



# ST. JAMES

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Second Sunday after Pentecost  
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

June 7, 2026  
5:00P.M.

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*Welcome!* Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world. **About the service:** An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. We use this leaflet and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). **For more information:** Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail. Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people stand when the ministers of the service enter*

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Kyrie Eleison

BCP 356

*The appointed Collect of the Day and Lessons are found on the next page.*

The Sermon

The Rev. R. Lynn Hooks

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

*see insert*

The Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Welcome & Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing & Dismissal

BCP 366

Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hosea 5:15-6:6

A reading from the Prophet Hosea.

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

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

*Read responsively by half verse.*

Psalm 50:7-15

7    Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
      "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
      **for I am God, your God.**

8    I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
      **your offerings are always before me.**

9    I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
      **nor he-goats out of your pens;**

10   For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
      **the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

11   I know every bird in the sky, \*  
      **and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.**

12   If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
      **for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

13   Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
      **or drink the blood of goats?**

14   Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
      **and make good your vows to the Most High.**

15   Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
      **I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."**

Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") -in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

*All stand.*

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

*Gospeler*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*     **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman

was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*Gospeler*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



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## The Prayers of the People – Form III

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Chris, Lynn, Hillary, and Don, our priests; and John, our seminarian. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Paul's–Holy Trinity, New Roads.  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Donald, our president; Jeff, our governor; Sid, our mayor; and our family and friends serving in the military and law enforcement; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Tayln, Julie, Martha, Susanna, Arthur, Deanne, the Hiler family, those on our prayer list, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We also pray for expectant mothers, especially Flannery, Taylor, Karlee, Jane, Emma, Cammie, Elizabeth, and Jordan, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things may rejoice in your providence. We thank you, Lord, for the birth of Annelise Issa, Frances Hays Ferguson, Joseph Connell Viator, and Olivia Grace Hollingsworth.

We will exalt you, O God our King.  
*People* **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Barbara Bearden, Kay Elliott, Emile Rolfs, Martha Weller, and Guy Riche, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.  
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*