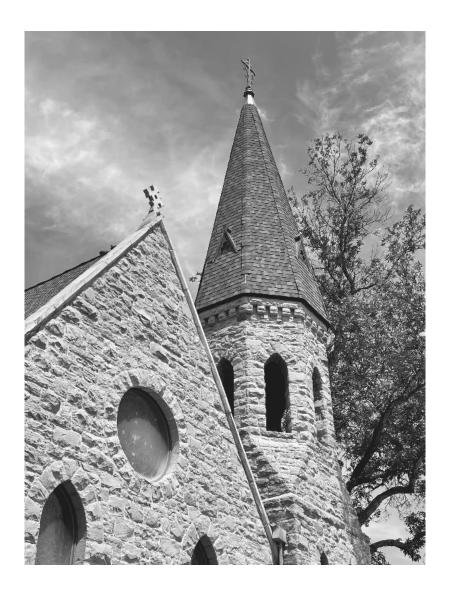


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ALLARE WELCOME!

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 25th, 2024 9:30 a.m.

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.

WELCOME



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God forever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 8:[1,6,10-11], 22-30, 41-43

[Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.]

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name —for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold * from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

THE SECOND LESSON

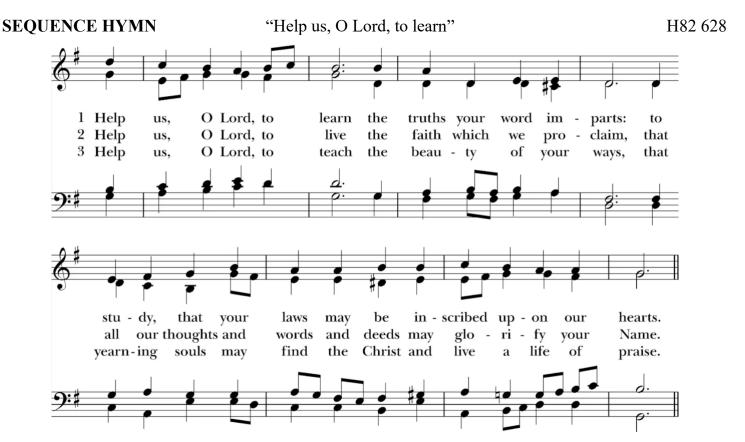
Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL John 6:56-69

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

THE SERMON Fr. D Gregory Smith

THE NICENE CREED (please stand, as you are able)

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

O God, your people are hungry for your presence. Teach us to put our trust in you. Let us not forget the wonders you have shown us. You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your church is hungry for your presence. Give our leaders hearts for your truth and wisdom as they guide us. Bless our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Marty, and our priests and deacons. Empower us all to live the covenant we have made with you. You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your world is hungry for peace. We pray for the leaders of all the nations, that their hearts are intent on the common good for all people. We pray for Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, those who serve in local governments, and for the courts and Congress of our land. You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your world is hungry for relief from hardship. We pray for your people in all corners of the world who want for food and shelter; who suffer from oppression and war. Sustain them with your presence and lead us to come to their aid. You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your world is hungry for healing and compassion. We pray for those we hold dear to our hearts who suffer from any illness of body, mind or spirit. We pray also for those who have no one to pray for them. You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your world is hungry for comfort and eager for new life. Enfold those who have died into your embrace. May they rest in your eternal presence. May we all come to know the life that is eternal. You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Celebrant: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

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

All 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

ABSOLUTION

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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"Goldberg Variation Theme"

Bach

While the table is being set, your financial gifts will be received by the ushers.

Please stand as the monetary offering is brought forward.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer 1 (Enriching Our Worship)

(Please remain standing, as able)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. James and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORDS PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People and Celebrant:

Traditional

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.

Contemporary

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 for ever. Amen.

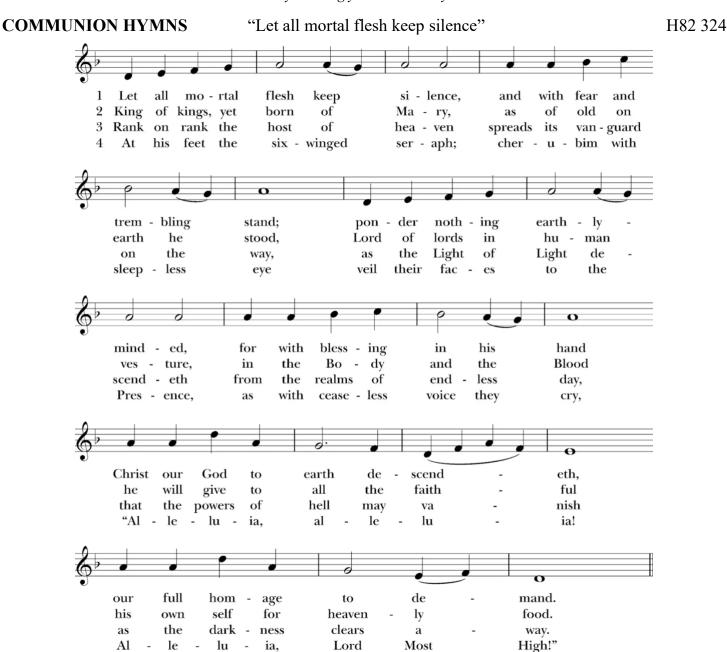
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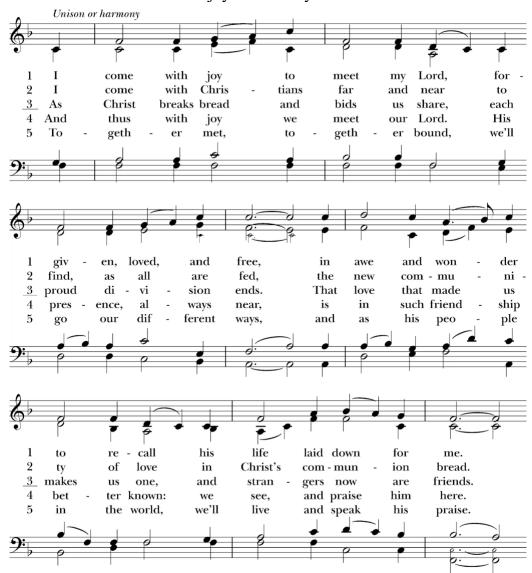
Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore let us keep the feast

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

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.





POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray together

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, 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.

BLESSING

Celebrant

As you have been fed by the Bread of Life in body and in spirit, may you go out into the world to invite others to the feast. May God bless you, in the name of the Creator, Savior, and Redeemer. **Amen**



THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Goldberg Variation no. 4" Bach

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS! Please take a few minutes to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pew racks near the aisle. We look forward to getting to know you a little better and telling you about all of the wonderful things happening at St. James!

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

We have a hearing assist system at St. James that is compatible with hearing aids with an inductive loop, hearing aids with an app (see usher for help connecting to app), or those who just need a little extra volume with an around the neck device and headphones.

REV. ROWAN ON VACACTION AUG 11-28

Rev. Rowan will be on vacation from August 11th (after worship) to August 28th. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Father Greg Smith at (406) 596-2013. The office will largely be open on the normal schedule; check our phone message and newsletter for any changes to that schedule.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THIS SUMMER

All who identify as men are welcome at the St. James' Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7 am at the IHOP on 19th Ave. This group meets year-round. Interested in Bible study, but this group isn't right for you? Let Rev. Rowan know—they are hoping to put some other Bible study groups together this fall.

COFFEE HOUR ON SUMMER HIATUS

Our wonderful Coffee Hour hosts are taking a well-deserved rest this summer! We will have a few special occasions over the summer that our Hospitality Team leads, however, regular Coffee Hours will be on hiatus until our program year resumes in September, after Labor Day.

EVERY SUNDAY HEALING PRAYERS – Every Sunday during communion, prayers are available by the sacristy door.

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.

CONTACT PERSON FOR PASTORAL CARE

Ray Ross is our contact person for all things pastoral care (ex: hospital visits, home visits, eucharistic ministers). Ray's cell number is 406-599-6991 and his email is Rayross555@me.com.

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

Starting Wednesday, September 4th you are invited to a Order of St. Luke meeting at 11 am in the Guild Room as well as 12:05 PM healing services in the Sanctuary. Questions: Rev. Valerie Webster vwebster587@gmail.com (406) 579-3980

STUDYING & PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Starting, Sunday, September 8th, from 11-11:30 AM in the Guild Room, adults and teens are invited to a no-preparation-expected Christian formation offering called "Studying & Praying with Scripture." Questions: Rev. Valerie Webster wwebster587@gmail.com (406) 579-3980

WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY FALL 2024

Starting Monday, September 9th from 9:30-11 AM on Mondays in the Parish Hall, St. James will host, "Jesus' Parables: A Study & Meditation." All who identify as women are invited to join. Questions: Rev. Valerie Webster www.vwebster587@gmail.com (406) 579-3980 or Ann Schrader aschrader54@gmail.com (406) 579-3754.

WISDOM & COMPASSION CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT

You are invited to a fall retreat titled, "Wisdom & Compassion: A Timeless Christ-Centered Contemplative Journey for Uncertain Times." It will be offered the weekend of September 20-22 at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and mid-week September 24-26 at The Episcopal Diocese's Camp Marshall, with an optional quiet day Monday September 23rd. Questions: Rev. Valerie Webster www.vwebster587@gmail.com (406) 579-3980

TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST TO THE ST. JAMES CIRCLE OF PRAYER:

Please e-mail Vicki Van Rensselaer at terracecoast@aol.com. (Email only!)

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Mon August 26th

Tue August 27th 7:00 a.m. St. James Men's Bible Study (IHOP)

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Todd Center)

Wed August 28th

Thu August 29th 6:30 a.m. Venture Scout Crew

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Todd Center)

Fri August 30th
Sat August 31st

Sun September 1st 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service

THOSE IN SERVICE

Rector: Fr. D Gregory Smith
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Acolyte: Ty Sherwood

Readers: Nancy Blake, Meta Smith

Eucharistic Minister: Bob Farrington

Ushers: Ron Hoseth, Margaret Jensen

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