



## November 2024

Saint James Lutheran Church – Johnston, Iowa  
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*We're glad you're here and hope you will come again!*

## 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, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.**

**We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

November 2/3	#426	SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY...
November 9/10	#513	LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING
November 16/17	#804	COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE
November 23/24	#430	REJOICE, FOR CHRIST IS KING

(SUNDAY: CHOIR ONLY VS. 3; CONGREGATION JOINS ON REFRAIN)

### 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.**

## Glory to God



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



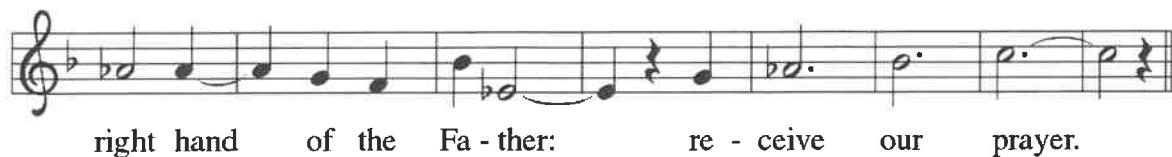
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



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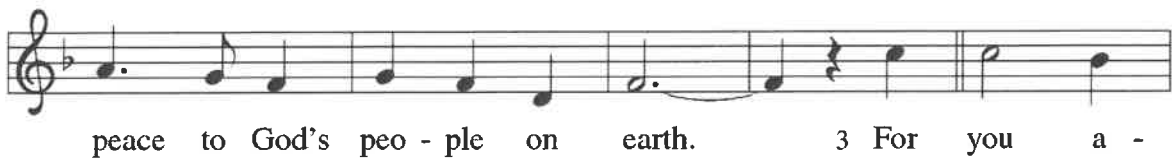


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*Refrain*



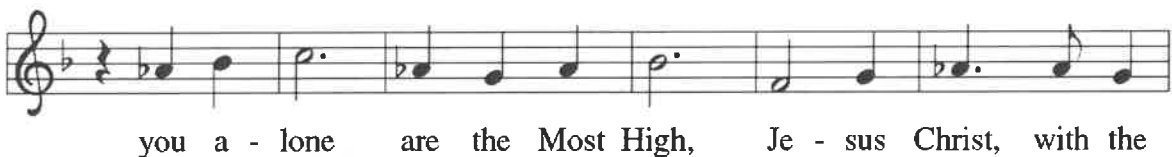
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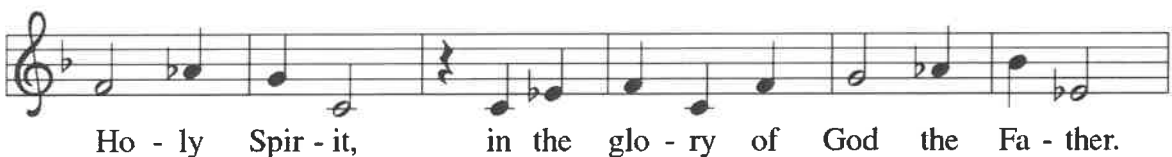
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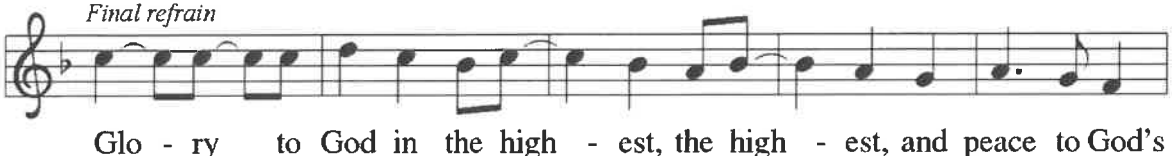


Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

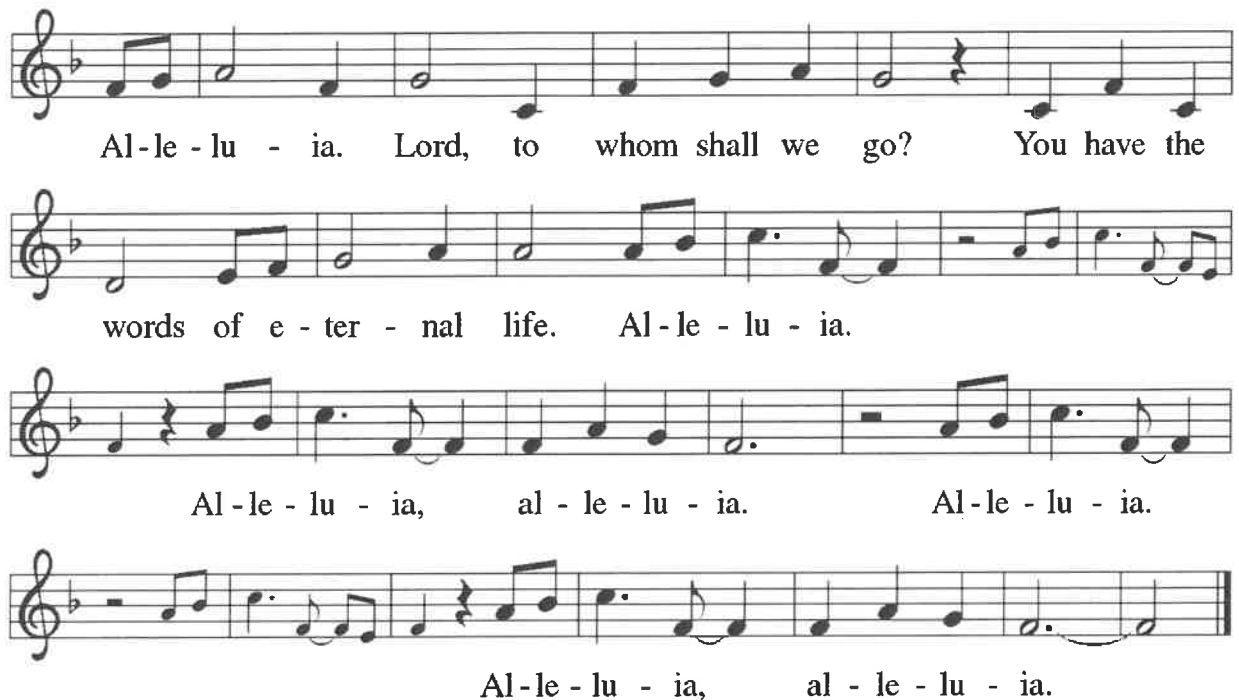
### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## LESSONS

## 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.

## GOSPEL

*The gospel is announced.* The holy gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON *Jonah: a comedy in 4 acts*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

November 2/3	#1004	FAITH BEGINS BY LETTING GO ( <i>INSERT P. 3</i> )
November 9/10	#605	FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE
November 16/17	#773	PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND
November 23/24	#716	LORD OF ALL NATIONS, GRANT ME GRACE ( <i>VS. ONE SOLOIST/CHOIR</i> )

## 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assisting minister leads prayers for the Church, World & All People.*

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING** *(An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. Assembly song or other music may accompany or follow the gathering of the offering.)*

## 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 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy *Great Thanksgiving*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, 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.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.**

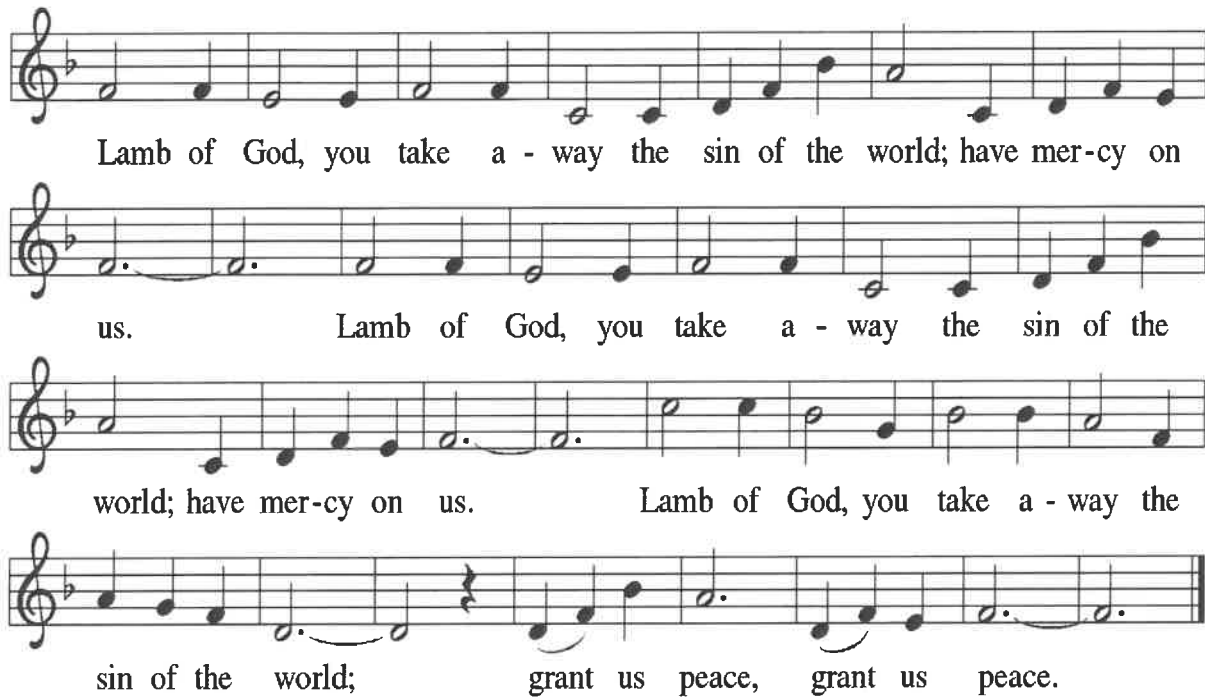
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## COMMUNION

We receive communion by intinction, dipping the wafer into the cup. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you." and each person may respond Amen.

## COMMUNION SONGS

### Lamb of God



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.

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November 2/3	#1003	FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS ( <i>INSERT P. 4</i> )
November 9/10	#603	GOD, WHEN HUMAN BONDS ARE BROKEN
November 16/17	#740	GOD OF THE SPARROW
November 23/24	#714	O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God of deliverance, you saved Jonah through the waters of death, and after three days you brought him to new life. Speak to us by this sign, and call us to repentance, that we may heed the voice of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

November 2/3	#427	FOR ALL YOUR SAINTS, O LORD...
November 9/10	#869	WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD
November 16/17	#881	LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING
November 23/24	#432	THE HEAD THAT ONCE WAS CROWNED (SUNDAY, VS. 3 CHOIR ONLY)

## DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

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# Jonah

**1** Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, **2** “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me.” **3** But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

**4** But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. **5** Then the sailors were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. **6** The captain came and said to him, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up; call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.”

**7** The sailors<sup>[a]</sup> said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. **8** Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” **9** “I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” **10** Then the men were even more afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

**11** Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. **12** He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.” **13** Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship<sup>[b]</sup> back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. **14** Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.” **15** So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. **16** Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. **17** <sup>[c]</sup>But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

**2** Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup> saying,

"I called to the Lord out of my distress,  
and he answered me;

**out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
and you heard my voice.**

<sup>3</sup> You cast me into the deep,  
into the heart of the seas,  
and the flood surrounded me;

**all your waves and your billows  
passed over me.**

<sup>4</sup> Then I said, 'I am driven away  
from your sight;

**how shall I look again  
upon your holy temple?'**

<sup>5</sup> The waters closed in over me;  
the deep surrounded me;

**weeds were wrapped around my  
Head <sup>6</sup>at the roots of the  
mountains.**

I went down to the land  
whose bars closed upon me  
forever;

**yet you brought up my life from the  
Pit, O Lord my God.**

<sup>7</sup> As my life was ebbing away,  
I remembered the Lord,

**and my prayer came to you,  
into your holy temple.**

<sup>8</sup> Those who worship vain idols  
forsake their true loyalty.

<sup>9</sup> **But I with the voice of  
Thanksgiving will sacrifice  
to you;**

what I have vowed I will pay.  
Deliverance belongs to  
the Lord!"

**<sup>10</sup> Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out onto the dry land.**

**3** The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup> When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup> Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water." <sup>8</sup> Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily

to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

**4** But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.<sup>3</sup> And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

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