

Welcome To Saint James Lutheran Church

June 21, 2026 Praise and Worship Service for All God's People

Welcome

Passing of the Peace

Welcoming Song:** ***"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Refrain

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, come

One day every tongue will confess 'You are God'
One day every knee will bow
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now

(Refrain)

Invocation

We Pray for God's Mercy and Blessing

Leader: *God, we don't have words to convey your greatness and goodness. We want to praise you with our lips and our lives but we know we fall short. We bring our prayers of confession to you, trusting that you will forgive us.*

People: **We bow before you and admit that we cannot love you and one another as we should. We are caught in the grip of sin and cannot free ourselves. We are dead in our sin and cannot save ourselves.**

Leader: *You are our God. You are worthy of our praise! We will never know how much it cost for Jesus Christ to die to forgive our sin. Your gift of forgiveness is ours because of the empty cross and the open tomb.*

People: **We thank you! We praise you! We worship you!**

Song of Thanksgiving: ***"Holy is Your Name"***

Now I praise You, Lord of all creation
You ordain the sun to rise and fall
You scatter the stars across the heavens
And You come close enough to hear me call

Now I want to say
Holy is Your name
Let all creation proclaim
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On the highest mountain
I will lift my heart to the sky
From the lowest valley
Hear my cry

Your love is the shelter over my soul
And You fill me with the wonder of a child
You will heal the humble and the broken
Mercy flows like a river running wild

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PSALM **Psalm 150**

Leader: *Praise the Lord! Praise God in his Temple! Praise his strength in heaven!.*

People: **Praise him for the mighty things he has done.**

Leader: *Praise his supreme greatness.*

People: **Praise him with trumpets.**

Leader: *Praise him with harps and lyres.*

People: **Praise him with drums and dancing.**

Leader: *Praise him with harps and flutes.*

People: **Praise him with cymbals.**

Leader: *Praise him with loud cymbals.*

People: **Praise the Lord, all living creatures! Praise the Lord!**

Reading ***Philippians 4:4-8*** (page 1421 in your pew Bible)

The Gospel** ***Mark 10:13-16 (page 1198 in your pew Bible)

Reception of New Members

Sung Response to the Word of God:* *“Holy Spirit”***

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close

No thing can compare You're our living hope

Your Presence Lord

(repeat)

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves

Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone

In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here

Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere

Your glory God is what our hearts long for

To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Your Presence Lord

Message ***“Joy in Laughter!”*** ***Pastor Paul Andell***

***Stating What We Believe**

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

Offering

Offertory Song:* *“LORD, TODAY”***

Lord, today we have seen Your glory, dawn follows the night,

We, Your people, who walked in darkness, now have seen a great light!

A light has dawned to conquer the dark, ever His reign shall increase!

His name shall be Wonderful God, Counselor, Prince of Peace!

Time of Prayers

Prayers of the Day

Words Of Institution

The Lord's Prayer~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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Song: “Closer Than a Friend”

Benediction

***Sending**

Closing Song: “Earth and All Stars”

Earth and all stars!
Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, victory!
Loud shouting army!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Trumpet and pipes!
Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute and lyre!
Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!

(Refrain)