



Holy Communion
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026

WELCOME TO SAINT JAMES!

We are so glad you're here!

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin– feel free to join in as you are comfortable: listening, praying, singing, and reading aloud the bold-font lines.

If you'd like to **know more** about us, **be contacted** by our staff, or want to receive the **weekly Parish E-News**, please fill out a **Visitor Card** and leave it with an Usher or in the offering plate.

Please grab a **welcome bag**, and join us for **coffee and snacks** in the Parish Hall after the service.

Restrooms can be found in the narthex (foyer near the main doors). **Nursery** is available for children ages 0-3k (ask an Usher for more information, or email maureenlehman@yahoo.com or suemorrisonverizon@gmail.com). The **Family Den** (next to the stairs) is a space for nursing or wrangling little ones if desired.

Children's activity bags are available in the narthex (foyer). During the service, children aged 4k-5th grade are invited to follow our Children's Ministry leaders to **"Children's Chapel."** They return during the Announcements, right before we all come forward for communion.

Campus safety note: The entrance doors near the office are locked during Sunday services. One may exit through them, but they will not open from the outside until after worship concludes. Use the main sanctuary doors if arriving after service has begun.

Parking note: Extra parking spaces are available around Town Hall. We ask that you avoid parking in the shopping center across the street—they've asked us not to.

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ABOUT THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The Season After Pentecost – also known as "Ordinary Time" – is the season of church life that stretches from Pentecost to Advent. Our readings focus on the life of Israel (awaiting Christ), the life of Jesus (the Christ himself), and the life of the Church (sent by Christ into the world until His return). Called 'ordinary' because it includes no major Christian feasts (like Christmas and Easter), this season is nevertheless full of wonder and meaning. It is meant to encourage God's people to live their 'ordinary' lives in the extra-ordinary power of the Holy Spirit, who came to us at Pentecost.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL

"O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace**

**Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace**

**My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name**

**He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me**

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THE ACCLAMATION

BCP P. 123

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP P. 124

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the
Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy
on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most
High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. 6 The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, 8 but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. 9 Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.” 10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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

THE PSALM

PSALM 107: 10-16

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10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, 11 for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. 12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. 13 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.	14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. 15 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! 16 For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.
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*Children ages 4k to 5th grade are invited to join the cross in the center aisle for the reading of the Gospel.
 After the reading, they may follow the cross to Children's Chapel. Children return during the Announcements.*

THE GOSPEL HYMN

“MIGHTY TO SAVE

**Everyone needs compassion
 Love that's never failing
 Let mercy fall on me
 Everyone needs forgiveness
 The kindness of a Saviour
 The Hope of nations**

**Saviour
 He can move the mountains
 My God is mighty to save
 He is mighty to save
 Forever
 Author of salvation
 He rose and conquered the grave
 Jesus conquered the grave**

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." 39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. 42 The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

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

"MIGHTY TO SAVE"

**So take me as You find me
 All my fears and failures
 Fill my life again
 I give my life to follow
 Everything I believe in
 Now I surrender

 Shine your light and
 Let the whole world see
 We're singing
 For the glory of the risen King**

**Saviour
 He can move the mountains
 My God is mighty to save
 He is mighty to save
 Forever
 Author of salvation
 He rose and conquered the grave
 Jesus conquered the grave**

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THE SERMON

THE REV. ROB STURDY

TIME OF REFLECTION

THE NICENE CREED

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Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel as able. After each bidding, the congregation offers their own short prayers on the theme, silently or aloud.

Each concludes:

Leader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also
for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

The Ministers and People greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Online giving is available at saint-james.org/give

"HOW HE LOVES"

**He is jealous for me
Love's like a hurricane, I am a tree
Bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy
When all of a sudden
I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory
And I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me**

**And oh, how He loves us, oh
Oh, how He loves us
How He loves us all**

**And He is jealous for me
Love's like a hurricane, I am a tree
Bending beneath the weight of his wind and mercy
When all of a sudden
I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory
And I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me**

**And, oh, how He loves us, oh
Oh, how He loves us
How He loves us all**

**He loves us
Oh, how He loves us
Oh, how He loves us
Oh, how He loves**

**And we are His portion and He is our prize
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes
If His grace is an ocean, we're all sinking
And heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest
I don't have time to maintain these regrets
When I think the way**

**He loves us
Oh, how He loves us
Oh, how He loves us
Oh, how He loves**

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THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP P. 132

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with your spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Lord, we sing Your praise: Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!
 Lord, we sing Your praise!**

Please kneel as able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP P. 134

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP P. 135

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians in good standing in their home churches are welcome to receive Communion.

Prayer teams, positioned near the front on either side of the room, are available to pray with you during communion or after the service.

"THE BLESSING"

Verse

**The Lord bless you And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His Face toward you
And give you peace**

Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen

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"GREAT ARE YOU LORD"

**You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore every heart that is
broken
And great are You, Lord**

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only**

**All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord
All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord**

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL

"WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King all glorious above
And gratefully sing His power and His love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light

O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship Thee above
The humbler creation though feeble their lays
With true adoration shall all sing Thy praise

Johann Michael Haydn, Robert Grant

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer teams are available to pray with you and are positioned in the front of the room on the right side.
Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.

Announcements

See full details and more at saint-james.org

- **Coffee Hour with Saint Alban's- This Sunday** The Rev. Rob Sturdy will be in the Parish Hall directly after the service to talk about the ministry work of St. Alban's Chapel at the Citadel.
- **The Story- Begins September 23.** Ever wonder what kind of story your life is telling? In this 8 week class we'll explore what God intends for the world he loves and how you and I fit into it. Class will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 5:30- 7:00pm. Dinner included. Please visit our website at www.saint-james.org for more details.

Fall Market General Information:

- **Planning Meeting- September 27: 3:00pm-** Meet in the Parish Hall. Additional volunteers for various tasks are still needed. Contact Virginia Bartels at VirginiaBartels@aol.com.
- **Jewelry Donations-** If you have any jewelry to donate to Fall Market, please get the items to Laval Wells, Jean Matthews, or Grier Brown as soon as possible because all the steps involved with pricing are very time consuming.
- **Fall Market Event- October 17: 8:00am- 3:00pm** Come shop for various items! Monies raised go to support missions, church programs, and needs of the community.

PRAYER

- **For Healing:** David Agee, Lois Bouknight, Amarylis Cranwell, Jack Cranwell, Ernie Droze, Art Field, Rebecca Flood, Mary Forbes, Mike Gaitan, Carl Green, Erin Stockwell Grimm, Tim Harrelson, George Haynsworth, Heckmann Family, Bill Huff, Matthew Lehman, Debi Myers, Rob Pierce, Bill Porcher, Michael Rutherford, Jon Scot, Carol Shue, Jeff Switzer, Sondra Switzer, Charles Watts, Vivian Watts, Hanna Debruhl, Robert Doscher.
- **For Protection:** Aiden Burgess, Bradon Malasky, Brittany Swafford, Trey Thompson, Thomas Tilson, Rylea Swafford
- **For Our Parish:** Daughters of the Holy Cross members pray daily in the sanctuary for our parish as a whole and for anyone who needs specific prayer. All prayers are confidential.
- **Request Prayer:** You are invited to request prayer via the **prayer box** in the narthex. It is checked regularly by clergy and kept confidential.

TODAY'S SERVERS

Music Leader: Shane Williams

Acolyte Team: Charlie Cope, Edmund Cope, Aubrie Nichols, Aurelia Nichols, Lila Smithson, Eliza Cate Volousky, Lenox Williams

Children's Chapel: Sam English, Debbie Morillo

Nursery: Rachel Morrison, Cadence Volousky

Audio Visual: Bill Read

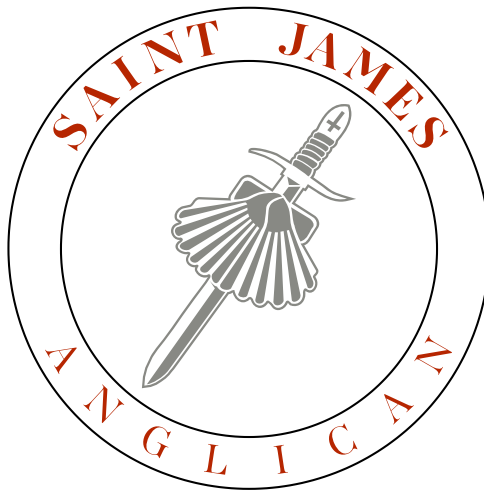
Flower Guild: Teena Martindale

Altar Guild: Larry Owens, Francie Egleston

Lay Readers: OC Brummett, Melah Dockendorf

Greeters: Gene & Sue Morrison, Jean Matthews, Joel Cochran

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