



## ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Holy Trinity**  
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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.

*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 (716) 225-3591.*

## *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#247 ..... “Come, Thou Almighty King”

1 Come, thou almighty King,  
Help us thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise; Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious, Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou incarnate Word, Gird on thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless,  
And give thy Word success,  
And let thy righteousness On us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour! Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

4 To thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty  
May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

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**

**P:** Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### **First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse

and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds — livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him;

male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. <sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. <sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## **Psalm 8\***

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

<sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>4</sup>**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

<sup>5</sup>What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out?

<sup>6</sup>**You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor;**

<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:

<sup>8</sup>**All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,**

<sup>9</sup>The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**<sup>10</sup>O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!**

### **Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup>Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.” <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

### **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.**

♪Glory be to you, O Lord.

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup>The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

♪Praise be to you, O Christ

*The Athanasian Creed*

(presented as a responsive reading)

L: Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.

**C: Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.**

L: Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity, and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

**C: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is still another, but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

L: What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

**C: Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son, uncreated is the Spirit.**

L: The Father is infinite, the Son is infinite, the Holy Spirit is infinite;

**C: Eternal is the Father, eternal is the Son, eternal is the Spirit;**

L: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal, as there are not three who are uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

**C: Almighty is the Father, almighty is the Son, almighty is the Spirit, and yet there are not three almighty beings but one who is almighty.**

L: Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God.

**C: Thus the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord, and yet there are not three Lords but one Lord.**

L: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or three lords.

**C: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;**

L: The Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten by the Father.

**C: The Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.**

L: Thus there is one Father and not three fathers, one Son and not three sons, one Holy Spirit and not three spirits.

**C: And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other,**

L: But all three persons are in themselves coeternal and coequal, and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

**C: Whoever wants to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

L: It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh,

**C: For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man:**

L: He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,

**C: And he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother, existing fully as God and fully as man, with rational soul and a human body,**

L: Equal to the Father in divinity and subordinate to the Father in humanity.

**C: Although he is God and man, he is not divided but is one Christ: He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity.**

L: He is completely one, in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

**C: For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.**

L: He suffered for our salvation.

**C: He descended into hell, and rose again from the dead.**

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

**C: He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

L: At his coming, all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

**C: Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.**

L: This is the catholic faith.

**C: One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.**

Children's Message – Rev. Randy Kaminska

### **Hymn #10 – Holy, Holy, Holy**

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee!

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee!

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in pow'r, In love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name In earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**Sermon – ..... “Triune Authority”**

**Hymn #11 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend you.

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen Sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

**Announcements**

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

Offertory: ♪ Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

♪ Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong", Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

**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**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **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 #168 Praise Ye the Father**

1 Praise ye the Father for his loving-kindness;  
Tenderly cares he for his erring children.  
Praise him, ye angels, praise him in the heavens.  
Praise ye Jehovah.

2 Praise ye the Savior, great is his compassion,  
Graciously cares he for his chosen people;  
Young men and maidens, ye old men and children,  
Praise ye the Savior!

3 Praise ye the Spirit, Comforter of Israel,  
Sent of the Father and the Son to bless us.  
Praise ye the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Praise ye the triune God!

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

### *Postlude*

### **Next Week's Readings:**

Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 119:65-72; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13

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

*John Milleville	*John Miskey	Sabine Miskey
*Mark Voelker	Linda Arnold	Dan Osgood
*Roger Siegmann	Denise Joy	William Love
*Bill Salisbury	Ronaldo Posa	Nico Monte-Kinser
*Deliah Licht	Barb Haseley (St.	Boe O'Brien
*Judy Schoelles	Peters)	Darlene Kaminska
*Dennis Schmidt	Greg Milleville	Kathy Wittmeyer

**Also Remember in Our Prayers**

**.Those in nursing homes and shut-ins**

*Elly Milleville	*Jean Schmidt
*Julianne (Judy) Brown	James Heath
*Ruth Haseley	

**Organizations and Community**

Stephen Ministry

“Young Life”

Our area public and parochial schools

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Wilson)

**All Emergency Services personnel**

\*Scott Milleville

Michael Jon DeVantier

David Nedell

**The members of our armed forces**

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

Matthew Reddy (Niagara Falls)

Justin DeVantier (Niagara Falls)

Edmond Moloney (Hawaii)

Eric Graca (Illinois)

Michael Coulter (South Korea)

Joshua Drasgow (Washington State)

Keith Coleman (Okinawa)

Nicholas Horvath (Middle East)