



St. James' Episcopal Church
Eucharist Rite II
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Joseph Lutz

February 4, 2024
10:30 AM

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Vestry Members

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Emily Chittenden-Laird (Sr)	Dave McClure	Dorothy Hunter
Jody Hammond	Jim Owens	Jake Neumann (Jr)
Greg Johnson (Jr)	Bitsy Shaw	Christine Pollard

Chalicers:

Libby Johnson and Sally Lane

Readers:

Old Testament: David Hammond
Epistle & Prayers of the People: Lucie Refsland

Acolytes:

Crucifer/Server: Kris Donovan
Torchbearers: Keith Benedict and Milyn Neumann

"The people of St. James' Church are called to love and serve God. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we carry out our ministries through worship, reaching out to those in need, and helping each other and our neighbors understand and live by Christ's commandments."

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The liturgy for the Holy Eucharist is from the Book of Common Prayer, (the red book) and begins on page 355. Hymns and service music are found in the Hymnal. Numbers preceded by "S" are in the front of the Hymnal. Supplementary hymns are found in the green book, Wonder, Love and Praise (WLP). *Before silencing your cell phones please log on to Facebook (or other social media) and let people know that you are worshipping at St. James' Episcopal Church, Lewisburg, WV.*

Prelude

Processional: "In Christ there is no East or West" Hymnal # 529

The Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c (chanted with the choir)



- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our / God!*
how pleasant it is to / honor / him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Je/rusalem;*
he gathers the / exiles of / Israel.
- 3 He heals the broken / hearted*
and / binds up / their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the / stars*
and calls them / all by / their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in / power;*
there is no limit / to his / wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the / lowly,*
but casts the / wicked / to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with / thanksgiving;*
make music to our / God up/on the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with / clouds*
and prepares / rain for / the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the / mountains*
and green / plants to / serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for / flocks and herds*
and for the young / ravens / when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a / horse;*
he has no pleasure in the / strength of / a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who / fear him,*
in those who await his / gracious / favor.
- 21 He has not done so to any other / nation;*
to them he has not revealed his judgments. / Halle/lujah.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

“Heal me hands of Jesus”

WLP # 773

The Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon	The Rev. Joseph Lutz
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
The Prayers of the People –Form V	BCP 389
The Confession	BCP 360
The Peace (standing)	
Announcements	

The Holy Communion

Offertory:	Special Music
Oblation Anthem: Old 100th	
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C	BCP 369
Sanctus:	Hymnal #S130
The Lord’s Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	WLP # 875

Repeat after choir and after verses



Be__ known to__ us, Lord. Je - sus, in the break - ing__ of the bread.

All are welcome to receive communion at the altar at the appropriate time. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask at the altar rail if that is what you wish to receive. Those with severe allergies or intolerance please let an usher know in advance.

Communion Hymns:	“Father, we praise thee”	Hymnal # 1
	“Surely it is God who saves me”	Hymnal # 679

Post Communion Prayer	BCP 366
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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn “Thy strong word did cleave the darkness” Hymnal # 381

The Dismissal



*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
in remembrance of the marriage of her parents,
Edna and John Van Luik on February 4, 1936 by Sandy Van Luik.*

Announcements

Adult Formation Class meets at 9:15 am in the Parish Library. We will study “Short Stories by Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine.

Midweek Service-Wednesday, February 7 at noon

Josephine Margaret Bakhita, Monastic
Chalicerist: Sally Lane
Lector– Earl Haddad
Meditation-The Rev. Joseph Lutz

Shrove Tuesday-February 13, 2024

Pancake Supper with sausages and fried apples. This year, the proceeds will be given toward the purchase of the new keyboard and accessories. The estimated cost is \$3000. Donations will be taken at the door and a QR code will be available to donate online. BRING A FRIEND and a healthy appetite!

Our Lenten lecture series, “Women of the Bible” will begin on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6 PM. Each week throughout Lent we will gather for a pot luck soup dinner followed by a 20-30 minute deep dive into the history, traditions, and scripture of specific female characters found in the Old and New Testaments.

Father Zachary Drennen will be installed as Rector of St. James’ by The Right Reverend Matthew Cowden on Sunday, February 25 at 4:30 in the afternoon. A reception will follow in the church Parish Hall.

Altar Flower Sign-ups

The sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers for the year 2024 is on the table in the Narthex. The cost is \$50 for both vases and \$25 each if shared. Thank you.

Memorial Service

There will be a Memorial Service and internment of ashes for Randolph Knipp at St. James’ on February 18th at 12:15 PM (following the 10:30 worship service) with a reception to follow in the parish hall. Feb. 18 would have been Randolph’s 91st birthday.

The Greenbrier County Health Department has donated a number of home Covid tests to the church. If anyone would like one or two please stop by the church office.

Nex-Trex Recycling Project -We are pleased to announce the collaboration between Montwell Commons and Boy Scout Troop 70 for the Trex Challenge. An Eagle Scout candidate is organizing this as his community service project. Our aim is to recycle 1,000 pounds of #2 and #4 plastic film over the next year. Participating in the Trex Challenge helps divert plastic film from landfills, and Trex uses it to make composite boards for decking and outdoor furniture. If we reach our goal, Trex will donate a composite park bench to Montwell Commons that will be placed along one of our walking paths. There is a poster on the bulletin board listing the large variety of plastic film items you can recycle such as grocery and bread bags, cereal box liners and case over-wraps for bottled water, newspaper sleeves and bubble wrap . If there's no recycle number, a quick test is stretching it over your thumbnail. If it stretches, it's good for recycling. To make it easy for you to contribute, we've set up a recycle bin on the porch at Amy's Market at Montwell Commons. *(We hope to have a bin at St. James' soon)* Please drop off your clean and dry plastic film materials. Your participation in the Trex Challenge will help us reach our recycling goal and benefit the environment and our community.

QR Code

We can now accept donations online through the attached QR code. Please, point your phone's camera at the code to access St. James' online donation portal.

Church Office Hours

The Rev. Joseph Lutz will have office hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 AM to 4 PM and Father Zach Drennen will be in the office

Tuesday-Friday 9-4.

Trish will be in the office Tuesday-Friday from 9 to 4.



Prayer List

Let us pray for St. James' members who need our prayers; Frank, Rachel, Ron, Gary, John, Helen, Sally, Kay, Judy, Nicole, Cassie, Mark B., David H., and Oscar.

For friends and family members who need our prayers;Earlene Woodman, Tim Lumsden, Wayne, Rhett, Lauryn, David, Ian, Larry B., Carolyn I., Natalie Walter, Erik, Arletta, Lynn, David, John and Barbara Forrester, Gary and Carol Waple, Willie, Gerry, Christy, Curtis Caruthers, Ellen Wygal, Karen, Herbert, and Kate.

