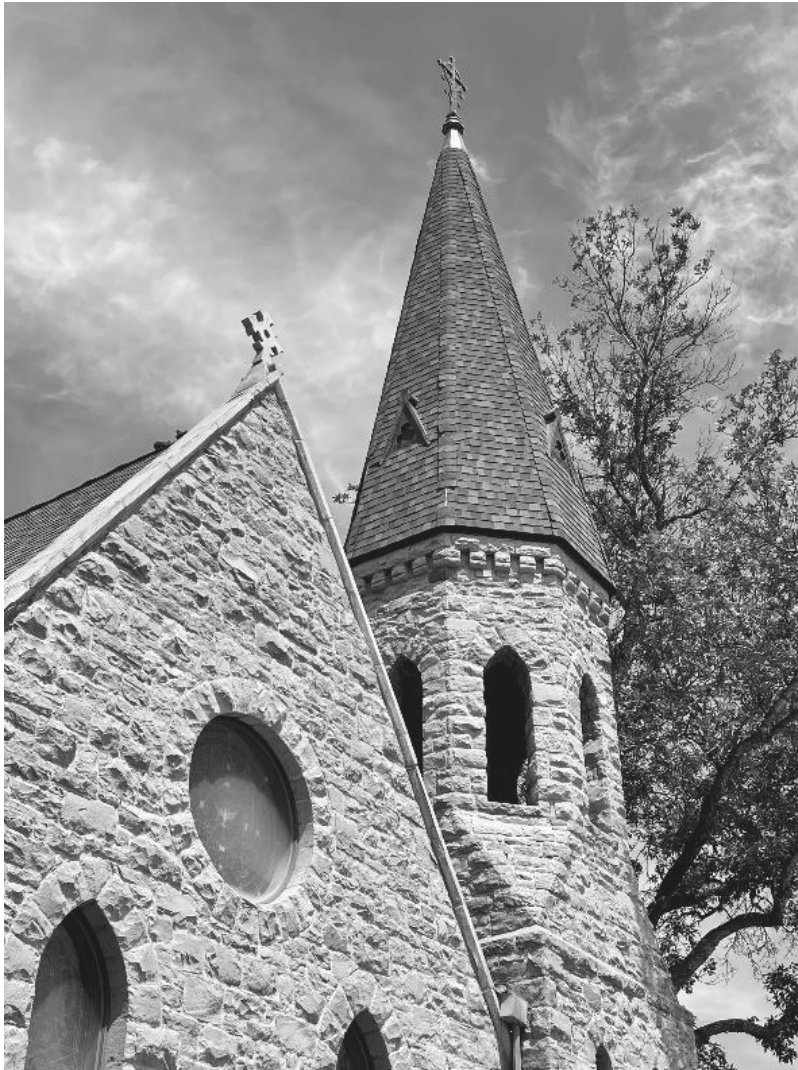




ST. JAMES

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1st, 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.

PRELUDE

“Meditation”

Dubois, arr. Russell

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Before thy throne, O God, we kneel”

H82 575

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con-science
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold,
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame;

the mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
 from sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
 to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
 O God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

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.

GLORIA

MHSO 6

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. — Lord, God, hea-ven-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,
Lord God, Lamb of _ God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; — you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther re -
ceive our _ prayer. — For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 45:1-2, 7-10

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Thanks be to God.

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
 but their hearts are far from me;
 in vain do they worship me,
 teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Rowan Larson

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

(New Zealand Prayer Book)

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

“Ecce Panis”

Dykes, arr. Russell

*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.

People **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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow'r and might, heav - en 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.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.


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 HYMNS

“Let us break bread together on our knees”

H82 325




1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____

Refrain



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____




3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____

Refrain



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.



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

CLOSING HYMN

“Take my life, and let it be”

H82 707

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“All Glory be to God on High”

Zachau, arr. Hopson

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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 VACATION 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 vwebster587@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 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 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

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| Mon | August 26 th | |
| Tue | August 27 th | 7:00 a.m. St. James Men's Bible Study (IHOP) 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Todd Center) |
| Wed | August 28 th | |
| Thu | August 29 th | 6:30 a.m. Venture Scout Crew 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Todd Center) |
| Fri | August 30 th | |
| Sat | August 31 st | |
| Sun | September 1 st | 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service |

THOSE IN SERVICE

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| Rector: | The Rev. Rowan Larson |
| Music: | Logan Henke, Music Director |
| Acolyte: | Ty Sherwood |
| Readers: | John Heilman, Frances Graham |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Mary Naumann |
| Ushers: | Rick Bergstedt, Peggy Bergstedt |
| Videographer: | Ray Ross |
| Altar Guild: | Helen Remely, Dale Bray |

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