, good will to all.

♪ Lord, we praise your name on high, worship you and glorify.
To the Lamb of God we cry and join the angel’s song.

Refrain:

*Gloria! Let the music flow. Gloria! To the earth below.
Gloria! Feel our hearts aglow with the joyful angel’s song.*

**You have borne the sins of all. Mercy, Lord, and hear our call.
Everyone, both great and small, come join the angel’s song.**

(Refrain)

**You, alone, the Holy One, You, alone, God’s only Son,
In your name we’ve just begun to join the angel’s song.**

(Refrain)

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Psalm 16 (ESV)

¹Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²**I say to the LORD, “You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you.”**

³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

⁴**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

¹¹You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Gospel Acclamation

♪Hallelu! Halleluia! Give praise to the Lord for the blessings of heaven in God’s holy Word. For the words of forgiveness, the words that endure, Hallelu! Hallelujah! Give praise to the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 13:1-13

♪Glory be to you, O Lord

¹As {Jesus} came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ²And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. ⁹But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

♪Praise be to you, O Christ

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and our salvation, He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon.....”What do You stand for?”

Hymn #78: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross;
Lift high his royal banner, It must not suffer loss:
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army he shall lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict In this his glorious day:
Ye that are men, now serve him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own:
Put on the gospel armor, Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, The next the victor's song:
To him that overcometh A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

Announcements

Offering: *As a guest or visitor, we acknowledge your presence as the only offering expected today.*

Offertory: ♪ We Give Thee but Thine Own

**♪ We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

Offertory Prayer:

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for all that we have: ourselves, our time and our treasures, all that first belonged to you and has been gifted to us, your children. Accept our offerings as a sign of our

devotion to you, and make us truly grateful for the many gifts we have received. In Jesus' holy name we pray. **C: Amen**

Prayers of the Church

P: "Lord, in your mercy," **C: "Hear our prayer."**

P: Lord, be merciful to us all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory. **C: Amen**

Prefaces & Sanctus

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord holy Father, almighty everlasting God: Through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you, and singing:

♪ **C: Holy, Holy, Holy, God of Pow'r almighty.**

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer and Words of Institution

C: 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.

P: 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.

Agnus Dei & Distribution of Communion

♪ **C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lamb of God, your mercies never cease. Lamb of God, you take the sins of the world. Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, you give us peace.**

Hymn #222: If You Will Trust In God to Guide You

1 If you will trust in God to guide you
And hope in him in every way,
He'll give you strength and walk beside you
And help you through your troubled days.
For those who trust God's mighty love
Build on a Rock that none can move.

2 What help is all your grief and mourning,
What help is there in sighs and tears,
What help is there when ev'ry morning
We cannot shake regret and fear?
They make our grief and heavy cross
Weigh on our hearts with pain and loss.

3 In patient trust and quiet leisure,
Wait for his gracious holy will.
Gladly receive our Father's pleasure
Whose love for us is constant still.
The God who chose us knows our cares,
And knows the burdens we can bear.

4 Oh, do not think in all your terror
That God, the Lord abandoned you,
Or those who seem to have his favor
Are always blessed in what they do.
Time brings new changes ev'ry day,
Which you will meet upon your way.

5 For God the Lord these things are easy
For he rules over small and great.
He raises up the poor and needy,
Casts down the rich from their estates.
God is the mighty wondrous One
Who raises up and casts us down.

6 Sing, pray, and walk with God; keep pressing
To serve the Lord most faithfully,
And trust in heav'ns abundant blessing,
For as in heaven so shall it be.
For those who put their trust in him
Will find he'll not abandon them.

Hymn #253: My Life Flows on in Endless Song

1 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from
singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (*refrain*)

3 What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he
giveth. (*refrain*)

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever
springing!

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from
singing? (*refrain*)

Hymn #225: O God Our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

Hymn #201: Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Children of the heav'nly Father, safely in His bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; in His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever;
unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Hymn #214: Give Me Jesus

1 In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain:

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

2 Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. (*Refrain*)

3 Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
Just about the break of day, give me Jesus. (*Refrain*)

4 Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. (*Refrain*)

5 And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing,
And when I want to sing, give me Jesus. (*Refrain*)

Nunc Dimittus

C: Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, According to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, Which you have prepared before the face of all people: A light to lighten the Gentiles And the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this your salutary gift; and we ask you in your mercy to strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **C: Amen.**

Benedicamus & Benediction

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with your spirit.**

P: Bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Hymn #228: Onward Christian Soldiers

1 Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See, his banner go!

Refrain:

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

2 Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Let us boldly follow Where the saints have trod.

We are not divided; All one body we:

One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. [refrain]

3 Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst the Church prevail.

We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail. [refrain]

4 Onward, then, you faithful, Join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song.

Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the king.

We through countless ages With the angels sing: [refrain]

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord...C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 51:4-6; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; Mark 13:24-37

Let Us Remember in Our Prayers (*St. James Member)

*Bill Salisbury	*Bill Rafter, Sr.	
*Dennis Schmidt	Cassie Stumpf	Greg Milleville
*Mark Voelker	Bob Foster	Denise Joy
*Roger Siegmann	James Heath	Kate Hughey
*John Milleville	Sabine Miskey	Linda Arnold
*Jan Voelker	Alfred Swift	Michelle Foster

Also Remember in Our Prayers

The family of Judy Blakelock (Jean Schmidt's sister) as they mourn her death.

Those in nursing homes and shut-ins

*Morrie Johnson
*Elly Milleville *Judy Brown

Organizations and Community

Stephen Ministry
"Young Life"
Our area public and parochial schools

All Emergency Services personnel

*Scott Milleville David Nedell
*Michael Jon DeVantier

The members of our armed forces

The men and women serving at the N.F. Air Base

Matthew Reddy (Niagara Falls)	Joshua Drasgow (Washington State)
Edmond Moloney (Virginia)	Justin DeVantier (Niagara Falls)
Eric Graca (South Korea)	Keith Coleman (Okinawa)
Michael Coulter (Korea)	

