



St. James Episcopal Church

La Grange, Texas

"Restoring people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 12, 2025

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church! We are honored you are here with us to worship God! Please fill out a visitor card so we can hear your story, and tell you all about this wonderful church family. Everything you need for the service can be found in this bulletin.

9:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer: Rite One

Officiant: The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

Opening Hymn: *Songs of thankfulness and praise* SALZBURG

Hymnal 135

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All Stand

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Jubilate

**All: O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.**

**For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.**

Psalm 29 *responsive reading*

Lector: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.

**And in the temple of the LORD
all are crying, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

**The LORD shall give strength to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Canticle: Glory be to God (*Officiant and People*)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Lector: A Reading from Isaiah 43: 1-7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9 (*responsive reading*)

Officiant: Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**People: For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

Lector: A reading from Acts 8: 14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 18 *A Song to the Lamb Dignus es*

Officiant: Splendor and honor and kingly power

are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is,

and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,

for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

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From every family, language, people, and nation,
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

**People: And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore.**

Sermon

Officiant: John Zeuner

Officiant: Let us say together

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

**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.**

Officiant: We have birthdays and an anniversary to recognize. Happy birthday to Martha Hamel, Mike Turner, Cheri Balla, and Ed Dykes. Happy anniversary to Mary & Larry Kahanek.

Suffrages led by the Officiant **Response: People**

O Lord, show thy mercy on us

And grant us thy salvation.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

And make thy chosen people joyful.

Give peace, O lord, in all the world;

For only in thee can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let thy way be known upon the earth.

Thy saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

A Collect for Guidance

***Officiant and People:* O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **Amen.**

The Offertory

Officiant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Following Offertory *Please sing* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants give thee humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant and People: Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our commonsupplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Closing hymn -

O love, how deep, how broad, how high DEUS TUORUM MILITUM Hymnal 448

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Sunday School: 9:15-10:10am in the Conference Room led by Doc Ayres.

The topic is '15th Century Second Shepherd's Play'. Everyone is welcome for this interesting discussion.

Officiant John Zeuner

Lector Doc Ayres Ushers Jason Krupala

Counter Paul Crain VPOD Jane Malik

Free poinsettias in the church or in the Parish Hall if you are interested.

+++Announcements++

THE BISHOP IS COMING

Bishop Kai Ryan will be with us Sunday, March 9th at the 10:30 service. Anyone who is interested in being confirmed or received, or wants a refresher course, or is simply interested in learning more, please let Cathy know. Father Ken has told Joe that he is willing to lead such a class, so we would appreciate knowing who all might be interested. Again, let Cathy know.
cathy@stjameslagrange.org. Or church office: 979.968.3910

Sunday School

Sunday School at 9:15 on January 19th will be a study of the lessons appointed to be read on the following week (January 26) - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21 led by Rev Ken Kesselus.

Men's Club Meeting

Monday, Jan. 13th. The time is 6pm at Sealand Restaurant.

A.M.E.N.

Next St. James' work day is Monday, Jan. 13, 2025.

Epiphany Supper Club

Will be held Friday, Jan 17, 2025, 5:30pm at The Kahaneks home. Bring soup, salad, appetizer, or a dessert and drink of choice. *The sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall.* Also bring any leftover greenery for burning of the greens; trees, wreaths, etc. You can bring to the church ahead of time and put over by the BBQ pits.

Daughters of the King (DOK)

With the dawning of a new year, we have a lot to discuss, so please join your sisters and officers for Coffee and Conversation at 9:30 am, Thursday, January 23 in the church conference room.

Second Chance Emporium

Next work week for St. James' is Feb 11-15th.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, Feb 22, 2025: Save the date for Preschool Picassos.