



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

5:30 PM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

10:45 AM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

BCP - Book of Common Prayer or Prayer Book, (red book);

Hymnal (blue book);

Hymnal numbers beginning with 'S' are found in the front of the Hymnal.

PROPER 14

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE PRELUDE

Bells may be rung.

THE OPENING HYMN

HYMN 470

Please stand as you are comfortable.

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

BEECHER

WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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 GLORIA

BCP 356

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 232, PROPER 14

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

GENESIS 37:1-4, 12-28

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands,

saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*
 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE PSALM 105: 1-6, 16-22, 44B BCP 738

The psalm may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse.

- .1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.
17 He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the LORD tested him.
20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
21 He set him as a master over his household,*
as a ruler over all his possessions,
22 To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.

45 **Hallelujah!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 10:5-15

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are comfortable. As the Gospel book passes by, please turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND ANDY HOULTBERG

At the conclusion of the sermon a moment of silent reflection is observed.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please stand as you are comfortable.

All **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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FORM III BCP 387

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

All **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

All **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;

All **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

All **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

All **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

All **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

Silence

Presider Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Please kneel or stand as you are comfortable.

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

Presider 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.

INVITATION TO THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of neighbors.
After greeting, please be seated for the announcements.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

All God, whose love enfolds the whole of life, who calls us into loving union, and who blessed the partnership of this couple *(these couples)* remembering their anniversary. Grant to your servants thankful hearts for all that is past, joyful hearts for the blessings of this day, and hopeful hearts for what is yet to come. In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants who celebrate their birthdays this week. Bless them as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in

wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness
all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The announcement section concludes with the Presider giving an offertory sentence.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

During the offertory music, the alms basins are passed in the pews.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 380 v. 3

Please stand as you are comfortable as the ushers bring the People's offering to the altar.

“The Doxology”

OLD 100TH

Presider All things come of you, O Lord.

All And of your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven
and earth [...]

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and
Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever
sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

BCP 367

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love [...] Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **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.**

THE FRACTION

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

AGNUS DEI

All Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
Grant us your peace.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 542

“Christ is the world’s true light”

ST. JOAN

A moment of silence is observed following Communion.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel as you are comfortable.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously
accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior
Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in
the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into
the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to
love and serve you with gladness and singleness of
heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)

Eucharistic Visitors come forward.

Clergy In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 539

"O Zion haste thy mission high fulfilling!"

TIDINGS

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Andy Houlberg

Dakota Bennett, Organist

Altar Guild of St. James

SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

Acolyte/Chalice - Aletheia Biffle

Lectors - Crystal Barber (OT, P)

Craig Rich (NT)

Aletheia Biffle (PoP)

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Acolyte - Jenny Kroeker

Chalice Bearer - Michael Kephart

Lectors - Stevie Cooke (OT, P)

Kelly Harper (NT)

Jeanne Kroeker (PoP)

Ushers - Scott Orr, Deb Hagar

Livestream - Woody Swain

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pando Initiative: Thank you so much for the school supplies, hygiene products, and prayers for a successful drive this year. We were able to take 2 car loads to Pando Initiative and know that kids across Wichita and Sedgwick County will have a better school year because of our efforts.

August 15 6:30-9:00 pm - Bingo night in the fellowship hall. Free dinner. Fund raising evening for Justice Together.

August 15: The Creation Care Group will be meeting for our monthly work in the gardens surrounding the church on Saturday, August 15. We will be working outside from 8:30 - 10:00 and meeting inside from 10:00 - 11:00. Bring a hat, gloves, water and a willing spirit.

On **Sunday, August 16**, during Adult Forum we will welcome guests from Breakthrough Episcopal Social Services who will share their perspectives, including the impact Justice Together has had in their lives.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

On **Saturday, August 22, and Sunday, August 23**, Father Andy Houltberg's sermon will speak to our biblical call to do justice. On those dates, there will be a special plate offering dedicated to supporting the ongoing efforts of Justice Together.

Why support Justice Together? Here are just a few of the reasons why St James has joined forces to help Justice Together achieve its mission:

- Because Jesus asked us to “love thy neighbor as thyself.” Justice Together gives us meaningful ways to help our neighbors.
- Because Justice Together unites people of all faiths, and we are all God's people.
- Because Justice Together educates citizens and government officials in depth about the issues of affordable housing and gun violence.
- Justice Together has proven its effectiveness by gathering several thousand each year at the Nehemiah Celebration. There they speak directly to local decision makers. And, elected officials respond positively to the large crowds that Justice Together provides.

Join us for Justice Together weekend, Aug. 22-23.

The Eleventh Bishop of Kansas Search: Be sure to read the e-tower to get the link:

- ⇒ **August 30 is the deadline to have your questions submitted to the candidates.**
- ⇒ **Youth and Young Adults** (6th grade to 30 years old) register to have dinner with the candidates on Thursday, September 17th, 5:30-6:30 pm in the Guild Hall
- ⇒ **All** are invited to St. Stephen's on Thursday, September 17th, 7:30-9:00 pm to meet the candidates. No registration required.

Sept. 19, 2:00 pm is the SW Convocation. The Diocesan Proposed Mission Plan, which includes the apportionment schedule is available to read the e-tower. Please send your comments to the church office. Those attending from St. James will ensure your feedback will be heard.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

- 4:00 pm - Christian Meditation
- 6:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts Troop
- 6:30 pm - Scouts Troop 506

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

- 11:00 am - Staff meeting
- 5:30 pm - Phoenix Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 6:00 am - Al-Anon (Spanish)
- 3:00 pm - Executive's Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

- 11:30 am - The Book Club of St. James & St. Stephens
- 5:30 pm - Phoenix Al-Anon
- 6:30 pm - Scout Troop Committee Mtg.
- 7:00 pm - Evening Prayer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

- 10:00 pm - Creation Care
- 11:00 am - Al-Anon (Spanish) Group 2
- 5:30 pm - Rite II Worship Service
- 6:30 pm - Dinner & Bingo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

- 8:30 am - Rite I Worship Service
- 9:00 am - Al-Anon (Spanish)
- 9:30 am - Adult Forum
- 9:30 am - Coffee Break
- 10:45 am - Rite II Worship Service
- 11:30 am - Phoenix Al-Anon

PARISH PRAYERS

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer: Bethany Community of Saints Mary, Martha, and Lazarus

Prayers for Public Policy and Witness: See the eTower for link to prayers.

Our seminarians: Paul Leeker; Elizabeth Wenger

Those serving in the military: Anna Broadbent; Davis Jackson; Will Corkins; Maureen Tanner

Those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or other adversity: Petty family; Lombardo family; Kurt S.; George & Emalyn; the Rogers family and Sandy; Abhijit Tim; Diane S. & friend; Daimon E.; Cavaso family; Rick W.; Blanche P.; Laura S.; Andrew S.; Harrison family; Charles W.; David's family; Darin C.; Nena; Dave B.; Mark R.; Pingleton family; Cathy W.; Diane M.; John B.; Corrine M.; Nikki; Stephen; Jackie; Maeve; Dan W.; Nancy P.; Tammy S.; Cogburn family; Thorpe family; Lela; Kim H.; June H.

We remember those who have recently died: Sarah Petty; Shirley; Wayne Wheeler; Dal Harrison; David; Judy Thompson; Julie (Hain); Tom Gossen; Barbara Swain.

We remember some who have died in August in the past: Janis Cooper; Bob Cowdery; Sage Joyner; Judy Wilkinson; Nan King; Jim Basham; Duane Rector; Betty Blair; Roger Nyenhuis; Brenda Wright; Richard Lewis; Cynthia Rutherford; Lois Griffith; Robert Clark; Diane Lewis; Dean Ritchie; Brian Kahl; Cathy Lawrence; Jewellean Alford; Elisabeth Wannow; Toby Graves; Lloyd Tritle.

PARISH PRAYERS CONTINUED

All victims of natural disasters and all who reach out to give them aid.

If your prayers have been answered, let us rejoice with you. Please contact the office to let us know we can remove your prayer request. If you have prayer requests you would like added to the prayer list, please contact the office at office@stjameswichita.org or 316-683-5686



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Liberating
Life-Giving**

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Weekly Eucharist Services

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Sundays at 8:30 am & 10:45 am

Adult Forum

Every Sunday at 9:45 am
(except second Sundays)

Children's Sunday School and Children's Chapel

First Sunday of each month,
starting at 9:30 am

Youth Ministry

Sundays at 12:00 pm at St.
Stephen's

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WHOEVER YOU ARE AND WHEREVER YOU FIND YOURSELF ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

We invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments that are God's gifts to all. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty; it is not earned. It is radical and universal. We at St. James seek to mirror God's healing love by making this community a safe place for skeptics, doubters, seekers, those who have been wounded by the church, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered, as well as new believers and those who have never left. As a diverse community we have discovered in God a oneness greater than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine comprehensiveness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we believe God invites you to keep traveling. In some subtle or profound way, the Spirit of God drew you here. Our hearts are open to God and to you.

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