



ST. JAMES

Episcopal
CHURCH

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We acknowledge that our church is on the historical Common Hunting Ground of the Pend d'Oreille, Salish, Blackfeet, Gros Ventre, Shoshone, Bannock, Nez Perce, Cheyenne, Arapahoe, and Crow Tribes.

**Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 13th, 2026**

**Instructed Eucharist
&
Blessing of the Backpacks**

8:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Wherever you are on your journey with God or towards God,
you are welcome here!



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES!

SERVICE TIMES

Our two services will be at 8:15 am and 10:15 am, both followed by Coffee Hour.

COFFEE HOUR –

Both services are now followed by Coffee Hour. Join us in the Parish Hall for some coffee, snacks, and fellowship. To get to the Parish Hall, take a right out of the church doors and go up the ramp, through the red door, and down the stairs (or use the elevator if needed).

ARE YOU A NEWCOMER?

Welcome! If you're new to St. James, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card so we can get to know you a little better. Welcome Cards are located in the racks at the end of each pew and in our newly updated welcome folders! Please feel free to take a folder with more information about St. James and our ministries as well as some other goodies. Welcome Cards can be returned to an Usher, member of the Clergy, or put in the offering plate.

NEED A NAMETAG?

If you need a nametag made (or corrected or refreshed) you can either sign up on the clipboard in the entry way of the church or email the office at office@stjamesbozeman.org.

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a St. James prayer shawl, please feel free to take one from the rack at the front doors of the church.

PASTORAL CARE LINE

Please direct calls to our Pastoral Care Line at **(406) 586-9451** to be connected with the clergy person on call. Pastoral care includes hospital and home visits, eucharistic visitors, meal trains, and more.

PARKING

Sunday morning parking is available in the Canterbury Lot at 8 W. Olive from 8am – 1pm for free. Please reach out to office@stjamesbozeman.org to be added to our parking system and validated for the rest of the week.

CLERGY, STAFF, & VESTRY

Rector: The Rev. Rowan J. Larson
Priest Associates: The Rev. Valerie Webster,
The Rev. D Gregory Smith
Deacon: The Rev. Lynne Matthews
Music Leadership: Logan Henke, Minister of Music;
Kyla Rosenberger, Chief Organist;
Tyler Flock, Assistant Minister of Music
Office: Juliana Olliff
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Wendy Wilson, Treasurer
Rick Bergstedt, Rusty Felton, Susan Gregory,
Darin Heitt-Rennie, Doug Campbell

THOSE IN SERVICE

Acolyte: Ty Sherwood; Senior Acolyte
Stacy Quinn
8:15 Reader:
10:15 Reader: Paul Heitt-Rennie
8:15 LEM:
10:15 LEM: Paul Heitt-Rennie
8:15 Ushers: Vicki Van Rensselaer,
Ron Hoseth
10:15 Ushers: Vicki Van Rensselaer
Coffee Hour: Judi Farrington, Britney Patek
Altar Guild: Sharon Eversman, Marcia Oliver
Counters: Rusty Felton

PRELUDE

8:15 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

10:15 "Berceuse"

arr. Anne Krentz Organ (b. 1960)

Franklin D. Ashdown (1942-2023)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"God of All Learning"

H82 8

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961)

Unison or harmony

God of all learn - ing, God of all know - ing,
Bless all the stu - dents, young ones and old ones,
Bless all the schol - ars, with know-ledge and plen - ty;
Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them.

We bring these back - packs filled with sup - plies.
Walk - ing or ri - ding, travel - ing by bus.
May we give all the tools that they need.
Bless those who teach and coun - sel and care.

Bless all these tools of learn - ing and grow - ing.
May they re - mem - ber that you go with them,
May we make sure they're safe, loved, and health - y.
May they re - mem - ber you walk be - side them.

Use them, we pray, to change ma - ny lives.
And that they all are pre - cious to us.
So that they all may thrive and suc - ceed.
Through all their school days, you, Lord, are there.

BUNESSAN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Let us pray together:

All: 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 Mass setting is from the New Plainsong Mass by David Hurd (b. 1950)

GLORIA

S100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

HURD

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me,

God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-13 *Judica me, Domine*

Chanted by the Choir

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

“O for a closer walk with God” (CAITHNESS)

H82 684

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand in body or in spirit

**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 for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
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

Hear our Prayer

Almighty Deliverer, you have heard and lifted up your people again and again; hear us now as we pray, saying **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Grant your church wisdom in discerning your call to us that we might be the beacon of hope you have intended us to be. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Give us courage and determination in our civic life, that we might be witness to the power of repentance, reconciliation, and justice to our neighbors. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lead us into a way of life that is sustainable and equitable, that all might participate in the bounty of your creation. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes, our heart, and our hands to respond to the needs of those around us who suffer from the lack of basic needs; show us how to respond in love to the wants we encounter. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer, who face illness, or who are wounded; mend what has broken in our lives. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Embrace the dying in your grace. Grant them and us new life in the kingdom to come. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Saving Lord, grant us deeper understanding and love of you, that we might grow to the stature you intended for us and answer our prayers through Christ, our only Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Please stand or kneel as you are comfortable

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS, TRAVELERS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

Lord God, our times are in your hand; look with favor we pray on your servants, surround them with your love and care, protect them from every danger, keep them safe in the knowledge of your love. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

8:15am

“Voluntary”

Charles Zeuner (1795-1857)

10:15am

“Wondrous Love”

arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great I Am;
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
beneath Gods righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

- Anonymous

DOXOLOGY

Sung by all to the tune of OLD 100TH

Words by Roger Lynn

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*While the table is being set, your financial gifts will be received by the ushers
Don't carry cash? Donate online at stjamesbozeman.org/give*

Please stand as the doxology begins and the monetary offering is brought forward

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(Eucharistic Prayer A, *Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

SANCTUS

S124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
HURD

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

S148

Celebrant

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

AMBROSIAN CHANT

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

S154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HURD

THE INVITATION

The Celebrant offers the consecrated bread with the following invitation:

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

We ask that you do not intinct (dip your wafer into the chalice).

Communion is full and complete in one kind if you prefer not to receive the chalice.

If you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Agnus Dei”

Thomas Morely (1557-1602)

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

- After John 1:29

COMMUNION HYMN

“More Love to Thee” (MORE LOVE TO THEE)

LEVAS 87

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Let us pray together:
All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
Of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
And you have fed us with spiritual food
In the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
And grant us strength and courage
To love and serve you
With gladness and singleness of heart;
Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing” (ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN)

H82 334

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

8:15 “Postlude in C Minor”

George Blake (1912-1986)

10:15 “A Litany of Praise”

Franklin D. Ashdown (1942-2023)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (September 13th, 2026)

DECORATE A CUPCAKE AT COFFEE HOUR – TODAY!

To relaunch Coffee Hour, we will be hosting a Cupcake decorating day on **after Worship services** in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour (s). Cupcakes and frosting will be provided, just bring your creative self!

ST. JAMES TOILETRY CABINET

In addition to Food Cards, we provide toiletries to individuals who visit the office! We are always in need of donations to the Toiletry Cabinet and are currently low on the following items: menstrual products, toothbrushes, dental floss, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, first aid supplies, body wash. Please donate travel-size versions of liquids! A donation box is now located in the Front Annex of the Administrative Wing, on the grey bookshelf.

ADULT FORMATION AT ST. JAMES

We will be offering some interactive alternatives to Adult Education this fall and winter! Each class, led by Deacon Lynne Matthews, will be offered **after 10:15 Worship Service in the Parish Hall**, and will last an hour. Parishioners will learn about 4 different Adult Education topics, accompanied with a craft or activity.

September & October: Anglican Prayer Beads

October: Contemporary Christian Music and Contemplative Prayer

November: Prayer Bowls

December: Living Compass Advent Series

For the first topic, Anglican Prayer Beads, parishioners will meet **Sunday, September 20th** to discuss the history and significance of Anglican prayer beads, followed by crafting your own prayer beads. On **Sunday, October 11th**, parishioners will finish their beads and learn to pray with them. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES –

Tues	Sep 15	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (IHOP)
		7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Parish Hall)
Thurs	Sep 17	7:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Canterbury Park)
Sun	Sep 20		Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
		8:15 a.m.	Worship
		9:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
		10:15 a.m.	Worship
		11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
		11:30 a.m.	Adult Education - Prayer Beads (Parish Hall)