your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul into everlasting life. Amen

Post Communion Hymn: Sweet hour of prayer Green Hymnal 478 Post Communion Prayer **BCP 365**

The Blessing

Recessional: At the name of Jesus (vs 1-4) Hymnal 435

The Dismissal

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of grandchildren by Kitty & Steve Lobban

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Worship & Ministry Leaders

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Susan & John Joseph	Jim & Phyllis Foster
Lay Reader	Mick McDonald	Betsy Birchenough
Intercessor	Kit Huggard	Kitty Lobban

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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8th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13

August 3, 2025, 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live. Please use this Service Leaflet along with your Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal to join our hearts and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional: Christ is the world's true light Hymnal 542 **Opening Sentence BCP 355** The Gloria S280, BCP 356 The Collect

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all that is done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who will come after me - and who knows whether they will be a wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toils under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalms 49:1-11 **BCP 652**

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, * you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb * and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, * when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, * and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, * or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, * and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish * and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, * though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; * they are like the beasts that perish.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death therefore whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, (which is idolatry.) On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do no lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices to have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythians, slave and free; but Christ is all, and in all!

Gradual Hymn: How wondrous and great

Hymnal 533

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who made me a judge or arbirator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly; and he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasure for themselves, but are not rich toward God."

The Sermon	The Rev. Laura Miller
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form IV	BCP 388
The Confession of Sin	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: Come down, O Love divine	Hymnal 516
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP 367
The Sanctus	S125, BCP 367
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion at God's holy table.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affection of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of

To keep in your prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray for the church in South India, and the Dioceses of Ohio and Oklahoma. In our Diocese we pray for All Saint's in Round Lake and All Souls Memorial Chapel in Saint Huberts.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Lindsey, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Ken, Frank, Sarah, Tim, Donna, Pearson, Dinah, Heidi, Clark, Mtr. Sally, Al, Duane, Jamie, Denise, Rebecca, Bonnie, Susi, Dori, Vicki, Jackie, Marion, Pam, Holly, for all those affected by violence, wars, and natural disasters, and those known only to God.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry: Barbara, Bonnie, Kitty, Michele, Mick, Scott, Betsy and Elaine.

We give thanks for Larry Miller who celebrates a birthday today.

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to our guests this morning! We are delighted you've joined us for worship in person or on FaceBook Live. Visiting? Please sign our guest book on the welcome table and join us for coffee after the service. If you join us on FaceBook, please like or share us that we might know that you have joined us for worship.

Prayer request cards are located in the bell tower window. Please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks.

Daily devotional: For only \$1 you can begin each day with a short reading and meditation on the word of the Lord. Pick up a *Forward Day by Day* from the welcome table to use in your daily prayers.

Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest This week at St. James'

Today: Please join us for coffee hour after the service.

Quilt raffle tickets on sale now! Drawing 10/11/25. \$5 per ticket, or buy 4 tickets for \$20 and get 2 more free! See the quilt in the Parish Hall

Thanks to all who helped with the International Student Worker dinners. It was a spectacularly successful month or dinners.

Thursday fireworks parking. See Kitty for the sign-up sheets! **Next Sunday** - Vestry meeting after church.

Weekly at St. James'

AA meets on Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm, and AA board meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the parish Hall.

Monday & Tuesday: Living Resources uses Tuttle Hall during the day.

Tuesdays: Knit Wits meets in the Parish Hall from 4:00-5:30 pm. Join us to knit or crochet for social concerns.

Saturdays: Grace Communion International holds services in our Parish Hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Coming soon...

ADK Nationals Parking event: September 4-6. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

Diocesan Convention: October 9-11 at Christ the King Center.

Octoberfest Parking: October 10-11. Sign-up sheets will be available later this summer.

Shoebox Ministry: Begin collecting things now!